

Dear Parents/Carers,



Week of Values and Culture

This week has been our Week of Values and Culture. We have immersed the children in as many different cultures as we could! Children across the school had a wonderful day on Monday taking part in a Samba Drumming Workshop they also tasted food; constructed traditional homes from clay and twigs; learnt about the History and Geography of different continents and explored different faiths.



Halloween Disco

Thank you to all those parents and staff who helped at the Halloween disco this week, once again the event went brilliantly and the children had a fantastic time!



Poppies

Our Positive Pig Ambassadors are currently selling Poppies on the playground at break time in aid of the Royal British Legion and their work supporting veterans. Also for sale are other items including wrist bands, badges, hair clips, rubbers and much more. These items are priced at £1.00 or 50p and are limited so get them whilst you can!

Head Lice

We have recently had an increased number of reported cases of head lice at school this term. This is not unusual as at any given time 2% of a school population will have head lice. Latest evidence suggests prevention is better than treatment. Washing your child's hair twice a week and using a detection comb with conditioner is effective in early detection, preventing infestation as it removes live lice. If done every 3-4 days, any newly hatched lice will be removed before they are old enough to reproduce. This breaks the life cycle.

May Bank Holiday Reminder

May Day is traditionally held on a Monday, but in 2020 school will be *open* on Monday 4th May 2020 and will be closed for Bank Holiday on Friday 8th May 2020 to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. I have updated the dates on the school's website.

End of Key Stage SATS

SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place in the week beginning Monday 11th May 2020. National testing for Year 2 children will take place during the month of May 2020. We will be holding information meetings regarding testing arrangements for Year 6 and Year 2 later on in the school year.

Apply for a School Place – Primary/Secondary

The deadline for applying for a Secondary School place is **31st October 2019**. The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is **15th January 2020**. For both applications, the simplest way is online at: www.leics.gov.uk/admissions. If you need any further information, please contact the Admissions team on admissions@leics.gov.uk or 0116 305 6684.

Contact Information

Please remember to regularly update the school office in writing if there are any changes to the contact details we have on record for your child, including people on your contact list who have permission to collect your child from school.

At Donisthorpe Primary School, we respect your need for privacy and protect any personal information, including but not limited to, any 'personal data' defined in the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 that you share with us. If you would like to find out more information about how we and/or the DfE collect, use and store your personal data, please visit our website Donisthorpe Primary School to download our GDPR Data Protection Policy or request a copy from the school.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to talk to me or to your child's class teacher.

Sylvie Newman

Executive Headteacher