

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term continues at pace and it is hard to believe that it's half term next week already! As always, there have been lots of wonderful things going on in classrooms over the last few weeks. It has been so lovely seeing the children play with different children outside at break and lunchtimes, one child said to me on the playground 'Will this be forever now?' - we all certainly hope so! Please try to find time each day to talk to your children about their learning, this makes such a difference to them and helps keep you in touch with what is going on in school.



Safe Online Behaviour at Home

Leicestershire County Council Safeguarding Development Team has created a presentation for parents to support and encourage safe online behaviour at home. Here is the link to this useful video: <https://youtu.be/hfYIFsivDws>

The key differences between the three options are:

Proposal 1

- The existing traditional term time pattern
- Summer holiday is similar to the City and significantly earlier than the majority of schools nationally
- Spring Half Term Break is a week earlier than surrounding authorities (including Leicester city)
- Autumn Half Term Break is a week earlier than surrounding authorities (including Leicester city)

Proposal 2

- Summer holiday at similar dates to the City and significantly earlier than the majority of schools nationally
- Spring Half Term Break is at a similar date to surrounding authorities (including Leicester city)
- Autumn Half Term Break is at a similar date surrounding authorities (including Leicester city)

Proposal 3

- A mixture of Proposals 1 and 2 to achieve a balanced spread of holiday across the year
- Summer holiday is a few days later than the current pattern, keeping to similar dates to the City and significantly earlier than the majority of schools nationally
- Two-week Autumn half-term
- Shorter Easter break

Have your say on new school term date options

Leicestershire County Council have launched a public consultation on school term and holiday dates for the five years between Autumn 2022 and Summer 2027.

They are seeking to capture people's views on three suggested options. The proposals cover term dates running for five years from Autumn 2022 to Summer 2027 and include:

- Keeping the 'traditional' county term time pattern, which offers an earlier summer holiday but means a longer autumn term
 - Aligning the autumn and spring breaks in line with most other authorities, including Leicester City, but again means a longer autumn term
 - Introducing a two-week autumn half-term break. This would leave terms 'more balanced' across the whole year but would result in shorter Easter break

More detailed information on these proposals and a chance to have your say via a short questionnaire can be accessed here www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation

	PROS	CONS
PROPOSAL 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is Leicestershire's traditional Pattern • Offers early school holiday breaks to allow for cheaper breaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very long autumn term, compared to Spring and Summer terms • Not in harmony with others i.e. City schools
PROPOSAL 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn and Spring half term breaks in line with most other admitting authorities including Leicester City 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very long autumn term, compared to Spring and Summer terms
PROPOSAL 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-week autumn half term break • Shorter autumn term • All terms more balance across the whole year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shorter Easter break

[consultation](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation)

The closing date for the consultation is **midnight on Sunday 18th July.**

Today is the last chance for your children to take part in **The Big Ask Survey**. More than 500,000 children and young people, across thousands of schools, have had their say about what matters to them for their future. This week is the last chance for your children to make their voices heard and tell the government what they need in order to have a better future. The survey closes on Friday 28 May. Please click this link! <http://www.thebigask.uk/>



Eye Checks

During the half term break it might be a good time to visit an optician if you have any concerns about your children's eye sight, particularly if your child has not had a check-up for a while, or has missed an eye appointment during the pandemic.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy - Required August 2021

Are you available at lunchtimes every day? Are you looking for part time work? We currently have a lunchtime supervisor vacancy. You will need to help, support and play alongside children aged 4 to 11 outside during their lunchtime break. Please contact the school office for an application pack if you are interested.

Job vacancy



School Uniform Reminder

I know that many parents are starting to purchase uniform for the new academic year.

The Donisthorpe School Uniform is available to purchase from **Ashby Schoolwear** in Ashby or **Pupils Schoolwear** in Swadlincote.

The uniform is:

- ✓ Royal blue Donisthorpe Primary School cardigan/sweatshirt with Logo
- ✓ Optional Royal blue Donisthorpe Primary School fleece
- ✓ White shirt or polo shirt with/without logo or royal blue polo shirt with/without logo
- ✓ Grey/black trousers, shorts or skirt/pinafore
- ✓ White/grey/black socks or white/grey/black/royal blue tights
- ✓ Blue checked summer dress
- ✓ Black school shoes

Please note light/pale blue polo shirts are NOT school uniform and should not be worn.

From September 2021 we will continue to ask the children to wear their outdoor PE kit to school on outdoor PE days (Indoor PE kit can still be kept in school and changed into.)

Our full policy can be found on our website: <http://www.donisthorpeprimary.org/school-uniform.html>

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Sylvie Newman'.

Sylvie Newman,
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Friday 28th May	School closed for half term	
Monday 7th June	School reopens	
Friday 9th July	School closed for Summer holidays	
Wednesday 25th August	School reopens for Autumn Term	
Monday 30th August	School closed for Bank Holiday	

Forest School Dates

Wednesday 9th June	Year 4	All Day
Thursday 17th June	Year 5	All Day
Tuesday 22nd June	Year 6	All Day

EYFS and Year 1 Forest School

Year 1	Every Friday (Last session is on Friday 25 th June)	AM
EYFS	Every Friday (Last session is on Friday 25 th June)	PM

EYFS and Year 1 Multi-Sports Club

Year 1	Every Tuesday (Last session is on Tuesday 29 th June)	3.10pm - 4.00pm
EYFS	Every Wednesday (Last session is on Wednesday 30 th June)	3.10pm - 4.00pm