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Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest and Food Bank

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Friday 10th October at 9.15am at St Hilda's Church, Danby. Parents are welcome to the service and for coffee afterwards. We will be collecting for the Whitby Food Bank for our Harvest Gifts this year. Please follow [the link](#) to see appropriate items being collected currently. Items may be brought in any time between now and our service. Thank you.

Save the Date - Confirmations

On Easter Sunday, the Bishop of Whitby, the Right Reverend Barry Hill, will be carrying out a special service for Confirmation and Baptisms across our Deanery area. If you are interested in your child becoming baptised or confirmed please contact Reverend Anthony Bennett Tel:07484 735284 or email anthony@middleeskmoor.org. Confirmations are usually carried out with children in the upper year groups.

Bag2School FODS Fundraiser ([click here for more information](#))

There will be a Bag2School collection to raise money for FODS funds on Thursday 16th October. For our new parents, Bag2School is a free eco-friendly fundraising scheme that helps schools, businesses, community groups, local councils, and charities raise funds through textile recycling as well as spreading textile recycling awareness. This is a great opportunity for a clear out before Christmas to donate any unwanted items whilst raising money for your child's school.

Accepted items:

☒ Clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, ties, handbags, jewellery and socks.

The following items are not accepted so please don't include these in the bags as they won't be collected:

✗ Duvets and blankets, pillows/cushions, carpets/rugs/mats, soiled/painted/ripped clothing, school uniform with and without logo, corporate clothing and footwear, textile offcuts/yarns/threaded material, furniture/large items, suitcases, batteries, soft toys.

Each child has been given a Bag2School bag to bring home today that you may use for any of the accepted items listed above. If you need more than one bag please ask at school as there may be some spare. If not, please feel free to use a black bin bag.

Please drop off any filled bags into the school playground no later than 9.00am on Thursday 16th October ready for collection. Please do not over fill bags and make sure that they are securely tied at the top to avoid the items getting wet. Thank you!

Forest School Juniors

Next Thursday 25th September, the juniors will be doing Forest School at school. Please make sure your child brings appropriate clothing, wellies and waterproofs for the session. Please send a hat and gloves as the weather is definitely getting colder! Many thanks.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have two parent governor vacancies on our federation governing board. If you are interested, please refer to the email sent out to parents on Wednesday where you will find all the information you need. Nominations can be made from either or both of our federation schools. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Autumn Stay and Play Sessions for Prospective Parents and Children

Do you know any youngsters who are going to be school ready in the next year or so?

Our stay and play dates for this term are:

Monday 13th October	2.15pm-3.15pm
Wednesday 12th November	10.30am-11.30am

Stay and Play days are for children who are not yet at school age but would like to experience an hour in our school setting with our children and staff. All children must be accompanied by an adult for each session. If you would like any further information or to book a place at one or both of the sessions, please contact the school on 01287 660345 or email admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Whitby & District Rotary Club Octoberfest Fun Run

The Rotary Club of Whitby & District is once again organising the popular Fun Run for primary schoolchildren, Octoberfest. This year the event will take place at Whitby School (Airy Hill site) on the school playing fields as usual on Sunday, October 5th. There will be 5 races in total, starting at 2.00 p.m.

Boys Yr 4 & under
Girls Yr 4 & under
Boys Yrs 5/6
Girls Yrs 5/6

The entry fee is £3 per head and each runner will receive a medal. Registration can be done on the day but is preferable in advance. [Click here for an entry form](#) and here for a [sponsorship form](#) or see Sarah in the school office for a copy. Thank you.

In recent years the runners have had the opportunity to support a good cause by earning sponsorship money for their efforts. This year we are aiming to raise money in support of an international cause, the Rainbow Dreams Trust based in Cape Town, South Africa. It aims through its project, Camp Hope, to give short holidays to underprivileged township children with cancer. I'm sure you will agree that this is a very worthy cause. I appeal for your support. If you would like a sponsorship form, please ask Sarah in the school office. Please note you do not have to collect sponsorship to take part in this event.

