



Donisthorpe News

Friday 28th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term! February was certainly wet...let's hope that March and April bring us more sunshine, so that we can take our learning outside!



World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. We have some great activities planned for the day, including story sharing and stop, drop and read! Children can come to school dressed ready for a bedtime story in their pyjamas!

Beyond Bullying

At Donisthorpe Primary School, we are always looking for ways in which we can improve. We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for our pupils, so they can learn and play in a secure environment. The school treats all reported incidents of bullying-type-behaviour and bullying seriously.

As a school we are working with staff, pupils and parents to create a school community where bullying is not tolerated. We are in the process of working towards Leicestershire County Council's Beyond Bullying Award. This work involves the school reviewing our Anti-Bullying Policy and working to further improve the anti-bullying culture in the school.

Our new draft Anti-bullying Policy is on our website. Go to 'Information for Parents' then click on the 'Beyond Bullying' tab. We would very much like your feedback on the policy, please email/send any comments into the school office.

Contact Information

Please remember to regularly update the school office if there are any changes to the contact details we have on record for your child. This is so that you can be contacted in case of an emergency.



School Website

Have you visited our school website recently? It is being updated all the time with photos and information about our wonderful school. You can find us at

www.donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk

Uniform

I have noticed this week a number of children who are not wearing correct school shoes. Please remember the children should wear black **shoes** for school. They should not wear trainers. Thank you for your support.



Coronavirus concerns

You're most likely aware of the outbreak of coronavirus and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. At Donisthorpe Primary School we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing guidance from Public Health England on steps you should be taking.

There is no cause for concern at our school, but we'll keep you informed about any developments and ensure we're keeping the school clean to prevent the spread of any virus.

Preventing the spread of infection

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

New Parent Governor

At the start of the spring term the Donisthorpe Governing Body invited parents to apply for the post of Donisthorpe Primary School Parent Governor. Congratulations to Mrs Fray following her successful application. Both myself and the Governing body are very much looking forward to working with Mrs Fray.

For more information about our school, please visit www.donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk or find us on Facebook.

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

Donisthorpe School Diary Dates

Half -Term Break

5 Mar	World Book Day – Wear Pyjamas	All Day
5 Mar	Year 5 Swimming	pm
6 Mar	Year 4 Forest School	All Day
12 Mar	Year 5 Swimming	pm
18 Mar	Year 3/4 Quick Sticks Hockey	3pm – 6pm
19 Mar	Year 5 Swimming	pm
25 Mar	Year 5/6 Quick Sticks Hockey	3pm – 6pm
26 Mar	Year 5 Swimming	pm
26 Mar	PTFA Chocolate Bingo	5.30pm – 8pm
31 Mar	Easter at Church EYFS/Yr1 &Yr2	9.30am
31 Mar	Year 5 Orienteering	10.00am-2.30pm
2 Apr	Year 5 Swimming	pm
3 Apr	School Closes for Easter	3.10pm
Easter Holidays		
20 Apr	School reopens to children	8.40am