

Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 24th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy few weeks at Donisthorpe- the colder weather seems to be disappearing and I even saw the sun make an appearance when I was on the gate this week! Do not forget that we lose an hour this weekend when the clocks 'spring forward' as we hopefully welcome the even more sunny days of Spring and Summer.



School Library

The children have been loving seeing mural artist **Jo Bell** create our new school library mural outside the library. They have loved watching her work and seeing the different book characters begin to appear. I am sure that you will agree the finished mural is absolutely amazing!

School Opening Hours

You may remember that some of the questions in our last parent survey related to the timings of the school day. This is because the government has set the expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a school week of a minimum

32 hours and 30 minutes by September 2023, our school week is currently only 31 hours and 15 minutes.

The 32 hours and 30 minute minimum expectation includes the time from the official start of the school day (i.e. morning registration) to the official end to the compulsory school day (i.e. official home time). The minimum expectation includes breaks and lunch times as well as teaching time.

This means that from the beginning of the Autumn Term (August 2023) 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



As you can see there will still be a 15-minute window for children to arrive each day, before the doors close in the morning- this is to help ease congestion on Ashby Road before school. I am providing you all with this information now so that you can let your child care providers know- I will ensure that you have lots of reminders before the change is made!

Healthy Snack

Please ensure that you provide a healthy snack, for example a piece of fruit or vegetable for your child's break time snack. I am seeing different things such a chocolate and crisps at break time- which I imagine are taken from lunch boxes...remember that fruit is available for Key Stage 1 children and children will be given reminders in school. Many thanks in supporting us being a healthy school

Year 4 Multiplication Check Meeting

Year 4 Mr Williamson and Mrs Moore will be holding a short meeting for parents of children in Year 4 to explain about the forthcoming government multiplication check. The meeting will be held on **Thursday 20th April at 6.00pm** in the school hall- the meeting is not suitable for children. We look forward to seeing Year 4 parents there.

Keeping Children Safe

Most things have evolved since the 70s, and yet the fundamental lesson we use to keep our children safe – 'Stranger Danger' – has not. Most strangers pose no threat to children, it is not always strangers that try to harm children, and teaching 'Stranger Danger' can create some fear and suspicion. After half term in assemblies we will be talking to the children about how to keep themselves safe- focusing on unsafe situations – not just on strangers – using the phrase CLEVER NEVER GOES. The aim is to teach children that they must never go anywhere with anyone, a stranger or a familiar face, unless plans have been made beforehand. It tells them that following the rules makes them clever, gives them the confidence to trust their instincts and teaches them how to react to unsafe situations.

Year 5 Swimming

Next week's swimming session for Year 5 is the last of this academic year's sessions. I know that some children are nervous about going swimming with their class, but as we live close to open water, it is such an important life skill for the children to acquire. The instructors were full of praise for them all, they showed perseverance and resilience throughout their lessons. Well done children.



Year 5/6 Hockey

Well done to our awesome Year 5/6 hockey team! Who got through to the final and beat their opponents to win the trophy! Excellent teamwork and skill!

Absence from school

Parents/carers must notify the school of the reason for the absence on the first day of an unplanned absence by 9.30am or as soon as practically possible by calling Mrs Webb in the school office. It is really important that when reporting

absence, parents inform us of the reason that their child is unable to come to school. thank you for your support.

PTFA Flowers for the Superwoman in your life!

Thank you so much to the PTFA for organising this lovely event- the children enjoyed choosing their bouquets and writing a message for the 'Superwomen' in their lives. I hope you all had a special day!



Kitchen Assistant Vacancy- Required As Soon As Possible

We are looking for **Kitchen Assistant** to join our amazing kitchen team at Donisthorpe Primary School.

Fixed term contract until Wednesday 12th July 2023

Grade 2

5 days per week Monday to Friday

Hours: 11.15am to 1.30pm- school term time only

Please return completed applications via email to office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk

A satisfactory DBS and two references will be required for this position.

Secondary School – current Year 6

Please can we remind parents to keep a regular check on your child's Year 7 school website for up and coming dates and events. We have already started liaising with the high schools to ensure a smooth transition for our Year 6 children.

End of Key Stage SATS

SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place from Tuesday 9th May 2023 with the last test being on Friday 12th May. National testing for Year 2 children will take place during the month of May 2023.

Dates for your Diary

At the end of this newsletter you will see a full list of dates for the rest of the academic year- we have tried to include as much information as possible! There are some additional Forest School dates so please keep a copy of these dates for future reference. This information will also be available on the school website.

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.



Spring Term		
28 March	Easter Service EYFS/Year 1/Year2 children	10.00am
28 March	Forest School Year 3	pm
28 March	Year 5 Orienteering at Donisthorpe Woodlands	
30 March	Year 5 Swimming- LAST SESSION	pm
30 March	Forest School Year 6	pm
31 March	PTFA Break the Rules Day!	All day
31 March	School closes for Easter	3.10pm
Easter Break- have a wonderful Easter!		
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	All day
20 April	Forest School Year 6	pm
20 April	Year 4 Multiplication check meeting	6.00pm
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	Tempest Class Photographs	am
1 May	SCHOOL CLOSED Bank Holiday	All day
2 May	Forest School Year 3	pm
3 May	Forest School Year 4- Hicks Lodge	All day
4 May	Forest School Year 6	pm
5 May	EYFS Forest School	am
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	
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	

Please note: Forest School sessions will be on site unless stated otherwise above

Holiday Club

@mesports **East Midlands Satellite Centre**

Measham Road, Oakthorpe, Leicestershire, DE12 7RG

3rd April 2023 - 6th April 2023

11th April 2023 - 14th April 2023



Boys & Girls aged 5-12 years

Morning Session: 9:00am – 12:15pm

Afternoon Session: 12:45pm – 4:00pm

£9.00 per session or £17.50 Full Day...Hot Lunch Available £3.50

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**THIS CLUB IS COMPLETELY FREE TO
CHILDREN THAT RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

**A mixture of activities available
each day:**

- Sports & Games
- Enriching Activities
- Health & Fitness
- Performing Arts
- Food Education
- Wellbeing Workshops

To register your interest or book a place, call us on **01530 515 087** or email **bookings@megroup-uk.co.uk**

Using reference 'EMSC'

MENU

DAY 1

Jacket Potato with Beans and/or Cheese, Salad Bowl, Fruit Pot & Bottle of Water

DAY 2

Ham, Cheese or Tuna Toastie, Vegetable Sticks, Yoghurt & Bottle of Water

DAY 3

Chilli or Vegetarian Chilli and Rice, Salad Bowl, Cookie & Bottle of Water

DAY 4

Hot Dog or Vegetarian Hot Dog with Chips, Vegetable Sticks, Cupcake & Bottle of Water



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