

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Donisthorpe Days of Culture

Our children began the week immersing themselves in different cultures and faiths. Children across the school took part in a Samba Drumming Workshop and a Bollywood Dancing Workshop- both of which they absolutely loved! They have also tasted food; constructed traditional homes from clay and twigs; learnt about the History and Geography of different continents and explored different faiths. They also explored Black History- finding out about inspirational people past and present.



## PTFA Halloween

The children, and staff, have really enjoyed seeing each other dressed up for Halloween today. Some of the teachers are going to have nightmares tonight! Thank you to the Donisthorpe PTFA for organising this event for our children and for providing the prizes for the winning costume from each class. The prize for the overall winner was kindly donated by the PTFA on behalf of the Snowdome at Tamworth.



Thank you also to all of our parents and carers for their continued support of both the school and the PTFA.

## Head Lice

We have recently had an increased number of reported cases of head lice at school this term. This is not unusual as at any given time 2% of a school population will have head lice. Latest evidence suggests prevention is better than treatment. Washing your child's hair twice a week and using a detection comb with conditioner is effective in early detection and preventing infestation as it removes live lice. If done every 3-4 days, any newly hatched lice will be removed before they are old enough to reproduce. This breaks the life cycle. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## End of Key Stage SATS

The government are intending that the end of Key Stage Assessments will go ahead this year. SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place in the week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022. National testing for Year 2 children will take place during the month of May 2022. We will be holding information meetings regarding testing arrangements for Year 6 and Year 2 later on in the school year.

## Term Dates

Following consultation, Leicestershire County Council has now released terms dates for the next few years. They are available on our school website or on the LA website: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/school-term-dates>

## Morrison's Free Gardening Equipment

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help our school get everything we need to get growing. Please download the Morrisons app to start collecting Grow Tokens and then you will be able to donate them to Donisthorpe. We will be able to exchange the Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment.



## Contact Information

Please remember to regularly update the school office in writing 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.

At Donisthorpe Primary School, we respect your need for privacy and protect any personal information, including but not limited to, any 'personal data' defined in the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 that you share with us. If you would like to find out more information about how we and/or the DfE collect, use and store your personal data, please visit our website Donisthorpe Primary School to download our GDPR Data Protection Policy or request a copy from the school.

## 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](mailto:admissions@leics.gov.uk) or 0116 305 6684.

## 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](mailto:office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk)

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sylvie Newman'.

Sylvie Newman  
Executive Headteacher