

Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

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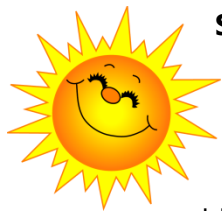
Friday 24th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you; I hope that you enjoyed the Easter break and that you were able to take the opportunity to meet with friends and family and enjoy some slightly warmer weather. Children across the school are working hard and are enjoying being back at school. The Summer Term is always a full one and we have so much to fit into the next 10 and a half weeks! Please do keep a close eye on the dates at the end of this newsletter, so that you don't miss anything!

New EYFS children

Congratulations to those pupils who were offered a place in EYFS at Donisthorpe for August, we are delighted that your child will be joining our school and we look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks. Further information will be sent to families separately, giving you all the details that you will need to know prior to your child starting school.



Sunny Weather

As I write this newsletter, it is raining and not terribly warm yet- when the weather eventually warms up we encourage parents to send children to school with a sun hat for playtime, as the sun is always at its strongest when the children are playing outside. Sun cream should be applied before school, if sending sun cream into school, children should be able to apply it themselves. Please also make sure that everything sent into school is named.

End of Key Stage SATS

SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place in the week beginning Tuesday 8th May 2023. National testing for Year 2 children will take place during the month of May 2023. The Year 1 Phonics check will take place during June and the Year 4 multiplication check from Monday 3rd June.



The Coronation of King Charles III

To commemorate this occasion, on Friday 5th May we would like children to come to school dressed in red, white and blue (or they could even dress as a member of the royal family!).

In classes during the day, children will be making crowns and flags and taking part in other fun activities. Children will also be making banners and bunting to display in school. At 12.30pm we will all go out into the school grounds (weather permitting) and have a picnic and a good old-fashioned party! (Mrs Bates with be doing a special celebratory picnic menu- including a delicious red, white and blue cupcake! This can be

ordered in the normal way.) We will need a few picnic blankets to sit on whilst we eat, so if you have one that you can spare for the afternoon please us know!

As the Coronation marks an historic moment in the life of our children, during the day we will be putting together a Time Capsule that will be preserved for future generations to discover so that we can record as a school community this special moment in time. Each class will contribute to the capsule and it will be buried on our school site, for future generations to discover- maybe at the next coronation!

Industrial Action at Donisthorpe Primary School

The next dates scheduled for industrial action are Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd March 2023.

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL 2023	Our Year 5 class will be closed. All other classes will be open.
TUESDAY 2ND MAY 2023	All classes will be open.

I appreciate that this industrial action will cause disruption and that some families will have to make alternative arrangements for childcare. I am sorry for the inconvenience this will cause. The attendance of children whose classes are affected by strike action will not be affected. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

The strike action on Thursday 27th April means that Tempest will not be in school to take class photographs. **Class photographs will instead be on Monday 24th April.** If your child would normally have PE on this day- please send them in their uniform and their PE kit to change into. Thank you.

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



Dates for your Diary

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.



Easter Break		
17 April	School reopens for Summer Term	8.35am
17 April	Science week	All week
18 April	Forest School Year 3	pm
19 April	Forest School Year 2	pm
20 April	Forest School Year 6	pm
20 April	Year 4 Multiplication check meeting	6.00pm
24 April	Tempest Class photographs	am
25 April	Forest School Year 3	pm
26 April	Forest School Year 3- Hicks Lodge	All day
27 April	Forest School Year 6	pm
27 April	Strike Action – Year 5 class closed, all other classes open	All day
1 May	SCHOOL CLOSED Bank Holiday	All day
2 May	Forest School Year 3	pm
3 May	Strike Action –all classes open	All day
3 May	Forest School Year 4- Hicks Lodge	All day
4 May	Forest School Year 6	pm
5 May	EYFS Forest School	am
5 May	Kings Coronation celebrations 'A Royal Picnic Party'	pm
8 May	SCHOOL CLOSED Bank Holiday- Kings Coronation	All day
9 May	SATS for Year 6	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
9 May	Forest School Year 4	pm
11 May	Forest School Year 2	pm
12 May	EYFS Forest School	am
15 May	Forest School Year 6- Hicks Lodge	All day
16 May	Forest School Year 4	pm
17 May	Forest School Year 5- Hicks Lodge	All day
18 May	Forest School Year 2	pm
19 May	EYFS Forest School	am
22 May	Whole School Maths Day	All day
23 May	Forest School Year 4	pm
25 May	Forest School Year 2	pm
26 May	EYFS Forest School	am
26 May	School closes for Half Term	3.10pm
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
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	1.00pm
16 June	EYFS Forest School/Year 1 Forest School	am/pm
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
29 June	Reserve Date for Sports Day- in case of wet weather	1.00pm
30 June	EYFS Forest School/Year 1 Forest School	am/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	3.15pm-4.15pm
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	Additional move up morning for current EYFS children	am
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	