



Donisthorpe News

Friday 6th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now over a week into the new term and the children have all settled well. Our new EYFS children have also started school and are already busy with their 'learning jobs' in the classroom! I would like to say a very warm welcome to our new children and their families. We look forward to getting to know everyone.

We have many exciting opportunities for the children in school between now and Christmas; new clubs, sporting events and curriculum themes, the children have a lot to look forward to!



Baby News!

I am delighted to share with you the news that Mr Williamson and his wife have welcomed their daughter Primrose into the world! She was born on Friday 26th July 2019. Mrs Moore and her husband celebrated the safe arrival of their daughter, Elizabeth, on Monday 12th August 2019. I am sure that you will all join me in sending many congratulations to both families.



Aldi's Kit for School

The school Sports Ambassadors will be collecting 'Aldi Kit for Schools' stickers.

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.

May Bank Holiday Reminder

You may have read in the press that next year's May bank holiday (2020) has changed. It will be moved back by four days for the whole of the UK to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. 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. I have updated the dates on the school's website.

Inhalers

If your child has an inhaler could you please ensure that it is clearly labelled and in school at all times.

School Gates

The gates to the school drive will be locked from **8.30am – 9.00am** and again at **3.00pm – 3.20pm**. If you require access to the disabled parking please contact the school office on **01530 270371**.

We are all really looking forward to the year ahead but please, as always, remember if you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to talk to me or to your child's class teacher.

Diary Dates 2019-2020

We have tried to include as many dates as possible below and will try to avoid changing dates unless absolutely necessary. As new events are planned you will be informed of these through our newsletters. For some events you will receive additional information in a separate letter.

Date	Event	Time
9 Sept	Year 1/2 Hearing Test	am
12 Sept	Swimming starts for Year 4	pm
13 Sept	Year 2 Forest Schools Day	All day
20 Sept	Year 1 Forest School	am
20 Sept	EYFS Forest School	pm
23 Sept	Year 5/6 Wales Residential Meeting for parents	6.00pm
26 Sept	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon	2.00pm to 3.00pm
27 Sept	Year 1 Forest School	am
27 Sept	EYFS Forest School	pm
3 Oct	EYFS Parents Phonics Workshop	9.00am to 10.00am
4 Oct	Year 1 Forest School - Parent Session	am
4 Oct	EYFS Forest School – Parent Session	pm
7 Oct	Harvest Festival Service at Donisthorpe Church- EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children	9.30am
8 Oct	Parents Evening	3.30pm to 6.30pm
9 Oct	Parents Evening	3.30pm to 6.30pm
11 Oct	School Closed INSET	
	Half Term Break	
21 Oct	School Reopens	8.40am
21 Oct	Week of Values and Culture Begins	All week
21 Oct	Samba Drumming Workshop	
24 Oct	PTFA Halloween Disco	TBC
25 Oct	Year 3 Forest Schools Day	All Day
28 Oct	Year 5 and Year 6 Visit Wales Residential	
1 Nov	Year 5/6 Forest Schools Day	All Day
1 Nov	Year 5 and Year 6 Return from Wales Residential	
8 Nov	Year 3 Forest Schools Day	All day
8 Nov	Year 6 Donisthorpe Woodland Trust Demonstration	am
14 Nov	Year 6 Swimming	pm
27 Nov	Flu Immunisations	am
6 Dec	PTFA Breakfast with Santa	TBC
12 Dec	EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Nativity	1.30pm and 6.00pm
13 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children	
17 Dec	Christmas Service at Donisthorpe Church- Key Stage 2 and Year 2	9.30am
19 Dec	Christmas Dinner	
20 Dec	Pantomime to visit school - Robin Hood	am

20 Dec	School Closes for Christmas Holidays	3.10pm
Christmas Break – School Reopens to children 6th January 8.40am		