

Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn term is well underway, and is proving to be a busy and industrious one for us all! On Friday 11th 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 outside 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 12th 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!

This year we took part in odd socks day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. In assembly we read the story called 'Odd Dog Out' about a dog who feels like he never quite fits in. 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 and how to follow the Donisthorpe Way.



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 week beginning 8th May, with further details about possible changes to the assessment timetable when we have more information from the DfE.

Parent Survey

We are always looking for ways that we can improve our school- please complete this short survey to help us with our future planning. There are some general questions and some more focussed ones about the school day, communication and wrap around care. Thank you in advance for your time.

<https://forms.office.com/r/XDDpjJSLfK>

Residential for current Year 4 and Year 5 Feedback

Thank you to the parents and carers of children in the current Year 4 and Year 5 classes who have responded to the survey about our next residential, 25 parents completed the survey. We had intended to

go back to opening the residential trip to both Year 5 and Year 6 year groups and to venture to France for the residential, for the first time post Covid.

Having been aboard to France with the children before, it really is an amazing opportunity- something the children (and staff) will remember for ever. However, as a school, we cannot ignore the current financial climate that is challenging many of our families- this situation will no doubt worsen during 2023 with mortgage rates rising and other cost of living increases.

With this in mind, we have a responsibility as a school to not further stretch our families by asking them to commit to a large amount of money to fund a residential to France. We want as many children as possible to attend each residential we run and we do not want finances to be a barrier to participation. This means that the proposed French residential for current Year 4 and Year 5 children in November 2023, will not go ahead.

Instead I am currently researching an alternative residential, that is closer to school, to try to reduce costs even further. This will be open to current Year 5 children when they reach Year 6 in 2023. Current Year 4 children will then have the opportunity to participate in a similar residential when they reach Year 6 in 2024.

We hope to be able to visit France again in 2025, by which time the current financial crisis will (hopefully) have passed. I will write to parents again when I have more information.

Illness in school

If your child is ill and cannot attend school, please call or email the school office on the first morning ideally by 9.30am. If your child has a medical appointment during the school day, please write a note to their class teacher explaining the absence and, at what time you would like to collect them from reception. If the appointment is before school, please inform the office if your child requires a hot meal, as these must be ordered by 9.30 am.

To help us keep children healthy we do ask all parents to keep all children at home when they have sickness or diarrhoea or any other infectious condition. We ask that children remain at home for at least 48 hours from their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea so that they are fully recovered to avoid spreading the illness to others.

If your child becomes ill at school and needs to go home, we will contact you straight away. If you change your address or phone numbers, it is essential that you inform the school office straight away so that they can keep the contact information for your child current and up to date.

Children in Need- Friday 18th November

To help raise money for this fantastic cause, today children came dressed in spots, stripes or brights and looked absolutely amazing! Thank you so much for your kind donations.



World Cup Kick Off Day

On **Monday 21st November**, we are holding our 'World Cup Kick Off Day'. Children are invited to come to school in football kit, sports gear or other clothing that represent the country they will be supporting throughout the World Cup. In the afternoon KS1 and KS2 children, that choose to, will have the opportunity to watch England vs Iran live in school.

CHRISTMAS



The PTFA & Donisthorpe Primary School Presents:

The Xmas Dance

Friday 9th December



£3.30
Per child or £8 per family of 3 children

**Entrance fee includes a drink, crisps, a biscuit and a present from Santa*

3:10pm to 4:10pm
EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

4:30pm to 5:30pm
Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6



Please join our Facebook Group using Q Code above or by searching Donisthorpe Primary School PTFA

*All money goes to the children of Donisthorpe Primary School

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

Regards,

Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

Dairy Dates Autumn 2022

Date	Event/Year Group	Time
Friday 18 November	Children in Need – come to school dressed in spots, stripes or brights! Please bring a cash donation (suggested £1 or whatever you can spare).	All day
Monday 21 November	World Cup Kick Off Day- Children are invited to come to school in football kit, sports gear or other clothing that represent the country they will be supporting throughout the World Cup	All day
Thursday 8 December	EYFS and Year 1 Nativity	2.00pm/6.00pm
Monday 12 December	Christmas Celebration Festival at St John's Church, Donisthorpe- Year's 2/3/4/5/6	9.30am
Thursday 15 December	Christmas Lunch	
Friday 16 December	Pantomime in school	
End of Autumn Term- School reopens on Tuesday 3 January		

