

# Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents and Carers,

The colder weather has certainly arrived; it's been a very wet and windy week! As you know the British weather can be very changeable so even if the forecast looks milder for the day, we can sometimes have had four seasons by home time! Please make sure that your children **bring a coat to school every day** so that we can take the learning outside- whatever the weather!



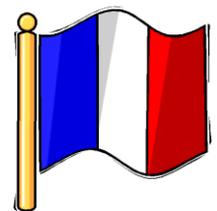
We have had another busy few weeks at school, the first week back after half term was our Week of Culture, which was a huge success! Children experienced an Indian Drumming workshop- which staff said was the best one we have ever had, children spent the week learning all about different countries and cultures and we finished the week with an Open Classroom so that the children could share their learning with you! It was so lovely to see so many of you in school again- thank you so much for your lovely feedback!



## Year 6 Residential to Wales

We are looking forward to welcoming home our Year 6 travellers from Wales this evening, after what can only be described as an amazing week on their residential. You will have seen that Facebook has been flooded with photographs and the children certainly look like they are having a wonderful time. The 26, Year 6 children who have taken part in the visit have been a credit to the school, and parents should feel very proud of their hard work, resilience and behaviour. The children have loved completing all the different activities and trying new experiences.

These trips and visits would not go ahead without school staff giving up their time to supervise the children, so a big thank you to all staff who have attended the residential.



## Residential to France 2023 for current Year 4 and Year 5

We are starting to think about our next residential in November 2023 and we are hoping to once again take the children to France to stay at Chateau de Warsy. This residential will be open to the children in the **current Year 4 and Year 5** classes.

Unfortunately rising costs mean that this trip that includes coach travel to and from France, ferry travel and all food and excursions, is likely to cost around **£500** per child. All children will need a valid passport.

We will only be able to run this trip with if we can cover our costs. After paying a £100 non - refundable deposit, you will be able to spread the cost of the trip with the final balance due in **July 2023**. Before we finalise the booking and full costs I need an idea of numbers to decide if we are better to plan another UK residential.

**Can parents of current Year 4 and Year 5 children please complete a short survey with your thoughts. Click on the link to complete the survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/NHuxCRvk2E>**

### Spare Clothes

As you will be aware, from time to time some of our younger children may have an 'accident' at school and need to change their clothes. ***Please if you have any of the school's spare clothes at home can you wash them and return them to school?*** I purchased new pants and socks at the start of the year and they have not been returned to school so we now have a very limited supply.

## Please help!

**If you have any of the following items that you would be willing to donate we would be very grateful:**

**Pants**  
**Socks**  
**Jogging bottoms**  
**Leggings**

**To fit children aged 4 to 8.**  
**Thank you in advance!**

### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year we are again supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We will be selling poppy resources to raise the much-needed funds for this worthwhile cause. Children can buy paper poppies and other resources from our Ambassadors who will come into class daily from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**.

Poppies are available for a donation and other poppy resources, priced as follows:

- Zip Pulls – 50p
- Reflectors – 50p
- Silicon Bands – £1.00
- Snap Bands – £1.50

**We only have limited supplies, so once they are gone, they are gone!!**

### Anti-Bullying Week (Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November)

We are always talking to the children in school about the importance of following the Donisthorpe Way and using our character muscles to ensure that we become the best version of ourselves. Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November is Anti-bullying week; a time when we spotlight the subject and talk to the children about the kind of positive behaviour that we always encourage at Donisthorpe. We always try to reframe the week into something really positive, but it is really important that children know what bullying is and who can help them if they are worried about anything.



### Odd Socks Day

This year we will be taking part in odd socks day! Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. **On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** to celebrate what makes us all unique we would like all of the children to wear Odd Socks with their school uniforms. You do not need to bring in any money!

## Children in Need- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

To help raise money for this fantastic cause, on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** we would like all children to come to school dressed in spots, stripes or brights! They could even wear a combination of the three!!! Please bring a cash donation (suggested £1 or whatever you can spare). Thank you for your continued support. The children will be collecting your donations on the gates on Friday morning!



### Parking Concerns

As you already know, Ashby Road is very congested at the end of the day when parents are collecting their children. We all want to keep our children safe, so here are some top tips on how you can make a difference.

### How Can You Help?

- ✓ Keep your speed down
- ✓ Turn your engine off if leaving your vehicle
- ✓ Leave the middle of the road free, with enough room for other road users to easily pass through
- ✓ Make sure your child leaves and enters your vehicle safely onto the pavement
- ✓ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening a car door
- ✓ Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians to get past
- ✓ Take care when reversing

### Please Keep Clear...

- ✓ Zig Zags and School Entrances
- ✓ Dropped Kerbs
- ✓ Resident's Driveways

**Please park considerately around our school and keep our children safe!**

### Have you considered...

- Parking further away from school and walking
- Walking or cycling to school instead? This is a great way to contribute to a child's 60 minutes of activity a day and is easy to incorporate into your daily routine. Try it once a week at first and see how easy it can be.

I know that you all lead very busy lives, but if we all work together it will be much safer for everyone.

### Parental Supervision

Finally, if you are on site before the doors/gates open in the morning, please can we ask that you do not allow the children to play in the school's front garden. You must supervise your children at all times.

If you have any questions, please phone school or email [office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk)

Regards,

Sylvie Newman  
Executive Headteacher

<b>Dairy Dates Autumn 2022</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event/Year Group</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Half Term- School reopens Monday 24 October</b>		
Thursday 3 November	Year 5/6 Forest School	All day
Friday 4 November	Year 5/6 Forest School	All day
Monday 14 November	Odd Socks Day- wear Odd Socks to school No donation needed	All day
Friday 18 November	Children in Need – come to school dressed in spots, stripes or brights! Please bring a cash donation (suggested £1 or whatever you can spare).	All day
Thursday 8 December	EYFS and Year 1 Nativity	2.00pm/6.00pm
Monday 12 December	Christmas Celebration Festival at St John's Church- Year's 2/3/4/5/6	9.30am
Thursday 15 December	Christmas Lunch	
Friday 16 December	Pantomime	
<b>End of Autumn Term- School reopens on Tuesday 3rd January</b>		