

Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

Ambitious Nurturing Positive



Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy few weeks here at Donisthorpe Primary School, with lots of exciting things happening.



Red Nose Day 2024

We had an absolutely fantastic Red Nose Day! The school was a sea of red as our wonderful children, and staff came together to support this amazing cause. From crazy hairstyles to wacky outfits, everyone went above and beyond to raise funds for Comic Relief. I must say, seeing all the happy and excited children in school brought a smile to my face. We have raised over £200, which is

wonderful. Thank you to all who participated and donated – you truly made a difference! Look out on social media later for lots of pictures!

World Book Day 2024

Last week we celebrated World Book Day. Our school transformed into a magical land of literary wonders as children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters, or came dressed in their comfortable clothes, ready to read. From Harry Potter to Alice in Wonderland, the creativity and enthusiasm was simply outstanding. It was a day filled with imagination, adventure, and a whole lot of fun!



Junior

Speak- Rotary Club Event

Wow!!! Well done to the fantastic Year 6 children who participated in Ashby Rotary Club's Junior Speak event this week. All children gave a speech on a chosen subject in front of an audience of peers, children and grownups from other schools. We were absolutely blown away by their confidence! Well done children!

Forest Schools

Our forest school sessions continue to be a tremendous success, with children getting the chance to connect with nature and learn in a

whole new way. From den building to bug hunting, our children have been getting their hands dirty and their minds engaged. It's been truly heart-warming to see the joy on their faces as they discover the



wonders of the natural world. A big shout out to Little Acorns Forest School team for making this experience possible!

Sporting News from Miss Morton

The spring term kicked off with a selection of Year 5 and 6 pupils attending a basketball tournament at Castle Rock School. The team started off excellently winning their first game 6-0, which was a brilliant start! The team continued to show amazing determination, perseverance and team work throughout the event but sadly lost in the semi-final. Later in the term during February a small group of children attended an archery festival where they joined other local schools to enjoy an archery morning and build upon their confidence.

Our cross country runners have worked really hard this season- we had a huge turnout of runners with great placings at the School Cross Country Races on Saturday mornings. Some of our children ran last weekend representing North West Leicestershire at the Cross County Championships which they'd qualified for following the School Cross Country Races.

Both girls did amazingly well, placing 2nd and 3rd for the County. The run included runners from athletics clubs as well as schools and there were 114 finishers. What an amazing achievement! We are so proud of how well they did. They did Donisthorpe proud!

We are extremely proud of all of the children who have represented our school for sport this term.



Time keeping

Over the last few weeks, we have seen an increasing number of children arriving late for school in the mornings. This is incredibly unsettling for the children and does not allow them to enjoy a smooth start to the school day with their peers.

We always give any late comers a warm welcome, but it can be upsetting for children to enter the class after everyone else. It also means that the reception area can become very congested and busy first thing in the morning. Please be aware that teachers often focus on some of the most important things for children early in the morning because research shows this is when they are at their most receptive. If your child is regularly late for school, they will consistently miss this important part of their learning!

Remember, doors close at 8.45am!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued support. It is your involvement and encouragement that make Donisthorpe a truly special learning environment for our children. Remember, if you ever have any questions, please phone school or email office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sylvie Newman".

Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

2023-2024 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below dates for this 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. newsletter and will also be available on the school website.



22 Mar	School closes for Easter	3.15pm
Easter Break		
8 Apr	School reopens for children	8.30am
18 Apr	Class Photos	am
6 May	School closed for Bank Holiday	All day
13 May	Year 6 SATS week	
17 May	Year 6 Forest School Hicks Lodge	
24 May	PTFA Friday Funday / Spring Fair	
24 May	School closes for Half Term	3.15pm
May Half term		
3 Jun	School reopens for children	8.30am
3 Jun	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
10 Jun	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
10 Jun	Year 1 phonics check week begins	
12 Jun	Saffron Lane- NWLSSP sporting event, selected KS2 children TBC	
14 Jun	Sports Day- School field refreshments provided by the PTFA	1.00pm
26 Jun	Ashby School Induction Day for Year 6	
27 Jun	Reserve Date for Sports Day- in case of wet weather	1.00pm
3 Jul	End of Year Reports out to parents	
4 Jul	In school move up morning EYFS to Year 5	am
4 Jul	Open Afternoon to look at books and discuss reports	3.15pm-4.15pm
5 Jul	Year 6 Leavers performance	2.00pm
8 Jul	Year 6 Drayton Manor Reward Trip	All day
9 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Lunch	
9 Jul	Last day of the school year	
Summer Break- have a wonderful Summer!		
27 Aug	School reopens for children	8.30am