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Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. We've had a busy week in school as always! On Thursday we marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day by joining together with other schools in the local area to sing 'I Vow to Thee my Country' in a very special Collective Worship. The KS2 children also learnt about the significance of this day by taking part in a short national online lesson.

Year 3 4 Quadkids

Last Friday, children in Years 3 and 4 spent the afternoon at Whitby School taking part in a Quadkids event with other Primary Schools in the area. They all had a lovely afternoon and tried very hard in all the events. Well done everyone!

SATS Week

We hope that you will join us in wishing all of our Year 6 children the best of luck next week as they undertake their Y6 statutory assessment tests. We have every confidence in them that they will do their best. Please be aware that tests will be taking place in school every morning except Friday next week. Good luck everyone!

Forest School

The Juniors will be taking part in the Forest School session on Thursday 15th May. Please can all children have appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather that day. If it is hot, please can everyone still bring long trousers/leggings and a thin long sleeve top. Hats are essential if it is hot and sunny and an application of 8 hour sunscreen before they come to school is advised. Many thanks.

Peat Rigg Drop-in Information Session

There will be a drop-in session for parents of children going to the Peat Rigg residential in May on Tuesday 13th May between 3.30pm and 4.00pm. If you have any queries or concerns, please come into school between those times and I will be happy to have a chat about them.

Census Day Lunch

On Thursday 15th May, the school cook will be serving a special 'Street Food' dinner menu to the children. There will be chicken nuggets, skinny fries and barbeque beans followed by a doughnut muffin. If your child would like a school lunch that day, please ask them to let their teacher know in the morning that day.

The Friends of Danby School

Bingo Night



The FODS bingo night is scheduled for next Thursday at 3.30pm - 5.00pm. Please come along and join in the fun with our very own star bingo caller, Kath! This is always a really fun event and your support would be greatly appreciated. There will be a raffle in the interval so if you have any raffle prizes you could donate please bring them into school. If you are able to bake or donate any cakes for the event, that would be wonderful.

The cost to take part is £4.00 per person to include one bingo card, a hot dog and drinks. Additional bingo cards will be available to buy on the night for £1.00.

Please use the [google form here](#) to book your tickets and also let us know if you are available to help. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all there!

NEEDED! We are collecting tombola prizes for our forthcoming events. Donations gratefully accepted and can be handed into school at any time. Thank you!

NEW Dates for your diary:

Half Term Tuck Shop	Friday 23rd May
Bingo Night	Thursday 15th May 3.30pm-5pm
Next Meeting	Thursday 5th June 8pm on line
Tombola Non Uniform Day	Friday 6th June
Summer Fair	Saturday 28th June Set up from 12pm Fair 2pm-4pm

EAGA Gospel Choir

We have been asked to share the following information with you from Castleton School:

Our lovely school choir leader, Miss Heather Wilson, has managed to organise for the fantastic EAGA Gospel Choir to perform on Thursday 22nd May at 6pm at the Joan of Arc Hall in Botton. They were semi- finalists in Britain's Got Talent 2018 then won BBC Songs of Praise Gospel Choir of the Year in 2023.

I think your pupils and families would thoroughly enjoy listening to this award-winning choir and our children at Castleton School would love to see you there.

Tickets can be bought from 'Off the Scale' in Castleton or from the school office.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mI9JQLSIJyQ>

School Dinner Menu

A reminder that the school dinner menu changes after half term and will run for the rest of the Spring Term and the whole of the Summer Term. Please click [here](#) for the new menu. 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](#).

Future Dates for your diary (up to half term)

Please [click here](#) for 2024-25 and 2025-26 term dates.

Swimming - Whitby Leisure Centre	May 22nd June 12th, 26th Jul 10th
Forest School Infants	June 5th, July 3rd
Forest School Juniors	May 15th, FRIDAY June 20th, July 17th
FODS Bingo Night	Thursday 15th May
FODS Tuck Shop	Friday 23rd May
Half Term	Mon 26th May - Friday 30th May
Year 6 SATS Week	12th May - 15th May
Year 5 6 Peat Rigg Residential	Mon 19th May - Fri 23rd May
FODS Meeting via Zoom	Thursday 5th June at 8.00pm
FODS non uniform day for tombola prizes	Friday 6th June
Sports Day	Friday 27th June
FODS Summer Fair	Saturday 28th June 2.00pm-4.00pm Set up from 12 noon
School Photographs (Whole school and class)	Friday 13th June
Yorkshire Museum Educational Visit KS2	Tuesday 3rd June
The Big Sing at Whitby Pavilion	Thursday 19th June
Y6 Leavers Trip	Monday 14th July
Last Day of Term Y6 Leavers Worship	Friday 18th July - Advance Warning - there will be no After School Club Available on this day

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

Have a lovely long weekend!

