

Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

Ambitious Nurturing Positive



Friday 26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy half term, before you know it, it will be the end of the academic year! The last few weeks have been filled with countless achievements, exciting learning experiences, and memorable events. I continue to be immensely proud of the progress and dedication shown by our wonderful children.

Sporting Success

Donisthorpe Primary School have picked up another sports award; our Year 5/6 children won their Tennis competition today and got through to the finals! Well done children!



Maths Day

The whole school loved our Maths Day on Monday! Mr Williamson was so pleased to see children from every year group enjoying maths when he visited every classroom. In addition to their usual maths lessons, children used maths to solve problems, investigate and solve maths puzzles. Children in Year 1 even used maths to set up a tea party, making sure food was shared equally! Well done everyone!



Healthy School

We will shortly be renewing our Healthy School status and as part of this process we are reviewing our Healthy Eating Policy.

As Headteacher and as a parent, I always find conversations about healthy eating a little tricky. Every family is different, has different routines, values and tastes. Some of our families are advocates for healthy eating/special diets however others believe that 'everything in moderation' is the best approach. As a school we deliver some information to children about healthy eating as part of the science, PSHE, DT (cooking) and PE curriculum. Our healthy eating policy contains guidance for families about why children need to eat well and sets out our responsibility to the children in regards to modelling healthy habits.

The full policy can be found on our website. Below I have pulled out some of the key points:



- At Donisthorpe we recognise the important part a healthy diet plays for a child's wellbeing and their ability to learn effectively and achieve.
- We aim to ensure that healthy food and drink is provided, taking account of individual needs (e.g. cultural, ethical, medial), reflecting nutrition and healthy eating messages in the curriculum, and with the support of the whole school.

Curriculum

- The subject leaders for PSHE, PE and DT are jointly responsible for what is taught about healthy eating and practical food education in the curriculum.

School meals

- All our school meals cooked on site in accordance with the School Food Standards. A copy of the menu and is sent home via email. The dining area has a calm and positive atmosphere where children socialise and enjoy the dining experience. Staff encourage pupils to try new foods, we encourage all parents to take free school meals, where there is an entitlement.
- Special diets and allergies are catered for after discussion with parents.

Packed Lunches

- We ask that packed lunches do not include:
 - Fizzy, sugary drinks
 - Nuts (we are a nut free school)
- Parents are asked to refrain from providing food products, which may contain nuts, in packed lunches or any other food brought into the school. Staff are trained to recognise and manage allergic reactions.
- Parents/carers are responsible for providing a packed lunch container where food items can be stored securely and appropriately until the lunchtime period. In warm temperatures, it is advised that an ice pack is included in the food container.

Snacks

- All EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 classes receive a free morning break time snack of fruit or vegetables.
- Milk is provided free for under-fives and is available at cost for those over five in the rest of the school.
- Key Stage 2 children are asked to bring in a healthy snack preferably, fruit (fresh or dried) or vegetables for playtime. Fizzy drinks, sweets, crisps and chocolate biscuits are not allowed.

Events and Celebrations

- We want to give children the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays. If parents want to bring something in to celebrate birthdays we ask that children talk these items home to enjoy. This is optional. (Nut free please)
- We have a number of fundraising opportunities throughout the year and limit cake sales to roughly one per term.

Water for all

- Children are encouraged to drink water regularly throughout the day and have water bottles in class.

It you have any questions or comments please email slt@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk



Sports Day

Weather permitting, we are hoping to hold Sports Day on **Thursday 15th June at 1.30pm** on the school field.

Sports Day really is a lovely event. Parents are welcome to join us on the field from 1.00pm; bring a picnic or deck chair! We hold a variety of traditional races involving all of the children and this year's Parents Race will involve balancing a bean bag on top of your head!

The PTFA will be selling refreshments during the afternoon. Let's hope that the sunny weather continues!

Children have been divided into teams by Miss Morton and we would like the children to come to school ready for the day wearing;

- **A t-shirt in their team colours: red, green, blue, yellow**
- **Shorts/Joggers**
- **Trainers**
- Please also bring a sun hat and an extra drink if the weather is warm! Apply plenty of sun cream in the morning before school.

If your child would like to wear their house colours but you are having trouble finding/borrowing a coloured t-shirt, please see the school office. We have some spare red, green and yellow t-shirts in school that can be borrowed, washed and returned. If your child is in blue team they can wear their normal PE kit.

PTFA events

The amazing PTFA team are busy working behind the scenes on more events before we break for the summer. I have added these new dates to the information at the end of this newsletter and have updated the website accordingly.

- Thursday 8th June- Glass Fashion Evening (There will be a bar so this event will be adults only)
- Thursday 15th June- refreshments stall at school sports day on the field
- Saturday 17th May- PTFA stall at the Community event
- Friday 7th July- Friday Fun Day- disco, stalls and treats

More information on timings, costs and how to book will be sent to you via the PTFA.

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



We look forward to seeing you all after what looks to be a sunny second half term! School reopens on Monday 5th June 2023.

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	Crazy hat and hair day (With school uniform)	All day
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
8 June	Glass Fashion Evening (There will be a bar so this event will be adults only)	
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 refreshments provided by the PTFA	1.00pm
16 June	EYFS Forest School/Year 1 Forest School	am/pm
17 June	Saturday- PTFA stall at the Community event	
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
30 June	Friday Fun Day- PFFA disco, stalls and treats	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
4 July	EYFS to Year 1 additional move up morning	
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	EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic at Hicks Lodge	All day
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	