

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another incredibly busy few weeks at school with so many things going on!

Sporting news

A huge well done to our brilliant Tag Rugby Team who are this year's winners of the North West Leicestershire Tag Rugby Competition 2021! We are so proud of the Year 5/6 children, they certainly showed 'The Donisthorpe Way' with their effort, determination and teamwork, as usual they were a credit to themselves and the school. Thanks as well to their coach, Mr Sherlock!



Eco Committee

Children from our Eco Committee were successful in raising money for Team Seas from the Christmas jumper donations after school yesterday! We are hoping to do the same after school today, so it's not too late to get your donations in!

Give a gift

This year Donisthorpe would like to give a little back to our local community. Working alongside the Marlene Reid centre, our Character Ambassadors would like to invite parents to buy an extra gift this Christmas to donate to a child less fortunate than their own. Simply choose a bauble from the Christmas tree on the playground at the end of each day. Each bauble is labelled with the age of a child to buy a gift for. Please return the gift with the label attached to school by Tuesday 14th December. Please do not wrap gifts. The Marlene Reid centre will distribute the gifts to children in need this Christmas- thank you in advance for your support.



British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy at school over the last couple of weeks. Your generous donations raised a grand total of £191.56! Every penny raised has gone directly to the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Ready Steady Stick Christingle Party

Why not join the Ready Steady Stick Christmas party at Measham Church Hall on Saturday December 11th from 2.00pm to 4.00pm There will be games, crafts, food and fun for all, (and a surprise!) All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Cost £1 per child. Please book your place by contacting Rev'd Wilma on 07766306227 or email revwilmacolley@gmail.com

Christmas Celebrations!

With only just over three weeks to go until the end of term, our thoughts are very much on celebrating Christmas with the children. Traditionally at Donisthorpe we have performed a Christmas Service at St John's Church in Donisthorpe with children from Year 2 to Year 6 and a Nativity play with children in EYFS and Year 1. These are wonderful experiences for children and adults alike and we are looking forward to being able to return to them safely.



We are still planning to invite parents to these events, however it is very important to us that our families are able to enjoy their Christmas without running the risk of contracting Covid-19 a few days beforehand.

We will make a final decision based on the number of positive Covid cases within the school community nearer the time. We may limit parent numbers or ask the audience to wear a mask, but we are hopeful that these events will go ahead as planned and as near to normal as possible.

End of Key Stage SATS

SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place in the week beginning Monday 9th May 2020. National testing for Year 2 children will take place during the month of May 2020. We will be sharing information regarding testing arrangements for Year 6 and Year 2 later on in the school year.

Apply for a School Place – Primary

Is your child due to start school in September 2022? The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is **15th January 2022**. To make your application please click the link below:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions>

If you need any further information, please contact the Admissions team on admissions@leics.gov.uk or 0116 305 6684.

Illness in school

As well as Covid, there are lots of bugs in school at the moment- if your child is unwell, please remember to telephone the school office to let us know the reason for their absence.

Covid

If your child has symptoms they must get a PCR test and isolate until they get the result.

If your child is identified as a close contact via NHS Test and Trace, you should book a PCR. They do not have to isolate unless the PCR test comes back positive.

During this time, we continue to have the following control measures in place:

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone
- Maintaining thorough cleaning regimes
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated

We would encourage parents with any concerns to book a PCR test for their child.

If you have any questions about this or anything else, please telephone school or email office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk

Regards,



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