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Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Measles Update

We have been asked to share an important update with you on measles:

National Measles Incident

The United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident following Measles outbreaks in London and West Midlands. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine.

In response to this we would like to share with you the advice from UKHSA currently:

Measles is a highly infectious, serious illness that can be very unpleasant. Those most at risk are under 1's, the unvaccinated, immuno-compromised or pregnant woman. There is no specific treatment available, so it is important to get vaccinated to avoid serious illness.

If you and your child have been vaccinated, it's very unlikely you will catch Measles.

Please [click here](#) for further, more detailed information. Thank you.

Wellies for Infants

Please could all children in the infants bring in their wellies on Tuesday and Wednesday next week for some outdoor work on the field. Thank you.

Early Warning for Costumes

Just an early warning that World Book day will be on Friday 8th March for Danby School. Children are welcome to come dressed as a book character but are equally welcome to come in their pyjamas ready for a 'bedtime story' or stay in their school uniform.

Forest School

It is the turn of the junior children to do Forest School next Thursday 29th February. Please make sure they have plenty of layers and wellies that day. Thank you.

Parentpay

Thank you for your continued support using the Parentpay platform to pay for school meals etc. Please could you keep an eye on balances and pay any outstanding amounts when you can to keep balances low. If you have any questions or need any support using the system, please don't hesitate to ask Sarah in the office who will be happy to help. Thank you.

Midday Supervisor

If anyone has an hour to spare at lunchtime on a Wednesday and/or Thursday, please could you get in touch with Sarah or Liz. This is to assist at lunchtimes and would include helping serve out school dinners and supervising the children between 12.00 and 1.00pm. This is a paid role and is permanent. Many thanks.

FODS

Please find attached to the newsletter email our poster for the forthcoming Easter Children's Disco. If you are able to display this anywhere for us please do. Printed copies are available from the school office.

If you are able to volunteer to help at the Easter Disco on Friday 22nd March, please let Kieren or Anna know or let us know at the school office and we will pass the message on.

Tickets are on sale now at £4 to include a hotdog and drink.

NSPCC Information

Please find a letter attached to the newsletter email. Over the coming weeks we will be taking part in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme.

Reading Volunteers

We are part of a project to develop our love of reading.

We are looking to recruit some Community Book Volunteers in school as part of our project, to help us build up a community of readers. Please do get in touch if you would be interested in visiting us once in a while to share stories. Please note: subject to statutory safeguarding checks.

Home to School Travel Policy Consultation

On Monday, the Council commenced a consultation on proposed changes to the Council's Home to School Travel Policy. We have been asked to share this information with you. The necessary information can be found on the Council's website [HERE](#).

There is an online survey form where you can note your responses to the consultation and details of engagement events that will be held during the course of the consultation period.

The consultation closing date is Friday 12 April.

Do you know someone interested in training to become a teacher?

The Esk Valley Initial Teacher Training is taking applications for Initial Teacher Training for those that wish to become primary school teachers. Working in partnership with York St John University, the Esk Valley school-centred (School Direct ITT) primary programme is committed to delivering outstanding education and training that is current and relevant. With Esk Valley ITT you will work as part of the teaching team from day one, (similar to student medics in hospitals) learning from experienced, practising colleagues and immediately putting your new skills into practice.

We serve Whitby, Scarborough and Ryedale and enable you to 'Live Local, Train Local and Teach Local'.

Requirements:

Undergraduate degree 2:2 upwards

GCSE Grade 4 or above (C) in English, Maths and Science

For more information:

[Esk Valley Teacher Training Course](#)

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

Or contact: Liz Orland, Headteacher, Danby CE School, Tel: 01947 895369

Future Dates for your diary

Please note that we have added the academic year 2024-25 term dates to the link below for your information.

Please [click here](#) for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 term dates.

Forest School, Swimming dates and events will be kept up to date each term in the table below. Please could we ask for all items of clothing to be named in case of any mix ups. PE will continue every Friday afternoon and will take place outside whenever possible. Please could children have suitable outer clothing to keep them warm during the cold weather.

There are various sporting events throughout this term but as dates can change, we will let you know about these via email as and when they are happening.

Swimming	Mar 7th, 21st
Forest School Infants	Mar 14th
Forest School Juniors	Feb 29th
Half Term	Monday 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb
World Book Day - Book Fair and Dressing Up day	Friday 8th March
Bag2School	Wednesday 20th March
FODS School Disco	Friday 22nd March
Easter Holidays	Monday 25th Mar - Friday 5th April
Teacher Training Day	Monday 8th April

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



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).

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

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 -[Free school meals | North Yorkshire County 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.

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 County 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.