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Newsletter - Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



Comic Relief 2022 - Red Nose Day

We have some wonderful outfits and delicious cakes for today's Red Nose Day. Check out our facebook page for some pictures! Thank you as ever for your continued support for these events.

Science Week

Thank you so much to everyone for providing baby pictures of your children. Everyone had great fun trying to guess who was who and the activity tied in perfectly with our 'Growth' topic for Science Week.

Bag2School Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Bag2School collection this morning. We raised £76.00 for FoDS which is wonderful. Thank you!

Film Night

There will be a film night in school on Thursday 24th March, 3.30pm - 5.30pm. The infants are going to watch 'Hop' and the juniors are going to watch 'Peter Rabbit 2'. We will be serving popcorn and juice whilst watching the film and a hot tea of pizza, chips and a lolly. The cost is £4.50 per child which can be paid in cash or via BACS transfer. Please note this is a different bank account to the main school account so please contact Sarah for the FoDS account details if you would like to pay this way.

Please complete the google form if your child would like to attend.

Thank you!

Year 3 and 4 Hockey Tournament

On Wednesday afternoon, the year 3 and 4 children travelled to Whitby Sixth Form to take part in a hockey tournament along with other schools in the area. They all played brilliantly and finished in 7th place. This was a follow on from the hockey coaching session they took part in earlier in the term and allowed them to put what they had learnt into practice. Well done everyone!

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

Swimming	Thursdays 24/3, 7/4
Forest School	Thursdays 31/3
Easter holidays	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 weekend.

With best wishes,

Liz Orland Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

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.

Federation Jubilee Arrangements

As the Jubilee celebrations fall during the half term holiday we are making a special plan for our own Jubilee celebration with both schools within our federation. A shared lunch is planned for both schools on Friday 27th May at Danby Village Hall. We very much hope to be in a position to invite parents to join us, so please do save the date and further details will follow in due course!

Castleton Cricket Club

Castleton CC will be running Dynamos and All Stars cricket programmes for primary school children again this year. The programmes are accredited by the English Cricket Board and are delivered by trained coaches. Dynamos is a 7-week programme starting in May and is for children approx aged 8-11 (juniors). All Stars is an 8-week programme for children approx aged 5-7 (infants). Sessions are on Thursdays evenings at Castleton cricket pitch. All abilities welcome. If you would like to find out more or book a place, please visit:

Dynamos:

https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/5bc82e88-03be-487d-a6db-4da62ee15b9c **All Stars**: https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/bdf3b2e8-d953-43e4-aa3c-41560b1a49d0

If you have any questions, please contact castletoncricketclub@gmail.com

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 -<u>Free school meals | North Yorkshire County</u> 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 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. <u>Click here</u> for more information about our cause. Thank you in advance for your support to our children and our school.