

Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 16th June 2023

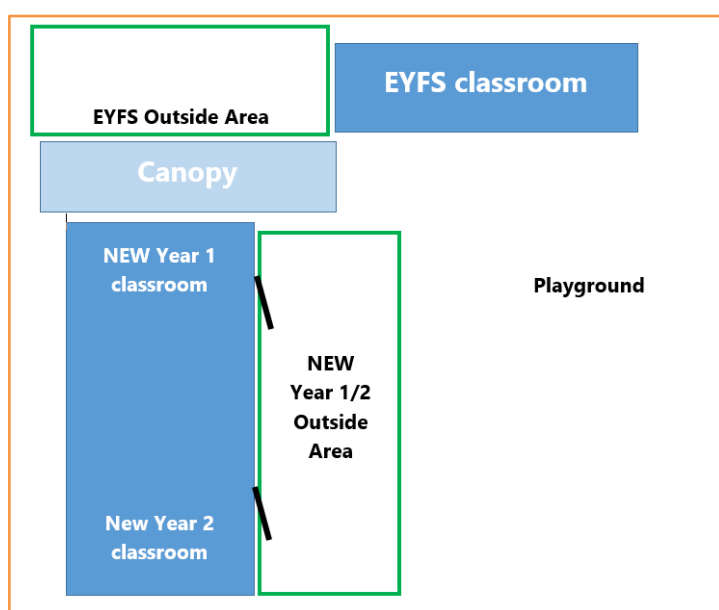


Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely, sunny few weeks we have had in school! The children have coped brilliantly in the heat and teachers have taken learning outside whenever possible. Thank you to parents who have ensured that the children have water in school, hats to wear and are sun creamed ready for the day!

With the summer holiday on the horizon we are doing all that we can in school to help prepare the children for next year academic year. Staff have been meeting to hand over information about the children, such as medical, academic and more personal information. We work hard to ensure that your child's new classteacher has all of the information that they need to give your child the best start possible to the new academic year. Class teachers are really looking forward to meeting their new classes on move up morning in the next few weeks.

You may have noticed that the classrooms facing the playground, had doors installed a while ago, our plan is that next year the Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be moving into these rooms. Over the summer we will have fencing put in place to create an outside space so that the Year 1 and Year 2 children can access this during their learning. (See diagram) The Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms will move to the front of the school.



We will be swapping classrooms over on **Wednesday 5th July** in preparation for the class move up morning. **This means that current Year 1 and current Year 2 children will move into new classrooms for the remainder of the year.**

From **Thursday 6th July**, Year 1 and 2 children can be dropped off at the playground gate (where EYFS are currently dropped off) and they can be collected from their new classroom door- we will remind you on the gate in the morning!

I hope that this classroom move will also help us in the Autumn Term when drop off times will be earlier.



End of year reports

End of year reports will come home on **Monday 3rd July**. I will send out a link for you to write a comment about the report and there will also be an option (if required) to have a telephone conversation with your child's class teacher. These calls will take place before the end of term.

Open Classroom

On **Tuesday 4th July** there will be an open classroom from 3.10 to 4.15pm. this will be a final chance to visit your child's class and look at their books.

Thursday 6th July- Move up Day

Your child will come into school as normal and will be registered by their current class teacher. At 9.10am the children will be taken into the hall and will be collected by their new class teacher. They will spend time in their new classroom becoming familiar with new staff and routines. Teachers have planned a range of fun activities that are going to whet the appetite of the children so that they will be excited about the prospect of returning to school at the end of August!

All staff are working hard over these final few weeks to ease any anxieties and send everyone off to their summer holiday feeling happy and confident!



Sports Day

Sports Day on Thursday 15th June was another resounding success! The sun shone and the children jumped, hopped, skipped and ran with enormous smiles on their faces! The children were cheered on by a huge crowd of parents, grandparents and friends; I think it was the biggest turnout yet, and so lovely to see so many of you joining us! There really was a wonderful atmosphere! Well done to all the children who took part! Thank you to, Miss Morton for her excellent organisation and to the whole staff team for pulling together to ensure the event ran smoothly. A final thank you to the PTFA for their welcome refreshments!

Area Athletics at Saffron Lane

Well done to all of the children who took part in this year's Area Athletics championships at Saffron Lane Stadium in Leicester this week. The children showed excellent sportsmanship, were brilliantly behaved and performed to the best of their abilities. Well done to all of the children and to the staff who gave up their time to take the children to the event and the huge crowd of parents who came to cheer the children on! Good work Team Donisthorpe!

School dinner costs

Unfortunately, the impact of continuing rising food costs means that we will be putting up the cost of school meals from the Autumn Term. **The new cost for a school meal will be £2.55 per day, £12.75 per week starting from when school reopens in August.**

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



School Uniform- please see the school website for the full policy

The Donisthorpe School Uniform is available to purchase from **Ashby Schoolwear** in Ashby or **Pupils Schoolwear** in Swadlincote.

The uniform is:

- ✓ Royal blue Donisthorpe Primary School cardigan/sweatshirt with/without logo (An optional logoed Fleece is also available from suppliers)
- ✓ White shirt or polo shirt with/without logo or royal blue polo shirt with/without logo
- ✓ Grey/black trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt
- ✓ White/grey/black socks or white/grey/black/royal blue tights
- ✓ Blue checked summer dress
- ✓ Black school shoes

Please note light/pale blue polo shirts are NOT acceptable.

Please name all items, including shoes and coats, to ensure lost items can be identified and quickly returned to their owner!

Footwear

Children should wear black school **shoes** for school. They should not wear heeled shoes, 'Ugg' style boots, knee-high boots or trainers. In the winter boots may be worn to school and changed into for break/lunch times. (If in doubt please speak to the Headteacher before purchasing footwear.)

PE Uniform

PE kits are essential. PE kit should be named and stored in a named PE Bag. A School PE bag can be purchased from our uniform suppliers.

Indoor

- ✓ Blue school logo PE shirt (or plain royal blue/white T-Shirt)
- ✓ Blue or black shorts
- ✓ Plimsolls

Outdoor

- ✓ Blue school logo PE shirt (or plain royal blue/white T-Shirt)
- ✓ Blue or black shorts/track suit or jogging bottoms with sweatshirt
- ✓ Trainers

The school reserves the right to require pupils to change any items of clothing, headgear or footwear, which are considered unsuitable for school wear.

**We believe that parents should not struggle with the cost of school uniform. A selection of nearly new uniform is available from school- please contact school for more information or if you need any support or advice.*

Advance Warning Of Motorway Closure due to HS2

There will be a temporary full closure of both the M42 southbound and northbound, between junctions 9 and 10 from 9pm on Friday 7th July to 5am Monday 10th July 2023. Diversions will be in place.

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.



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
30 June	EYFS Forest School/Year 1 Forest School	am
30 June	Friday Fun Day- PFFA disco, stalls and treats	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	3.10pm-4.15pm
4 July	EYFS to Year 1 additional move up morning	
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	EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic at Hicks Lodge	All day
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	