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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents Evening Bookings

This term's parents evenings are scheduled to take place on Monday 20th October between 3.40pm and 6.00pm and Wednesday 22nd October between 3.40pm and 5.00pm.

To make an appointment with your child's teacher, [please click here for the link to the booking form](#). Please note that once this has been completed, appointments will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and will be confirmed by email. Thank you.

School Jumpers - lost property

We have 2 infant school cardigans missing at the moment, both are marked with the children's name on the label. The parents would be grateful if you could all check what you have at home and in your child's bag to check that they haven't been taken by mistake. Thank you.

FODS Fundraiser - Cauliflower Cards

The children have been busy in school over the last couple of weeks designing their very own masterpiece that can be made into Christmas cards, gift labels, wrapping paper and other fabulous items. Tonight they will be bringing home a copy of their art work with instructions on how to place an order for any items you may wish to buy. There is also an accompanying sheet with more details and further instructions should you need it. All orders must be placed online by Wednesday 8th October to ensure delivery. Thank you for your support.

Parent Governor Elections

Nominations for Parent Governors concluded on Friday last week, I can confirm that we had two nominations for two roles. We are delighted to welcome Anna Watson (Danby) back for another term of office and we also welcome Rosie Jones (Egton) as a new parent governor. We have a number of new governors starting with us this year you can find the full line up of our Federation Governors [HERE](#).

KS2 Cross Country League

Last Friday afternoon, the juniors took part in the first race of this year's Cross Country league at Whitby School. It was the biggest x-country event ever with a record 523 runners taking part from Primary Schools in the local area.

Races were organised as follows:

Year 3 4 girls (127 runners - Danby are currently 5th in the results table)

Year 3 4 boys (142 runners - Danby are currently 5th in the results table)

Year 5 6 girls (126 runners - Danby are currently 6th in the results table)

Year 5 6 boys (128 runners - Danby are currently 8th in the results table)

The children from our school all ran extremely well, showing great determination and team spirit throughout the afternoon. Well done everyone! The next race in the league is scheduled for Friday 24th October.

Infant trip to Whitby Lifeboat Station and RNLI Museum

The infants had a great day yesterday in Whitby. As part of their topic work on 'Journeys' they started the trip by boarding the train from Danby Station and then they split into two groups to take turns to visit Whitby Lifeboat Station and the RNLI Museum. After the visit, they walked up the big hill to the Leisure Centre to meet up with the juniors to come home on the swimming bus. It's fair to say that they had a wonderful time but there were some very tired small children last night!

Forest school

It is the turn of the infants to do Forest School next Thursday. Please can everyone bring their outdoor clothes to change into, waterproof jacket and trousers or suit, wellies, a hat and gloves. Thank you.

Harvest and Food Bank

Our Harvest Festival service will be held next Friday 10th October at 9.15am at St Hilda's Church, Danby Dale. Please could children be taken directly to the church in the morning for 9.00am instead of to school unless they are attending breakfast club. If any of our new parents are unsure where the church is, please ask a member of staff. Parents are welcome to the service and for coffee afterwards and if you are able to stay, we would be grateful if you could bring your child back to school after the service. Any children who do not have parents or family there will be brought back to school by staff. 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.

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

REMINDER: There will be a Bag2School collection to raise money for FODS funds on Thursday 16th October.

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.

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	16th Oct 6th, 20th Nov 4th, 18th Dec
Forest School Infants	9th Oct, 13th Nov, 11th Dec
Forest School Juniors	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 Danby on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Egton on Tuesday and Thursday.

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 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](#)