

Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 14th December 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas has well and truly arrived at Donisthorpe, the tree is up and we even had snow during playtime this week!

Christmas Singing

It was a few weeks ago, but well done to our amazing choir who sang so brilliantly at in the Christmas event in Ashby! Everyone was singing and clapping along! Thank you to Miss Bloor for braving the cold to conduct and organise the children...they all did us proud!! Thank you also to all the parents who came along to support the children.



A huge thank you to all our PTFA who organised the fabulous disco last week, the children all thoroughly enjoyed it. Your help in making Christmas such a special time here at Donisthorpe is very much appreciated. Children and staff looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers and outfits too.



Massive congratulations and well done to all the children and staff involved in the EYFS and Year 1 production of 'Prickly Hay'. The acting, singing, dancing and narrating were all absolutely fabulous and I know that everyone who came to watch left feeling thoroughly Christmassy! And wasn't it fabulous to be watching a live performance this year too? Well done children, we are all very proud of

each and every one of you!



Our Year 2 and Key Stage 2 children also amazed us with their Christmas Service in school on Monday. It really was an extravaganza! Thank you and well done to all involved, every child gave a fabulous performance and should be very proud of their singing, poetry and acting.

Warm Clothes

In the last week or so the weather has turned much colder. Please make sure that your child has a warm and waterproof coat in school and that they have extra layers, particularly on PE days when the children wear their PE kit to school.



Dodgeball

Well done to the school's dodgeball team who came second in last week's competition- they played really well and showed great sportsmanship.

Strep A and Scarlet Fever

As you are aware, cases of Strep A and Scarlet Fever are on the rise. Please remain vigilant for: a sore throat, headache and fever as well as a fine, pinkish or red body rash which feels like sandpaper to the touch. On darker skin, this will be more difficult to see but will still have a sandpaper feel.

Please contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has Scarlet Fever, check the NHS link for further details. [Scarlet fever - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

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. We will contact parents of children in Year 6 who are due to take SATs national tests in the week beginning 8th May with further details about possible changes to the assessment timetable when we have more information from the DfE.

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.

Apply for a School Place – Primary

Is your child due to start school in September 2023? The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is **15th January 2023**. To make your application please click the link below:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions>

If you need any further information, please contact the Admissions team on admissions@leics.gov.uk or 0116 305 6684.

This will be my last newsletter of 2022; Donisthorpe Primary School continues to go from strength to strength and it really has been a wonderful term! We have the most amazing children, dedicated and talented staff, supportive parents and we are blessed to be situated in a great community! Thank you to you all for your support in 2022, we are already looking forward to a spectacular 2023!

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

Regards,

Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

15 Dec	Christmas Lunch	
16 Dec	Pantomime in school	pm
16 Dec	Break the Rules Day- 50p for every rule broken!	All Day
16 Dec	School closes for the Christmas break	
Christmas Break- have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!		
3 Jan	School Reopens to children	8.40am

