

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Dodgeball



Last week we took two teams to the Dodgeball Tournament. Both teams showed excellent skills and teamwork. We felt so proud when both teams made it through to the next round, with one team eventually going on to win the competition! What an amazing and determined group of young people we have at Donisthorpe Primary School!

## Tag Rugby

Despite the last minute change of plan, the Year

5/6 Tag Rugby team competed for the North West Leicestershire Tag Rugby trophy last week. It was a very close game and once again our children showed excellent qualities. They went on to win the match and the trophy. Well done, children! Our sports teams are on a roll...



## School Choir



Well done to our amazing choir who sang so brilliantly at Saturday's Christmas event in Ashby! Everyone was singing and clapping along! Thank you to Miss Bloor for braving the cold to conduct the children You all did us proud!! Thank you also to all the parents who came along to support us.

Following on from their success, they continued to spread Christmas cheer by singing at the Half-Way house on Monday afternoon, entertaining residents from the local community who were enjoying their festive Christmas lunch.



## PTFA Christmas

Last night the Donisthorpe PTFA held their Christmas event in the school hall. Thank you to everyone who gave their support organising the event and to all of the parents and families who came along to join in with the festivities. This morning the PTFA were busy again preparing a treat for the children.....Breakfast with Santa!



## Reminders



### EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Nativity

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm/6.00pm**

Children in EYFS and Year 1 will now have brought home tickets for our Christmas Nativity. Can we kindly ask families coming along to the afternoon performance to remain mindful of our neighbours when parking at the front of the School. The playground will be available for parking for the **evening performance**.

## Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December to raise money for Save the Children. The children are invited to come to school in their festive jumper and bring a small donation to support the above charity. (suggested £1)



### Year 2 and Key Stage 2 Christmas dates

Children in Year 2 and KS2 will take part in 'Christmas at Church' on the morning of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Families will be very welcome to join the children at St. John's Church Donisthorpe.

## Winter illness

It is essential you contact the school whenever your child is absent or will be late.

If your child is unwell with diarrhoea or vomiting, government guidelines for schools state that 'children should stay away from school for 2 days after their symptoms have gone'. Further advice and information can be found on the NHS website.

## End of Key Stage SATS

**SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place in the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Primary School Place**

The deadline for applying for a *Primary School* place is **15th January 2020**. For applications, the simplest way is online at: [www.leics.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leics.gov.uk/admissions). If you need any further information, please contact the Admissions team on [admissions@leics.gov.uk](mailto: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.

## **Parent Code of Conduct**

At Donisthorpe Primary School we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community.

We believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to work. Behaviour that will cause harassment, alarm or distress to users of the premises is contrary to the aims of the school.

We expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- Respect the caring ethos of our school
- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children
- Demonstrate that all members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour
- Work with the school to reconcile a child's perception of events with other points of view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern

## **Issues of conduct with the use of Social Media**

Most people take part in online activities and social media. It's fun, interesting and keeps us connected. We ask that you use common sense when discussing school life online and '**Think before you post**'. We ask that social media, whether public or private, should not be used to voice complaints against the school, staff, parents or children. We take very seriously inappropriate use of social media by a parent to publicly criticise another parent, member of staff or child. We encourage parents to make use of the school's open door policy to approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

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

Date	Event	Time
<b>11 Dec</b>	Year 5/6 Kirby Shield at Woodcote	3.30pm
<b>12 Dec</b>	Year 6 Swimming	pm
<b>12 Dec</b>	EYFS & Year 1 Nativity	1.30pm & 6.00pm
<b>13 Dec</b>	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	
<b>16 Dec</b>	Year 3/4 Christmas Party	pm
<b>17 Dec</b>	Christmas at Church KS2 & Year 2	9.30am
<b>17 Dec</b>	EYFS & Year 1 Christmas Party	am
<b>17 Dec</b>	Year 2 Christmas Party	pm
<b>18 Dec</b>	Year 5/6 Christmas Party	pm
<b>19 Dec</b>	Christmas Dinner	
<b>20 Dec</b>	Robin Hood Pantomime	am
<b>20 Dec</b>	School closes for Christmas Holidays	3.10pm
<b>Christmas Break</b>		
<b>6 Jan</b>	School reopens to children	8.40am