



Dear Parents/Carers,

Donisthorpe News

Friday 25th March 2022



Fund Raising

Thank you to all of our wonderful Donisthorpe families for donating so generously, particularly as we know that these are difficult times for families financially at the moment. Together you raised a staggering £312.89 for the Ukraine Disasters Emergency Committee and an amazing £203.50 for the Red Nose Day appeal.



End of Key Stage SATS

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Year 2 and Year 6 SATs meeting last Tuesday evening. If anyone was unable to attend and would like a copy of the information shared with parents and carers please email slt@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place in the week beginning Monday 9th May 2022. National testing for Year 2 children will take place during the month of May 2022.

Hockey Tournament

Well done to our Year 6 hockey team who performed brilliantly in Wednesday's 'Quick Sticks' tournament. The competition was fierce and the team didn't give up without a fight. #feeling proud of their achievement, making it through to the semi-finals. We are looking forward to cheering on our Year 3/4 children when they next take part following the postponed game last week due to the wet weather conditions.



Update

During recent weeks we have seen an increase in the number of confirmed positive cases of coronavirus within school combined with the usual illnesses. This has meant that your children may not have had their regular class teacher for a very short period of time. I would ask for your patience with this; we will always try and do the best that we can and put the children first when making decisions.

Families are advised to follow the guidance provided by the UKHSA (UK Health Security Agency). You can find this information by following the link here. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

This states that if you or your child test positive for COVID-19, you are advised to stay at home to avoid contact with others, but it is no longer a *legal* requirement to self-isolate.

Contact Information

Please, ensure you regularly update the school office in writing at office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk if there are any changes to the contact details we have on record for your child, including people on your contact list who have permission to collect your child from school. Email

Are you entitled to free afterschool clubs, school trips, milk and school lunches?

Children of families in receipt of certain benefits may be eligible for additional funding – Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) - which we can use to provide free clubs, trips, milk and lunches for your child. Even if you don't wish to take advantage of any of these, school can still claim much-needed funding for those who are eligible. Under current rules the funding lasts for 6 years, even if your circumstances change in that time. If you have not already applied, or if your circumstances have changed recently, we would encourage you to check eligibility and apply online. Please contact the school office for more details.

Term Dates

Term dates for the next few years are available on our school website or on the LA website: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/school-term-dates>



Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Regards,

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