

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a really busy half term of learning in school and I think we are all ready for a break! As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to thank all parents for their continued support. As a school, we have experienced a higher than usual number of illnesses amongst both the children and the staff, which has meant that staff who are well enough to come in to work have had to work extra hard to ensure everything runs smoothly day-to-day- a huge thank you to our amazing team!

## PTFA Crazy Hat and Hair Day



Thank you to everybody who took part in Crazy Hat & Hair Day today, helping to raise money for our wonderful PTFA. Once again you have all given so generously, thank you! There were certainly some 'interesting' creations on show today, from both the staff and the children!



## Sporting Success

Well done to our Year 4 hockey players last week and to our Year 5 team who performed brilliantly in their Rose Bowl football match on Monday against Woodstone and again last night against Ibstock. Once again, both teams were a credit to our school! Thank you Mr Sherlock for working with the children and also to our parents for all the support you have given.



## Orienteering

Congratulations to our Year 5 children for coming 7<sup>th</sup> overall out of 28 Leicestershire schools who took part in the 'School Sports Partnership North West Leicestershire Orienteering Event' at Donisthorpe Woodlands on Tuesday afternoon.

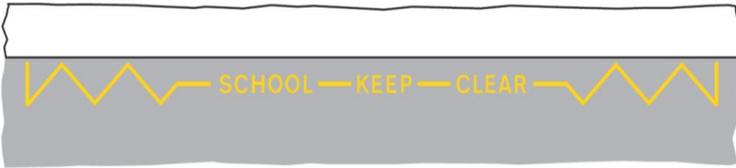


## PE Kit

There are still some children in school on PE days, not wearing the correct PE uniform. Please contact school if you have any questions about the PE kit or speak to a member of SLT if you are having difficulty sourcing a plain black/navy hoodie.

## Parking issues

Yet again local residents, and parents, have expressed concerns 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. We will be passing on registration numbers of offending vehicles to the police for further investigation.

Disabled parking is available at the top of the drive if required. Please ensure you contact the school office and only use this if absolutely necessary.

## Changes to collection arrangements

Please let the school **office** know if there are any changes to your collection arrangements, if your child has a medical appointment or if they are going to be absent, either by telephone or via email [office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk)

## 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.

I hope that you all have a lovely Easter and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

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,

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