



# Donisthorpe News

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

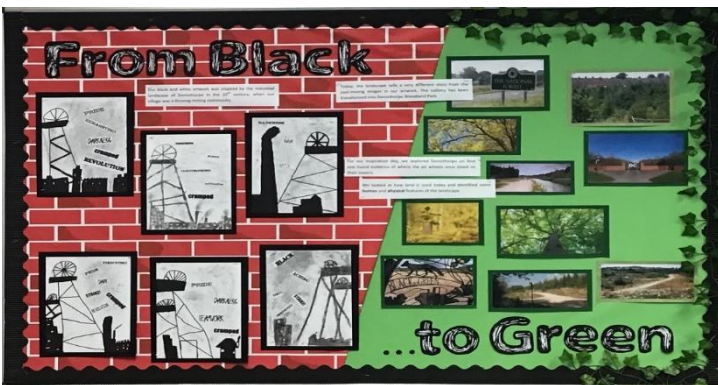
Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to 2019!

We have lots of exciting opportunities planned for the children this year at Donisthorpe Primary School and we can't wait to get started!

Year 1 had a busy inspiration day for new topic, 'A Moment In Time'. They visited the bakery on pudding lane; made medieval fine cakes; mixed colours for fire artwork and stained paper in preparation for their senses poetry.



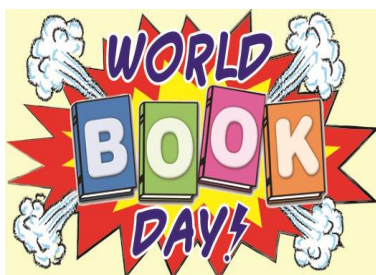
After learning about the history of mining in Donisthorpe and the whole country, Year 6 produced artwork based on what they thought life as a miner might be like.



## School Clubs

A letter will be sent home next week with information about the different clubs that will be on offer to the children during the spring term.

## World Book Day



This year World Book Day is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. We will be marking the day by having a day of bedtime stories! There will be lots of different activities during the day and throughout the week...we even have a few surprises planned! To keep things as simple as possible for our families, we will be asking children to come to school in their pyjamas, rather than spending money on costumes! It is still a little way off but we thought that you would want as much notice as possible!

## Parents Evening

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm – 6.30pm is Parents Evening. We will notify you when the online booking system is open for you to book an appointment with your child's class teacher.

## Winter illness

It is essential you contact the school whenever your child is absent or will be late.

If your child is unwell with diarrhoea or vomiting, government guidelines for schools state that 'children should stay away from school for 2 days after their symptoms have gone'. Further advice and information can be found on the NHS website.

## Weather Watch



We have been very lucky with the weather so far this winter, but you never know what's around the corner! In the unlikely event of closure, please listen to BBC Radio Leicester (104.9 FM) for an announcement. We will also use our text messaging service to let you know if closure is necessary. We will do this as soon as the decision is made. Finally, we will put the information on the front page of our school website and on the school's Facebook page. I do hope that we will not have to close, but if we do, we will endeavour to keep you as well informed as possible.

## Reminders

- **Parent Forum** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 9.00am and 2.30pm
- **Homework Information Evening for parents/carers** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 6.00pm

## End of Key Stage SATS

**SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place in the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020.** National testing for Year 2 children will take place during the month of May 2020. We will be holding information meetings regarding testing arrangements for Year 6 and Year 2 later on in the term.

## Apply for a Primary School Place

The deadline for applying for a *Primary School* place is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. For applications, the simplest way is online at: [www.leics.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leics.gov.uk/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.

## 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.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to talk to me or to your child's class teacher.

*Sylvie Newman*

**Executive Headteacher**

## Donisthorpe School Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
<b>13 Jan</b>	Parent Forum	9am & 2.30pm
<b>16 Jan</b>	Year 5/6 Young Voices	pm
<b>16 Jan</b>	Year 6 Swimming	pm
<b>17 Jan</b>	Year 5 Forest School	All Day
<b>23 Jan</b>	Year 6 Swimming	pm
<b>23 Jan</b>	Homework Information Evening	6.00pm
<b>24 Jan</b>	Year 4 Drumming Performance	1.30pm
<b>29 Jan</b>	Year 6/EYFS height/weight checks	am
<b>30 Jan</b>	Year 6 Swimming	pm
<b>6 Feb</b>	Year 5 Swimming	pm
<b>10 Feb</b>	Year 3/4 Performance 'Hoodwinked'	1.30pm
<b>10 Feb</b>	Parents Evening	3.30pm – 6.30pm
<b>11 Feb</b>	Year 3/4 Performance 'Hoodwinked'	9.30am
<b>13 Feb</b>	Year 5 Swimming	pm
<b>13 Feb</b>	Parents Evening	3.30pm – 6.30pm
<b>14 Feb</b>	School closes for Half-Term	3.10pm
<b>Half-Term Break</b>		
<b>24 Feb</b>	School reopens to children	8.40am