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### **Her Majesty the Queen**

We join with many throughout our community, our country and beyond as we mourn the death of Her Majesty The Queen. The world has lost a wonderful lady who has always been a constant calm presence in a forever changing world. We will all feel many emotions in the coming days and we are well prepared in supporting our young children to talk through their emotions too.

We have shared a special worship in school today using the Church of England resources. If you would like to look at these yourself to support any conversations with your children, the link is below:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-her-majesty-queen#prayer>

The children will have time for reflection and will take part in activities to support them next week. If your child is particularly upset, please let your class teacher know so that they can help.

School is still open as normal and we will be guided by government guidelines which are issued to schools. If any information comes into school, we will share it via our usual channels.

**Newsletter**  
**Friday 9th September 2022**

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! As well as our 2 new reception children, Fred and Oliver, we have been delighted to welcome 14 children in varying year groups who have moved across to Danby School from the Moorland Waldorf Steiner School in Botton. 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.

Huge congratulations to Jen Maude (our school cook) who has completed her qualification to become a teaching assistant. I am delighted to let you know that Jen Maude has been successful in securing a teaching assistant position within our Federation and is staying in our wider family. Although she will be based mainly at Egton School, we will be seeing her around at Danby on some occasions we are sure. This obviously means that we have been looking for a new cook! On Monday we will welcome Mrs Lorraine Howell back into the fold. Lorraine had previously worked as Danby School cook for 19 years before she left to pursue other interests 4 years ago and we're looking forward to her return.

On Sunday, our lovely teaching assistant Donna Jackson will be taking part in the Great North Run in Newcastle. Donna is running to raise money for 'The Friends of Danby School' which as you know, is so valuable to us to enable us to enhance your children's school life at Danby. We raise money so that we can buy additional resources that otherwise our limited school budget would not cover such as contributions to residential trips, Christmas activities, Y6 leavers trip and gifts to name but a few. Thank you to everyone who has kindly sponsored Donna already, if you haven't had a chance to and would like to, there is a sponsor form pinned up in the main entrance to school so please pop in add your name and donation amount. Good luck Donna, you'll be amazing!

**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.'**

We have noticed a number of children wearing items such as bracelets and necklaces recently. Not only does this present a health and safety risk but also causes upset if these items get lost. 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.**

## **School Dinner Menu**

Please find attached our 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**

Please could we ask that junior children bring a 'healthy' snack into school for morning break, no crisps, cake or chocolate. Infant children are provided with a piece of fruit but may also bring in their own snack if preferred.

## **NYCC 'Be Aware' Campaign**

North Yorkshire County Council have asked us to publicise information about their 'Be Aware' campaign. Please click on the link below to access the document.

[W](#) Be Aware.docx

## **After School Clubs resuming until October Half term**

We will be running an after school club on Tuesdays from 3.30pm - 4.30pm until October half term. If you would like your child to attend, please could you let us know via email. The activities vary so your child will have a choice of things to take part in. There will always be multi skills sports option so if your child would like to take part in this, they would need their PE kit that day. There is no charge at present for this after school club.

## **Breakfast Club**

We run a breakfast club at Danby School that is available daily from 8.00am. Bookings are not always necessary but it would be helpful to know in advance if your child will be attending. The cost is £2.50 per child per day including breakfast.

## **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 2022-23 term dates.

<b>Half Term</b>	24/10 - 28/10 Children return on Monday 31st October
<b>Forest School</b>	15/9, 29/9, 13/10, 10/11, 24/11, 8/12

<b>Swimming</b>	22/9, 6/10, 20/10, 3/11, 17/11, 1/12, 15/12
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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

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

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### **Ukraine Resources**

Obviously, the situation in the world has sadly changed over the last week or two. Some resources have been put out to enable school staff and families to support children with questions and discussions which you may find useful [HERE](#) and [Speaking with Children about the War in Ukraine | Schools of Sanctuary](#), [Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](#), and in the additional resource added to the email.

### **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 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.

### **Covid-19 Guidance**

For guidance of what to do if you test positive for Covid 19 or are a contact of someone who tests positive, please visit the link found [HERE](#)

### **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 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.

### **Coop Community Fund**

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to support Danby School in the Co-op Community Fund. If you have a co-op membership card, just log onto your account and select our cause then swipe or scan your membership card every time you shop. [Click here](#) for more information about our cause. Thank you in advance for your support to our children and our school.