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### **Newsletter Friday 28th March 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **FODS NEWS:**

#### **NEXT WEEK!!!!**



#### **Litter Pick Sponsored Walk - Thursday 3rd April 3.30pm - Numbers needed!**

If you haven't done so already and are intending to join us on the sponsored litter pick walk, it would be really helpful if you could sign up as soon as possible to help us with planning and catering arrangements please.



[Please sign up using the Google form.](#) or send us an email! Thank you in advance for your support.

Our Just Giving page is currently standing at £328 which is amazing, huge thank you to everyone who has contributed. It is really positive that lots of our families, friends and the village community are behind us to reach our target. Please follow this link to the [Just Giving page](#) for sponsorship. You can also collect sponsorship via the [sponsorship form here](#).

#### **Please support our:-**

 **Easter Egg Hamper Raffle**  £1 a square located in school. Don't miss out on the chance to win one of our fabulous Easter Egg Hampers.



We are having an **Easter Themed Lucky Dip Tuck Shop** with a difference. Available Thursday after the litter pick walk & Friday last day of term - chocolate resin obsession bags   £2. We will also have 50p popcorn bags.

#### **Messenger Group**

Our new FODS messenger group is already proving successful. Please let school or any of the committee know if you are not in the group and would like to be added to keep you updated on FODS events. Thank you!

### **Red Nose Day**

The final total raised for Comic Relief from our red Nose Day activities was £123.00! Thank you so much for all your support for this wonderful charity. The lady in the bank was very impressed with what we'd raised for such a small school!



### **Recycling Workshop**



On Tuesday morning, the education officer from Thalia Waste Management came into school to deliver a workshop to the children about the importance of the 4 R's and to explain the purpose of Allerton Waste Recovery Park. Following a presentation and discussion session, the children split into groups and made a giant waste collage from items that we had collected such as wrappers, soft plastics and cardboard packaging. Thank you to everyone who brought items into school for us to use, it was much appreciated. The children thoroughly enjoyed the morning and learnt a lot about the importance of recycling. Thank you to Laura from Thalia Waste Management for taking the time to deliver the workshop.

### **Recycled Boxes Request for Infants**

The infants are making boats next week so please could we ask for donations of the following items if you have them available: plastic bottles, tin foil, corks, foil/plastic trays, egg boxes, juice cartons and small boxes. If you could bring anything you have into school on Monday that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### **KS2 Cross Country League**

On Thursday afternoon, the junior children took part in the final Cross Country league race of this academic year. There was a huge turnout of 447 runners! As ever, our children put 110% effort in and showed great team spirit and determination. I am delighted to announce that the Year 5/6 girls finished the League in 1st place which is fantastic and the Year 3/4 girls finished in 5th place overall which is a huge achievement. Considering we are such a small school and compete against the much bigger Primary Schools in the Whitby area, this is incredible. Congratulations to everyone!

### **Y6 Lunch**

We were delighted to take our Year 6 children out for a parish lunch at Moorsholm Church this week. They enjoyed some soup and sandwiches and tea and biscuits alongside parishioners. We enjoyed taking part in the raffle bringing home some great prizes. They were a pleasure to take out and represented the school really well. Well done!

### **Parent Consultation Evenings**

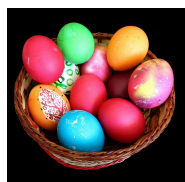
Thank you to everyone who came to the parents' evenings this week. It's great for the children to see that they are so well supported. Thank you for also taking part in our parent consultation. If you missed this and would like to share your views on our Wrap Around Care, please ask for a copy.

### **Stay and Play Session**

We had our second Stay and Play session on Wednesday morning at Danby School which was lovely and we look forward to seeing our new starters for their taster days at the end of next term.

### **Moors Centre Educational Visit - Wednesday 2nd March**

Next Wednesday, the whole school will be going to the Moors Centre for an educational trip. All details have been sent out to parents via email this week. Please can all children wear outdoor clothing (with school jumper/cardigan), waterproofs and wellies. Thank you.



### **Easter Day - Thursday 3rd April**

Next Thursday, 3rd April, we are having an Easter Day in school where the children will be doing some Easter crafts and activities. The school cook will also be serving a delicious Easter lunch of Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, Broccoli, Roast Potatoes and Gravy and a Chocolate Crispy Easter Cake for pudding. If your child would like a school dinner this day, please ask them to let their teacher know on Thursday morning. Thank you.

### **Forest School Juniors**

Next Thursday afternoon, the juniors will be doing Forest School so please can everyone bring waterproofs, wellies, outdoor clothing, gloves (and a hat if it's cold). Thank you.

### **Parking outside School**

Please could we remind parents and visitors to Danby School that it is not permitted to park on the yellow zig-zags outside school. Thank you.

### **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	April 24th May 8th, 22nd June 12th, 26th Jul 10th
FODS Sponsored Walk & Litter Pick Event	Thursday 3rd April 3.30pm
Easter Holidays	Monday 7th April - Friday 18th April
Bank Holiday (Easter Monday)	Monday 21st April
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 22nd April

Children back to school	Wednesday 23rd April
Bag2School collection	9.00am Thursday 24th April

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

Have a lovely weekend!

Best Wishes



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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

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### **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)).

### **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](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

### **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://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!