

Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

Ambitious Nurturing Positive



Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Autumn term is well underway, and is proving to be a busy and industrious one for us all! On Friday 10th November the whole school came together, to commemorate Remembrance Day, honouring those who have lost their lives in combat during wartime. The children gathered together to show their respect during the two minutes' silence. Well done and thank you children for marking this occasion so thoughtfully and respectfully. Thank you also for donating so very generously this year through our school based collection tins to the Royal British Legion and for wearing your poppies with pride.

On Saturday 11th November, some of our children took part in Cross Country running at Sir John Moore Primary School. It really was an enjoyable morning! Well done to all our runners who ran with determination and enthusiasm- receiving some excellent placings and more importantly smiling the whole way round. Thank you to all those parents who came to support and to Mr Williamson- who took charge of Donisthorpe and Hill top runners!



This year we took part in odd socks day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. The children have completed lots of activities in class about what bullying is and what they can do and who to talk to if they are worried. We have also talked about kindness, kind hands and how to follow the Donisthorpe Way.

Children in Need- Friday 17th November

To help raise money for this fantastic cause, today children came dressed in spots to join in with the Great SPOTacular Appeal. and looked absolutely amazing! Thank you so much for your kind donations.



Behaviour Policy Review

We are currently working behind the scenes, to develop a new school behaviour policy. We currently use Golden Time, however; we feel that with the changes to society post pandemic and the challenges faced in school by some children with regards to anxiety and mental health, the time is right to make some changes.

Mr Williamson and I are currently reading up to date research to ensure that any changes we make are suited to our school community. We always have high expectations of behaviour and we seek to create an environment which encourages and reinforces positive behaviour and fosters positive attitudes. There are occasions when we will need to deal with poor behaviour choices and the policy will outline any sanctions for poor choices, should they arise.

As part of this review, we would like to hear your views! Please click the link below to add any comments or suggestions! <https://forms.office.com/e/ZwDwQy2tT8>

Latest COVID-19 guidance from the Department for Education- we have several confirmed cases in school, please look out for symptoms.

- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

Preloved School Uniform

It is our priority to ensure that school uniform is of low cost and that parents are able to access second hand uniform. **Pre-loved school uniform is now available at the shop in Donisthorpe, they hold a stock of second hand uniform in all sizes- please do pop in and speak to Mr and Mrs Barthorpe!**

Donisthorpe Trim Trail Fundraiser

I want to say a huge thank you to you all for your efforts with our recent Trim Trail Fundraiser- **together you have raised an amazing £1732.42!!!!**

This a wonderful total and along with the other donations from the Community Group and PTFA, will go a long way towards funding the total cost of the equipment!

As you can see, installation of the trim trail has begun today. This means that weather permitting, the children should be able to use the equipment next week!

If you have any donations or fundraising sheets at home, can I ask that any outstanding money be sent to school no later than Monday 20th November.

Thank you all once again for your support!

Primary School Places

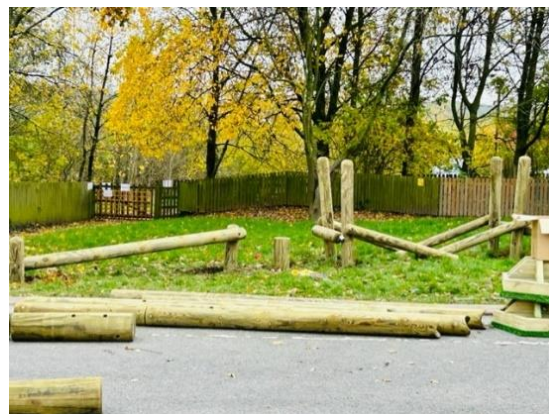
The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is **15th January 2024**. Parents still have plenty of time to choose your child's school place for September 2024! We welcome visits to our amazing school where you can meet the team and our wonderful children! We look forward to welcoming you! For applications, the simplest way is online at: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions>

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

Regards,



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.



30 Nov	PTFA BonMas Disco	
7 Dec	Xmas Jumper Day – PTFA Hot Chocolate in Playground - Choir	
8 Dec	Year 4 Ukulele Performance	TBA
13 Dec	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity	2.30pm
14 Dec	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity	9.15am
18 Dec	Yr2 & KS2 Christmas Service in School	9.10 Red/Yellow 9.50 Green/Blue
19 Dec	PTFA Breakfast with Santa	
21 Dec	Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk	pm
22 Dec	School closes for Christmas	
Christmas Break		
8 Jan	School reopens for children	8.30am
24 Jan	Young Voices Year 5/6	
30 Jan	PTFA Bags2School Clothing Collection	
30 Jan	PTFA Glass Fusion Evening	
6 Feb	Safer Internet Day	
9 Feb	Mid-Year reports sent home	
12 Feb	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
14 Feb	PTFA Love Yourself Day	
15 Feb	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
16 Feb	Everyone Belongs Day	
16 Feb	School closes for half term	3.15pm
February Half term		
26 Feb	School reopens for children	8.30am
27 Feb	Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents	5.00pm
7 Mar	World Book Day	All day
8 Mar	PTFA Mother's Day – Pop up Shop Flowers/Gifts for sale	
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	

TBC	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	Open Evening to look at books and discuss reports	3.15pm-4.15pm
4 Jul	In school move up morning EYFS to Year 5	am
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