Best Wishes,



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).

Adverse weather conditions

Thankfully the weather wasn't as bad as forecast although I know that Wednesday morning was a challenge for some. Please be assured that if school is closing or if the road outside school looks bad, we will communicate with you via our messaging service, please refer to the policy link below. Please could you return the completed 'Safe place' form if you haven't done so already. If you would like a paper copy, please ask Sarah in the school office.

[Link to alternative place for your child](#)

[Link to the school policy in the event of adverse weather conditions](#)

Information from NHS - Emotional Health and Wellbeing

We have been asked to share the following link with you from the North Yorkshire Children and Families Service:

[Emotional health and wellbeing for parents](#)

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. 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

Tax Free Childcare

Danby School has registered to enable you to have access to Tax Free Childcare for wraparound care at school. Our wraparound service covers both breakfast club and sunshine club sessions as they are chargeable. Please on the link below for more information on how it works.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Free School Meal Eligibility

We are sharing this information with you again as it has recently been updated. Please contact the school office if you would like any help.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, before benefits are taken into account.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than
- £16,190

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.

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 NYC website -[Free school meals | North Yorkshire Council](#).

My NameTags - FODS fundraiser

We have signed up to a company called 'My Name Tags' who produce personalised name stickers/iron on stickers to label clothing, shoes etc. It's very easy to use and saves a lot of time writing names in everything! All you have to do is click on the link below to enter the website, create the stickers and then put the unique school ID in the box under the 'Shipping Details' during checkout. For every order placed, we will receive 24% commission for the FODS account. If you have any questions, please speak to Sarah in the school office.

<https://www.mynametags.com/>

School ID is 22782.

Easy fundraising

We are registered with easyfundraising.org.uk which gives the Friends of Danby School donations if you shop online and sign up to support Danby Primary School. You can also use easyfundraising when booking your holidays and raise big donations for us FOR FREE! Plus book with TUI in January for a chance to win back the value of your holiday!

Please visit our easyfundraising page at:

[Danby School Easyfundraising](#) and click 'join us'. Thank you.

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 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.**

Updated Guidance from the DfE regarding unauthorised leave of absence

Please be advised that there have been some legal changes to the guidance that schools must follow with regards to unauthorised leave of absences during term time. The penalty amounts have been increased and also the introduction of possible legal intervention. Please see below the information from the DfE.

For unauthorised Leave of absence taken within a three-year rolling period, Penalty Notices will be issued as follows:

- *The first Penalty Notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular child will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days, this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.*
- *A second Penalty Notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same child will be charged a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.*

PLEASE NOTE:

- ***A third Penalty Notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first Penalty Notice.***
- ***In a case where the national threshold is met for the third time (or subsequent times) alternative action will be taken. This will include considering prosecution but may include other tools such as one of the other Legal Interventions to address poor attendance.***

As always, any leave of absence other than illness, must be requested in advance by completing a form to the headteacher. These forms are available from the school office.

Asda - Cashpot for Schools - NEW!

Please [click here](#) for information about the new Cashpot for Schools initiative that Asda have set up. Danby School is now registered so you can select our school from your Asda Rewards app! Every time you shop, Asda will donate £1 to our school's Cashpot. Please select us when you are shopping! Thank you.

Messages from Whitby Music Centre

We already offer ensembles for string, brass and woodwind players on Saturday mornings, these include ensembles for beginners and are open to players of all ages. If you know of instrumentalists who do not yet come along to Whitby Music Centre please mention us to them. All Music Centre rehearsals take place at the lower school site of Whitby School on Airy Hill.

WAVE: Welcoming All Valuing Everyone

The churches of Middle Esk Moor Benefice would like to invite you to a new initiative called WAVE: Welcoming All Valuing Everyone. The first event will be WAVE: Breakfast with God. This will take place on every Terrific Third Saturday of the month, in the morning with breakfast for everyone - waffles, toast, cereal, fruit juice, yoghurts, tea and proper coffee! This will be followed by an interactive Bible story with props, songs, craft activities and prayers. Fun for all the family (even little babies), a relaxed way to spend a few hours and a good time for adults to catch up over breakfast too. We'd love to see you there and make you very welcome. And if you can't join us at Glaisdale, you're more than welcome to come to Hawsker instead. There's no need to book – just turn up! It's free of charge but donations are welcome - but only if you want to and are able to. Looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you - Revd Anthony Bennett and Revd Sam Mawer!