

Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week in school. All children have been working hard on their learning and I have seen some excellent writing, maths work and artwork from children who have been sent to my office for a special Headteacher sticker- well done everyone! Walking around classrooms, I have been amazed by the children's fabulous attitudes and hunger for learning- they are all working successfully on their own, in pairs or in small groups: skills that will stand them in great stead as they move on through the school. There is a genuine warmth and enjoyment radiating from classrooms at Donisthorpe and it is so lovely to see! I know that there will be lots of very proud parents and families when you hear more at parents evening next week!



Drinking Water in School

We are trying to encourage children to drink more water during the day! Water is available at lunchtimes and we encourage children to bring in water bottles to class. (Water bottles can be purchased from the office).



Why drink water?

It boosts learning. *When we are thirsty, mental performance including memory, attention and concentration can decrease by around 10%. Pupils concentrate better because they are not distracted by the effects of dehydration such as thirst, tiredness and irritability.*

It's healthy! Drinking enough water regularly throughout the day can protect health and contribute to well-being. It can help prevent a range of health problems that stem from dehydration such as lethargy; dizziness; constipation; headaches and bladder, kidney and bowel problems. In addition, water has none of the health problems associated with drinks containing sugar, additives, sweeteners or caffeine. Remember a hydrated child is a much happier child!

Illness in School

I have been looking at pupil attendance and have noticed that there is a lot of different illness in school at the moment. Following simple steps can help protect our school community and minimise the spread of illness in school.

If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay at home from school until they feel better and the fever has resolved. We will be reminding children about the importance of good hand hygiene and to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues before placing used tissues in a bin.

Additional Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May 2023

Following the announcement of His Majesty's Coronation on Saturday 6th May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced for Monday 8th May. School will be closed on this day and will reopen on Tuesday 9th May.



Parking

Can I ask that you are considerate to local residents and other parents whilst coming and going from school; please do not block other people's paths and driveways. Please consider parking a short distance from school and walking the remainder of the route.

If you see unsafe road use I recommend that you do not approach other road users and contact the police to report your concerns.

End of Key Stage SATS

SATS week for our current Year 6 children will take place from Tuesday 9th May 2023 with the last test being on Friday 12th May.

National testing for Year 2 children will take place during the month of May 2023. We will be sharing information regarding testing arrangements for Year 6 and Year 2 later on in the school year.

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

Regards,

Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

LOVE YOURSELF DAY

Tuesday 14th February 2023

We all think you are wonderful just the way you are!

Come to school on Tuesday 14th Feb as 'you'. No uniform, just in whatever makes you feel happy and comfortable!

Suggested donation - give what you can

Hot chocolate and Valentine's bakes in the playground after school

***All money goes to the children of Donisthorpe Primary School**

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