



# Donisthorpe News

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, an update on the pandemic. We are experiencing increased staffing absence as a result of positive cases in school, which means that your children may not have their regular class teacher for a 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. There has been an increase in cases among the children in some classes and this is the same in schools locally and nationally. We are continuing to follow any DfE guidance and carry out a range of mitigations as we have done throughout the pandemic.

I am sure that you are all fed up of reading about Covid on our newsletters, I know I am really looking forward to a time when I do not need to write anything about it too! Thank you all again for your ongoing support.



## PTFA Wear Something Red

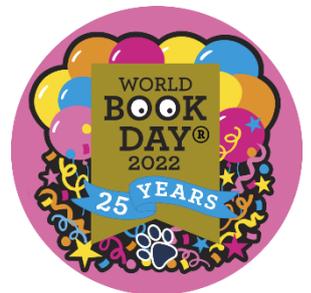
On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February the PTFA are inviting children to celebrate the 'Day of Friendship' by wearing something **red** for a suggested donation of £1.

## Ready Steady Stick February Half Term

If you are looking for something to do with the children, this half term why not go along to Ready Steady Stick on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2-4pm at Measham Church Hall. There will be crafts, games and songs. The theme is "Superheroes: strength". Admission is £1 per child. All children must be accompanied by an adult. To book contact Rev'd Wilma on [revwilmacolley@gmail.com](mailto:revwilmacolley@gmail.com) or phone 07766306227.

## World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We have some great activities planned for the day, including story sharing and stop, drop and read! Children can come to school dressed ready for a bedtime story in their pyjamas, don't forget your favourite book!



## Contact Information

Please remember to regularly update the school office if there are any changes to the contact details we have on record for your child. This is so that you can be contacted in case of an emergency.

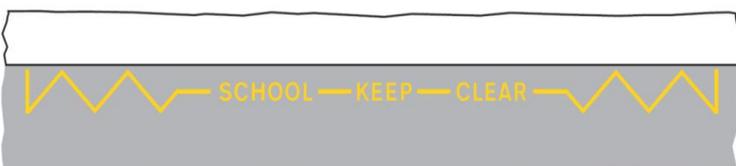
## School Website

Have you visited our school website recently? It is being updated all the time with photos and information about our wonderful school. You can find us at <http://www.donisthorpeprimary.org/>

## Parking issues

Yet again local residents have expressed concerns to me about illegal and unsafe parking and inconsiderate driving or turning in the road at school drop off and collection times. Local residents say they are unable to leave their homes in the morning as cars continue to be parked on pavements. If an ambulance or fire engine needed access to a local home, this could actually put lives at risk. I have contacted Leicestershire County

Council to raise my concerns and to see what support we can receive to resolve this issue. I will be passing on registration numbers of offending vehicles to the police for further investigation from now on.



## Parent Survey

At the start of the year, we undertook a parent survey to gather the valued opinions of our parents and carers about our school. This is particularly important following the pandemic. The results of the survey have been collated we are extremely proud of the outcome. The headlines are below:

**98% of parents say they would recommend Donisthorpe**

<b>98% of parents say that their child is safe at Donisthorpe</b>	<b>98% of parents say that their child is happy at Donisthorpe</b>	<b>89% of parents say that the pupils are well behaved</b>
<b>88% of parents say that we deal with their concerns properly</b>	<b>88% of parents say that their child does well at Donisthorpe</b>	<b>88% of parents say that there is a good range of subjects on offer at Donisthorpe</b>
<b>78% of parents say that their child's wider personal development is supported at Donisthorpe</b>	<b>87% of parents say that their child can take part in clubs and activities at Donisthorpe</b>	<b>86% of parents of children with SEND say that their child is well supported at Donisthorpe</b>
<b>74% of parents say that school lets them know how their child is doing</b>	<b>76% of parents say that we have high expectations for their child</b>	<b>82% of parents say that their child has not experienced bullying</b>

There are some areas where we did not score as highly as we would like- we think that this may be due to Covid, however we will be addressing these areas over the coming months to ensure that there are improvements. We will be focusing on the following areas:

- Informing you about your child's progress and how they are doing in school
- Making clear our approach when resolving your concerns, particularly around bullying
- Involving parents in their child's learning journey, post Covid, so that our high expectations are clear

Thank you for your feedback.

### Message from the National Child Measurement Programme

The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) is a **nationally mandated public health programme** for children in EYFS and Year 6. It provides the data for the child excess weight indicators in the Public Health Outcomes Framework, and is part of the government's approach to tackling child obesity.

### Parent Survey

We would really like your views on NCMP – and how we can help improve children’s health and wellbeing in achieving and maintaining a healthy weight. Please click on the link below or scan the QR code which will take you directly to the survey. This will help us make sure you have the right services which are accessible to support you and your child.

SNAP Survey link <https://bit.ly/3HKocR6> Or hover your phone camera over the QR code and it will take you to the survey



### **Who can help?**

If you are concerned about your child’s weight or eating habits and feel you need support, you can contact the Healthy Child Programme by (link weight management Service)

The Health4kids website can provide additional information:

<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/leicestershire/the-national-child-measurement-programme/>

You can text **Parent Chathealth** on 07520 615382 for information/support. Alternatively, you can go to see your GP to discuss any concerns.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sylvie Newman".

Sylvie Newman  
Executive Headteacher