

Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

Ambitious Nurturing Positive



Tuesday 9th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children and staff had a wonderful time on Friday celebrating the coronation of King Charles III, with our picnic and party outside! We were so lucky with the weather; the children had an absolute ball! Well done to everyone- and a special thank you to Mrs Bates and the team for our yummy lunch!



Representatives from the Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish council visited us and our EYFS children helped them to plant a commemorative tree on the school site. This week we will also fill and bury our time capsule. We have certainly made some wonderful memories together!



COVID Update – Public Health

There is a new variant circulating, but the legislation and guidance remain unchanged.

Anyone with symptoms of a respiratory infection (such as COVID-19), should try to stay at home if they have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to carry out normal activities. They should avoid contact with others until they no longer have a high temperature and resume normal activities when they are well enough to attend.

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school. Anyone with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing. Essentially, if a child feels well enough to attend to school, they should continue to do so.

Sporting Success!

Well done to the Year 4/5 football team who all played fantastically and showed brilliant determination and sportsmanship in the Rose Bowl. We also gained another trophy for the cabinet when our Year 3/4 tennis players showed true determination and resilience which led them winning the recent Tennis competition! We're so proud of our young sportspeople at Donisthorpe!

End of Key Stage SATS

This week will be dominated by the national Year 6 SATs tests. Our Year 6 children are taking the tests in their stride! The buzz of excitement at this morning's SATs breakfast club was lovely as they approach the tests with confidence and resilience. In our Year 6 class, we have talented mathematicians, future authors, amazing sportspeople and awe-inspiring artists. We have young filmmakers, computer code whizz-kids, hilarious entertainers and commanding public speakers. We have film buffs, animal experts, awesome chefs and fantastic dancers. Most importantly, we have happy young people who know the importance of being kind to each other, working hard, staying positive and looking out for their friends. The tests are just a small part of school life and our children have once again done us - and you - proud. Well done Year 6!

School trips

Teachers have been keen to organise trips and visits for their classes this year, however although the costs of entry to visitor attractions has not increased significantly, the cost of coaches has rocketed due to the high price of diesel/petrol. This may mean that trips may have to be cancelled if we receive insufficient parent contributions.

PTFA events

The amazing PTFA team are busy working behind the scenes on more events before we break for the summer. I have added these new dates to the information at the end of this newsletter and have updated the website accordingly.

- Friday 26th May- Crazy hat and hair day (With school uniform)
- Thursday 8th June- Glass Fashion Evening (There will be a bar so this event will be adults only)
- Thursday 15th June- refreshments stall at school sports day on the field
- Saturday 17th May- PTFA stall at the Community event
- Friday 7th July- Friday Fun Day- disco, stalls and treats

More information on timings, costs and how to book will be sent to you via the PTFA.



Parking issues

Yet again local residents have expressed concerns to me about illegal and unsafe parking around 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 unsafely on pavements. If an ambulance or fire engine needed access to a local home, this could actually put lives at risk.

Please consider parking a short distance from school and walking the remainder of the route. We know time is precious and everyone is busy but the children are also precious and it is only a matter of time before a parent, in a hurry to drop off their child and get on with their day, results in a serious injury or worse.

Local police are happy for residents to send photographs of illegally parked cars to them along with registration numbers.

School Opening Hours Reminder for next academic year!

This means that from the beginning of the Autumn Term (August 2023) we will need to make some changes to the timings of the school day.

After the summer break, our new school opening hours will be:

Doors open at 8.30am
Registration at 8.45am
School closes at 3.15pm



If you have any questions, please phone school or email office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk

Regards,

Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thank you for all of your support with our events and activities so far this year. Please find below information/reminders for the rest of the

academic year- we have tried to include as much information as possible here! This information will be added to the biweekly newsletter and will also be available on the school website.



Easter Break		
17 April	School reopens for Summer Term	8.35am
17 April	Science week	All week
18 April	Forest School Year 3	pm
19 April	Forest School Year 2	pm
20 April	Forest School Year 6	pm
20 April	Year 4 Multiplication check meeting	6.00pm
24 April	Tempest Class photographs	am
25 April	Forest School Year 3	pm
26 April	Forest School Year 3- Hicks Lodge	All day
27 April	Forest School Year 6	pm
27 April	Strike Action – Year 5 class closed, all other classes open	All day
1 May	SCHOOL CLOSED Bank Holiday	All day
2 May	Forest School Year 3	pm
3 May	Strike Action –all classes open	All day
3 May	Forest School Year 4- Hicks Lodge	All day
4 May	Forest School Year 6	pm
5 May	EYFS Forest School	am
5 May	Kings Coronation celebrations 'A Royal Picnic Party'	pm
8 May	SCHOOL CLOSED Bank Holiday- Kings Coronation	All day
9 May	SATS for Year 6	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
9 May	Forest School Year 4	pm
11 May	Forest School Year 2	pm
12 May	EYFS Forest School	am
15 May	Forest School Year 6- Hicks Lodge	All day
16 May	Forest School Year 4	pm
17 May	Forest School Year 5- Hicks Lodge	All day
18 May	Forest School Year 2	pm
19 May	EYFS Forest School	am
22 May	Whole School Maths Day	All day
23 May	Forest School Year 4	pm
25 May	Forest School Year 2	pm
26 May	EYFS Forest School	am
26 May	Crazy hat and hair day (With school uniform)	All day
26 May	School closes for Half Term	3.10pm
May Half Term Break		
5 June	School reopens for children	8.35am
5 June	Year 4 Multiplication check window	All week

6 June	Forest School Year 4	pm
7 June	New EYFS Parents meeting (Autumn 2023 intake)	6.00pm
8 June	Forest School Year 2	pm
8 June	Glass Fashion Evening (There will be a bar so this event will be adults only)	
9 June	EYFS Forest School/Year 1 Forest School	am/pm
12 June	Year 1 phonics check week begins	
13 June	Forest School Year 5	pm
14 June	Saffron Lane- NWLSSP sporting event, selected KS2 children TBC	
15 June	Sports Day- School field refreshments provided by the PTFA	1.00pm
16 June	EYFS Forest School/Year 1 Forest School	am/pm
17 June	Saturday- PTFA stall at the Community event	
19 June	Year 5 Bikeability TBC- details to follow	
13 June	Forest School Year 5	pm
20 June	Forest School Year 5	pm
22 June	Forest School Year 2	pm
23 June	EYFS Forest School/Year 1 Forest School	am/pm
27 June	Forest School Year 5	pm
29 June	Reserve Date for Sports Day- in case of wet weather	1.00pm
30 June	EYFS Forest School/Year 1 Forest School	am/pm
3 July	End of Year Reports out to parents	
4 July	Forest School Year 5	pm
4 July	Open Evening to look at books and discuss reports	3.15pm-4.15pm
5 July	Year 6 transition days to secondary schools	All day
6 July	Year 6 transition days to secondary schools	All day
6 July	In school move up morning EYFS to Year 5	am
6 July	Forest School Year 2	pm
7 July	Additional move up morning for current EYFS children	am
7 July	Friday Fun Day- disco, stalls and treats	pm
10 July	Year 6 Leavers performance	6.00pm
11 July	Year 6 Drayton Manor Reward Trip	All day
12 July	Year 6 Leavers Lunch	All day
12 July	Last day of the school year	3.10pm
Summer Break- have a wonderful Summer!		
29 August	School reopens to children in Year 1-Year 6	
31 August	School reopens to children in EYFS	