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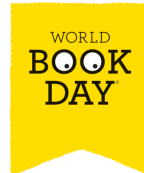
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Newsletter
Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day



We've had a wonderful day today celebrating World Book Day and the children look fabulous in their costumes. Thank you to everyone for making such an effort and to those who came along to the pop up Whitby Bookshop after school. A huge thank you to Whitby Bookshop for coming out and running our Book Fair for us and enabling everyone to go home with a special World Book Day book.



Science Week - Planetarium & Red Nose Day

Next week is National Science Week and to mark the occasion, we have organised a Planetarium at Danby Village Hall on **Friday 15th March**. Children from Egton School will be coming over to Danby for the day and we will all work together spending time at Danby School and the Village Hall. The infants will walk down to the village hall in the morning around 9.30am and return in time for lunch. Both schools will have a buffet style picnic lunch at Danby School, catered for by the cooks from Egton and Danby. After lunch the juniors will walk down to the village hall for their Planetarium experience.

As it is also Red Nose Day for Comic Relief on Friday 15th, we will be incorporating activities into the day during the time the children are at Danby School. We will be having a cake sale to raise money for Comic Relief and would be delighted to receive any cake donations into school

on Friday morning. It's going to be a fun and very busy day!! Children are welcome to wear non-uniform for this day. **Please note there will be no PE on this day.**

Year 3 and 4 Hockey Tournament

On Thursday afternoon, a group of 8 children from Years 3 and 4 went to Whitby Sixth Form to take part in a hockey tournament with other schools in the area. They had a great time and all tried very hard in their matches finishing in third place overall. Well done to everyone.

Eskdale Festival - Mrs Lillie music lessons

As it is the Eskdale Music Festival next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Whitby, Mrs Lillie will be coming into school on Thursday 14th March instead of the Wednesday for music lessons with those children that have them. Good luck to everyone who is taking part in the music festival.

Peat Rigg Parents Meeting

By popular request, we will be holding an informal information meeting for parents of Year 3 and 4 children to talk about the upcoming Year 3 and 4 residential trip to Peat Rigg that is scheduled for Wednesday 24th April - Friday 26th April 2024. The meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March at 3.30pm in school. Children are welcome to attend.

Forest School

It is the turn of the infants to do forest school on Thursday 14th March so please make sure they have plenty of layers, wellies, waterproofs, hats and gloves that day. 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

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the FODS Easter Disco taking place at Danby Village Hall on Friday 22nd March 4-5pm. Tickets are on sale now at £4 to include a hotdog and drink. There are also raffle tickets to buy to win a lovely Easter Bunny!

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.

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/**](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 21st
Forest School Infants	Mar 14th
Planetarium & Red Nose Day	Friday 15th 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
Children return to school for Summer Term	Tuesday 9th April

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

Have a lovely weekend,



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.**