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### **Newsletter - Friday 4th March 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope everyone had a lovely half term last week, this week seems to have flown by and half term already seems long ago! We have enjoyed pancakes at the beginning of the week and our Shrove Tuesday celebrations and World Book Day at the end of the week!

#### **Staffing News**

This week we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Motteu to the infants. Mrs Motteu will be phasing back in over the next few weeks working with Miss Calvert. We are pleased to report that Miss Calvert will continue to be working with us until after the Easter holidays as she will be carrying out some tutoring work in school in addition to working in the infant classroom.

Next week, we welcome two second year teacher training students to our classes from York St John University. We welcome Harriet Evans to the Juniors and Amy Skilling to the Infants. They will be working with us until mid May.

#### **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.

#### **FoDS Meeting**

There will be a Friends of Danby School meeting on Thursday 10th March at 3.30pm in school. Please come along if you can as we would welcome your help in planning the rest of this year's events. The meeting will last no longer than 1 hour and children are welcome to stay.

#### **Liverton Village Coffee Morning**

On Saturday morning, two of our infant children, Harvey and Eddie, have a stall at the Liverton Village coffee morning 10am - 1pm. They would like to donate half of their proceeds to a Ukraine charity. If anyone is free to pop along and support the boys, they would be delighted. Thank you.

### **World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March**

Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day at Danby School. The children and staff dressed up either as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas ready for a bedtime story. During the morning, the younger children in KS1 enjoyed group reading with the older children from KS2. They also shared books and designed their own book cover and bookmark. In the afternoon, the theme continued into a forest school session where they read a book about Sunflowers and then planted their own sunflower seeds to see how tall they can grow! The day finished with a visit from Whitby Book Shop and the children used their £1 World Book Day vouchers to buy a new book for themselves.

### **Y3/4 Hockey**

Due to the poor weather conditions today the Y3/4 Hockey training had been postponed until next Friday afternoon (11th) when hopefully it won't be quite so wet!

### **COVID Update**

We have had 0 confirmed cases in school this week which is fantastic news. Please remain vigilant and follow the advice sent to you in previous emails. Thank you.


### **Diary Dates**

<b>Swimming</b>	Thursdays, 10/3, 24/3, 7/4
<b>Forest School</b>	Thursdays 17,3, 31/3
<b>Easter holidays</b>	11th April - 22nd April

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

Have a lovely week.

With best wishes,



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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

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### 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.

### 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.**

### Village Jubilee Event



We have been asked to let you know that there is a Danby village and children's event being planned to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3rd June - Save the date and further details will be shared in due course.

### **Reminder of Snow policy and arrangements**

Please find our current [snow policy](#).

Please watch your emails and school facebook page on icy and snowy mornings for any key messages. Thank you.

### **Covid-19 rules on self isolation**

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead NHS Test and Trace will make contact and advise that a PCR test is taken.

Therefore, children are allowed to come to school even if someone in their household has tested positive but only if they have no symptoms themselves.

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

### **Breakfast Club**

Just a reminder that breakfast club is available daily from 8am. Bookings are not always necessary. £2.50 per child including breakfast.

### **Easy fundraising**

We are registered with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://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.

### **Computers for Sale**

As both schools have shifted onto use of laptops and Chromebooks in our classrooms, we have a number of PC's, monitors and keyboards available for purchase from Danby School if anyone is interested. They have all been cleaned of any data and are ready to be collected immediately. All money raised will go into school funds. Payment can be made via bank transfer, cash or cheque and the full amount is payable on collection. Below is a list of available items:

#### **PC**

Dell Optiplex 380 Small Form Factor  
Intel Pentium Dual-Core E5500 (2.8Ghz)  
3GB RAM  
DVD-ReWriter  
120GB Hard Disk Drive  
8x USBs (6-Rear 2-Front)  
Inbuild Sound  
Inbuild Graphics (Intel G41 Express Chipset)  
Windows 7 SP1 Installed (Windows Licence Code on Case)  
Drivers Installed **7 available £40 each**