Future Diary Dates

Please [click here](#) for the holiday dates for this academic year. Specific dates for school activities will be kept updated on the table below. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Swimming - whole school	2nd, 16th Oct 6th, 20th Nov 4th, 18th Dec
Forest School Infants	9th Oct, 13th Nov, 11th Dec
Forest School Juniors	25th Sept, 23rd Oct, 27th Nov
Harvest Festival St Hilda's Church Danby	Friday 10th October 9.15am Parents/carers welcome
Stay & Play session for prospective new starters	Monday 13th October 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Parents evening 1	Monday 20th October 3.40pm - 6.00pm
Parents evening 2	Wednesday 22nd October 3.40pm - 5.00pm
Half term	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October
Stay and Play session for prospective new starters	Wednesday 12th November 10.30am - 11.30am
Children in Need	Friday 14th November
St Hilda's Day Service at Egton 10.00am - 11.30am	Monday 17th November
Danby Village Festive Fair at Danby Village Hall	Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November
School photos - individual/sibling	Tuesday 2nd December

Christmas theatre trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre to see Sleeping Beauty	Monday 8th December
Christmas Carol Service and Nativity at St Hilda's Church, Danby Dale	6.00pm Thursday 18th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January
Teacher Training Day	Monday 5th January 2026
Children return to school	Tuesday 6th January 2026

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

Have a lovely 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).

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](https://www.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.

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!

Gas Safe Charity Funding

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

Choices4Energy at the North Yorkshire Council has funding available until September to help homeowners with low income and/or disability to pay for measures that address potential gas safety, gas leaks or CO poisoning (<£36,000 household income, other criteria may apply). This includes measures such as repairs and servicing of gas boilers, fires and cookers. Badly fitted or poorly serviced gas appliances can put you and your family at risk. There is a maximum grant of £500 per household, and we are encouraging homeowners to check gas appliances now to ensure they are safe to use, ready for winter. Contact us now on 0300 131 2 131 and ask for Choices4Energy, or visit [Choices4Energy | North Yorkshire Council](#) for more information.

See attached copy of our [Gas Safety leaflet](#) which provides info about the funding available.

'Pharmacy First' availability for minor illness / ailments in children

Parents and carers in Humber and North Yorkshire are being reminded to use their local community pharmacy this summer, if their child needs help with minor illnesses or ailments.

The NHS 'Pharmacy First' service allows children to access treatment for five common conditions from their local pharmacy, without needing a GP appointment.

Children can receive NHS treatment, including antibiotics where appropriate, for five common conditions including:

- impetigo (aged one year and over)
- infected insect bites (aged one year and over)
- earache (aged one to 17 years)
- sore throat (aged five years and over)
- sinusitis (aged 12 years and over).
- The aim of Pharmacy First is to make it easier for people to get the help they need and free up millions of GP slots.

Parents can simply walk into a participating pharmacy and request a consultation for their child. If further treatment is needed, pharmacy teams will signpost families to the most appropriate local health service.

Hayley Patterson, NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB's Pharmacy Lead, said: "As the school holidays approach, we are encouraging parents and carers to think 'Pharmacy First' if their child is unwell, allowing them to be seen quickly and conveniently at their local pharmacy.

"The scheme enables community pharmacists, who are trained health professionals, to supply prescription-only medicines, where clinically appropriate, to treat five health conditions for children which would previously have required a GP appointment."

The Pharmacy First scheme is also available for adults and covers the following seven common conditions:

- sinusitis (adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- sore throat (adults and children aged five years and over)
- earache (children and young adults aged one to 17 years)
- infected insect bite (adults and children aged one year and over)
- impetigo (adults and children aged one year and over)
- shingles (adults aged 18 years and over)
- uncomplicated urinary tract infection (women aged 16 to 64 years).

To find a local pharmacy to you visit the [NHS website](#)

There's further information about what pharmacies can do at [Let's Get Better](#)