



**Newsletter**  
**Friday 8th September 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. We have had a fantastic first week back at school and have welcomed quite a number of new children into our Danby School family! It has been a pleasure to see how well everyone has settled into the new term and we have been delighted to watch lots of new friendships begin to form. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

**School Dinner Menu**

Please find [attached](#) the school dinner menu for this term. Please be aware that sometimes menus do need to change slightly depending on deliveries etc.

If your child has any special dietary requirements or allergies please could you let us know by completing the appropriate form which can be found [HERE](#)

**Healthy Snacks**

Children may bring a 'healthy' snack into school for morning break, no crisps, cake or chocolate please. Fruit will also be available for any child that would like some.

**Clubs**

**Breakfast club (£3.00 per child)** is available each morning from 8.00am.- please make sure that you hand your child over to a member of staff before you leave the school premises, thank you.

**Wednesday after school FUN** will commence next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm - 4.30pm. For clarity this is the after school club that we run once a week free of charge and is open to all children. This is different to our new wraparound childcare after school club provision that we are calling 'Sunshine after school club'.

**NEW PROVISION: Sunshine After School Club** is available every day with the following sessions available:

3.30pm - 4.30pm £2.50

4.30pm - 5.30pm £3.00

3.30pm - 5.30pm £5.50 (including Wednesdays)

It would be helpful if you could let us know if your child will be attending Breakfast club and Sunshine after school club in advance. Thank you.

### **Parentpay**

We have implemented Parentpay, our new online payment system as promised. If you haven't managed to do so already, please set up your account as we will be using it to charge for dinners, breakfast and after school club, school trips etc. - your account will be updated usually on a Friday. If you need any help or a reminder of your login details, please let Sarah know.

### **Forest School**

The children will be doing Forest School on the school site on Thursday afternoon (14th Sept). Please make sure they have suitable outdoor clothing including waterproofs, wellies and gloves. Thank you.

### **PE & Uniform**

PE kits will be needed every Friday for our afternoon PE sessions. Please could all clothing and PE kits be marked with your child's name so that we can reunite any lost or accidentally swapped kits.

### **Playtime**

As the weather is currently hot and sunny, please could children have suncream on and bring sun hats into school for playtimes and outdoor activity.

### **Jewellery in School**

Please could we remind everyone of the policy regarding jewellery in school. **'Jewellery is not allowed to be worn for Health and Safety reasons following a directive from North Yorkshire County Council. However a watch and small stud earrings may be worn on a daily basis but must be removed for PE.'**

If you wish your child to have their ears pierced, we recommend that you have this done over the Summer holiday period to allow them to heal before a return to school. **All earrings must now be removed for PE and Swimming lessons, we are not allowed to tape over them as in previous times.**

### **Future Dates for your diary**

Forest School, Swimming dates and events will be kept up to date each term in the table below. Please could we ask for all items of clothing to be named in case of any mix ups. PE will continue every Friday afternoon and will take place outside whenever possible. Please could children have suitable outer clothing to keep them warm as the weather gets colder.

Please [click here](#) for the 2023-24 term dates.

<b>Half Term</b>	30/10 - 3/11 Children return on Monday 6th November
<b>Swimming</b>	7/9, 21/9, 5/10, 19/10, 9/11, 23/11, 7/12, 21/12
<b>Forest School</b>	14/9, 28/9, 12/10, 26/10, 16/11, 30/11, 11/12, 25/12
<b>Whole school trip to York Chocolate Story</b>	Tuesday 26th September leaving school 8.00am

Next week I will be at Danby on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at Egton on Tuesday and Thursday. Have a lovely weekend.



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

**The information below has not changed but is still relevant.**

### **Safeguarding Children Telephone Number**

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, please note that from the 1st April 2023, the main customer service line for the new North Yorkshire Council will be changing. The new number will be **0300 131 2 131** and will replace the old 01609 780780 number. This will mean that all contacts for referrals for children within North Yorkshire need to go through the 0300 131 2 131 number. **This includes any contacts out of hours for the Emergency Duty Team.** The contact number for the professionals line will remain the same 01609 535070. The updated details regarding making a referral for a child in North Yorkshire have been updated on our website ([www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child](http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child)).

### **Attendance**

Just a little reminder that if your child is ill and will be absent from school, we ask that you contact school to let us know on each day that they will be absent, by 9.30am. This can be by telephone on **01287 660345** or by email to [admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk) . If we do not hear anything from you we will give you a call to check everything is okay as part of our safeguarding procedures. Thank you

### **Free School Meal Eligibility**

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, please use the application form which can be found on the NYCC website - [Free school meals | North Yorkshire County](#)

## [Council.](#)

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and currently receives universal free school meals, please check your entitlement. Being eligible will mean that the school receives

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additional funding for your child which will go towards their learning and any additional support they may need.

To qualify for free school meals you must fulfil one of the following criteria: ● Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month);

- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC); or
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit. Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals.

If you need any help or further clarification, please contact the school office.

### **Easy fundraising**

We are registered with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) which gives the Friends of Danby School donations if you shop online and sign up to support Danby CE VA Primary School.

It's a really easy way to raise money – you just use the [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) site to shop online with more than 3,300 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

FoDS would love to raise as much as possible for contributions towards travel costs, swimming lessons, residential trips and many more activities for the children.

Please visit our [easyfundraising](#) page at:

[Danby School Easyfundraising](#)

and click 'join us'. Thank you.

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