#### **Monitors**

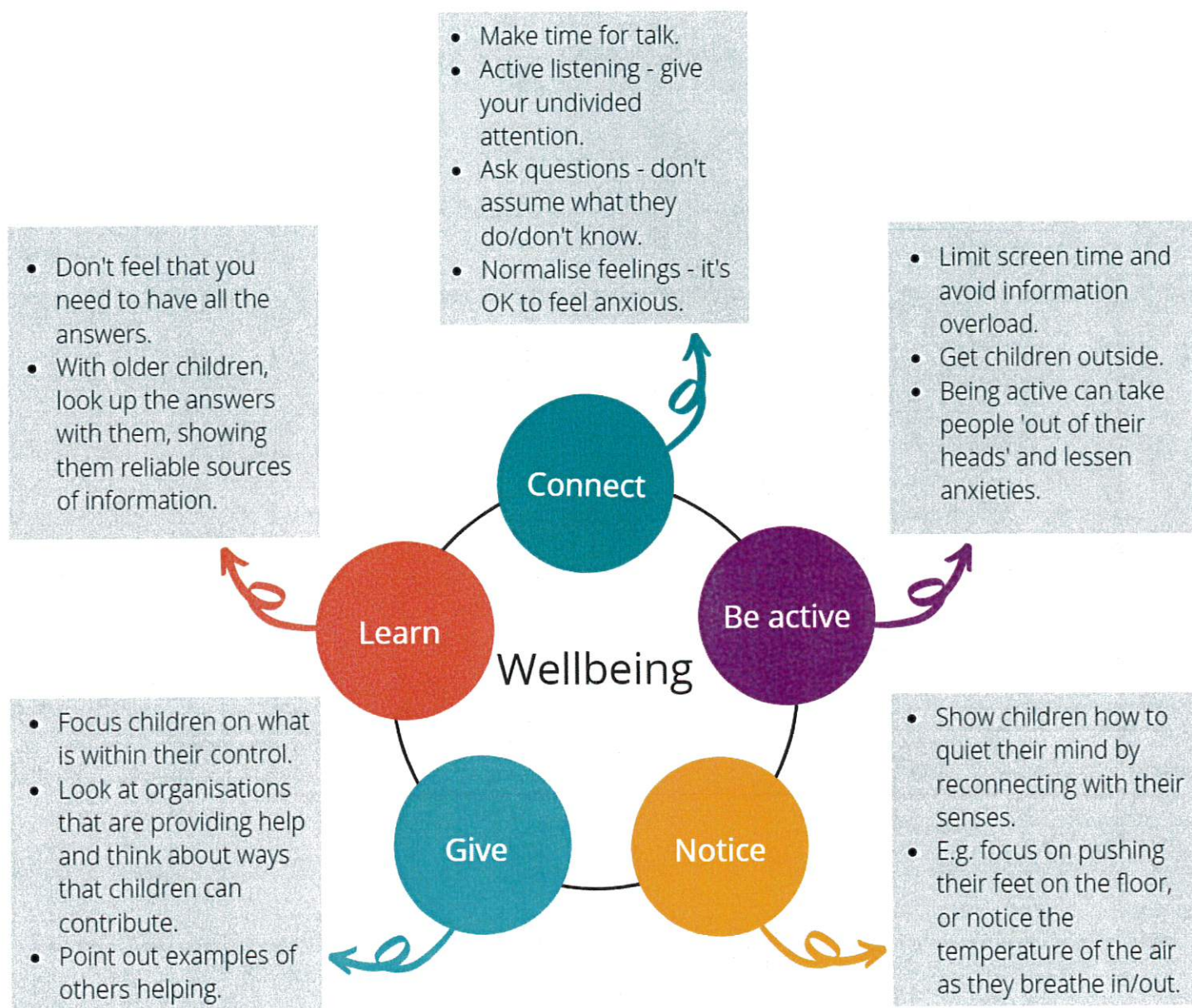
21.5" Dell E2210Hc with Dell AX510PA Speakers - **7 available £45 each**  
17" LG Flatron L17NS-7 - **1 available £15**  
18.5" Dell E191Hc - **1 available £20**  
19" Hanns-G Hs191D - **1 available £20**

#### **Keyboard**

Dell KB1421 Keyboard - **7 available £3 each**

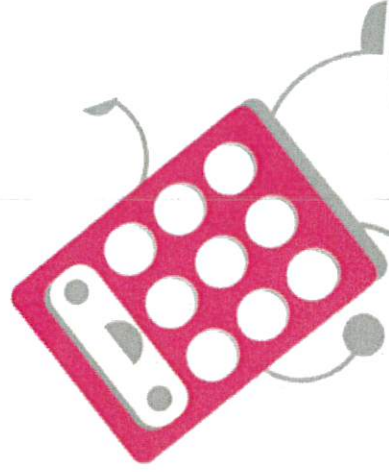


# The Ukraine - helping children cope with world conflict.



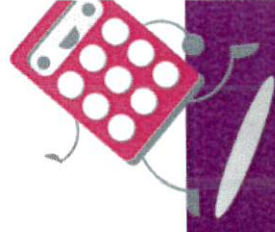
The five ways to wellbeing are evidence based ways of looking after your mental health. Here, we think about how they can support children during a time of heightened anxiety and fear amid world events. Children under 7 are unlikely to take on board much of what is going on, so it can be best to wait for them to bring it up. With older children and teenagers, adults have less control over where their information comes from. Ask them questions to determine what they know and correct any misconceptions. With older children, respond to questions but don't overload them with facts. Keep messages simple and offer reassurances about the distance and the minimal risk of events directly impacting them or their families. Teens might have 'what if' questions - help them reality check these 'what ifs', explore what they could do in certain situations and focus them on the things they can control.





# MATHS MONTH

## Whitby



STORIES AND MATHS TRAIL  
PANNETT ART GALLERY & PARK WHITBY  
SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 10:15 - 12:00

Family Fun, Maths Trail, Stories and Prizes







# Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH

**LIVERTON VILLAGE HALL**

10am—1pm

Join us for tea/coffee/hot chocolate

Enjoy homemade cakes with a chance to win in our raffle  
and tombola

To book a table (£10) contact :-  
[villagehallcommittee@aol.com](mailto:villagehallcommittee@aol.com)