

Dear Parents/Carers,

EYFS Parent Lunch

Thank you to all of the EYFS parents/carers who were able to join the children for lunch last week. We hope you enjoyed Mrs Bate's pulled pork and upside down sponge cake...yum! Thank you also to all the staff that helped Mrs Bate in the kitchen; Mrs Toon, Mrs Spillet and Miss Lakin.



Year 5/6 Residential to Wales

Last week we welcomed home our year 5/6 travellers from Wales, after what can only be described as an amazing week at Abernant Manor Adventure. The 51, Year 5 and 6 children who have taken part in the visit were 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.

BBC News – East Midlands Today

Our children are currently working with the local community, making poppies to replace those stolen over the weekend from different locations around the village. On Tuesday we were all very excited to have a visit from the BBC East Midlands news team who wanted to film some of the children and talk to them about the recent event. The children were fantastic, showing empathy, understanding and maturity! They were a credit to their parents and the school.



Remembrance Day – On Monday we will be marking the anniversary of the end of World War 1 with the children during a special assembly at school. Thank you to everyone who has bought a poppy at school, all monies raised will go directly to the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Dates for Diaries

Children in Need - Friday 15th November

To help raise money for this fantastic cause, the School Ambassadors would like all children to come to school dressed in spots or stripes, maybe even a combination of the two!!! Please bring a cash donation (Minimum £1). Thank you for your continued support. The children will be collecting your donations on the playground on Friday morning!



EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Nativity Dates

2 tickets will be allocated per family per performance. **More information will be sent home nearer the time.**



12 th Dec	EYFS and Year 1 Nativity	1.30pm
12 th Dec	EYFS and Year 1 Nativity	6.00pm

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 17th December. Families will be very welcome to join the children at St. John's Church Donisthorpe. Further information to follow.

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 *Primary School* place is **15th January 2020**. For 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.



Beyond Bullying

As a 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.

Donisthorpe Primary School is committed to being a 'telling school': all pupils and adults should be able to tell someone they trust and know that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively. Anyone who knows that bullying is happening is also expected to tell someone they trust. Our pupils are encouraged to be a power for good to make our school a safe and welcoming place.

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 for 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 culture in the school.

Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week. During assemblies and in class discussions we have been explaining to pupils more about what is meant by bullying and what to do if they think they or someone else is being bullied.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

The Department for Education has announced changes to relationships and sex education (RSE). These changes will come into effect from September 2020 and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements.

This means that we'll be reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and/or disabilities

We need your feedback to help us do this. In January I will be holding a Parent Forum to discuss changes to the policy and to collect your views. The Parent forum meetings will be on Wednesday 15th January 2020, one at 9.00am and one at 2.00pm in the school hall. I will send out more information prior to the meetings, but wanted parents to put this date in their diary.

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