

Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

Ambitious Nurturing Positive



Monday 18th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Nativity

Massive congratulations and well done to all the children and staff involved in the EYFS and Year 1 Christmas production. The acting, singing, dancing and narrating were all absolutely fabulous. Well done children - we are all very proud of each and every one of you!



Our Year 2 and Key Stage 2 children also amazed us with their Christmas Service in school today. It really was an extravaganza! Thank you and well done to all involved. Every child gave a fabulous performance and should be very proud of their singing, playing and narrating.

All of the children's performances left us all feeling thoroughly Christmassy- it was so fabulous to be watching live performances together.

Parking

As you already know, Ashby Road is very congested at the start and end of the day when parents are collecting their children. We have concerns about the safety of our children walking to school due to drivers parking on the pavement, blocking drives and parking on the white or zig-zagged lines.

I know that you all lead very busy lives, but if you were able to park further away from the school gates and walk a little further to collect your children, it would be much safer for everyone. Thank you in advance.

Children's Wellbeing Day

Monday 8th January will be our first whole school wellbeing day in classes. Staff are planning a day of activities focused on supporting the children's wellbeing. I hope that this will be a really enjoyable day for all the children and will start the new term in the right way! Don't forget to ask your children about this on the first day back!



End of Key Stage SATS

SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place from Monday 13th May 2024 with the last test being on Thursday 16th May. There will be a SATS meeting for parents of Year 6 children on **Tuesday 23rd January** at 6pm in the school hall.

Primary School Places

Its nearly the deadline to apply for a place at our amazing school. For applications, the simplest way is online at: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions>

This is the last newsletter of 2023! We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 8th January. I hope you all have a magical Christmas!

If you have any questions, please phone school or email office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk

Regards,



Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

2023-2024 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below dates for this academic year- we have tried to include as much information as possible here! This information will be added to the biweekly newsletter and will also be available on the school website. newsletter and will also be available on the school website.



19 Dec	PTFA Breakfast with Santa	
21 Dec	Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk	pm
22 Dec	School closes for Christmas	3.15pm
Christmas Break		
8 Jan	School reopens for children	8.30am
8 Jan	Children's Wellbeing Day	All day
23 Jan	SATS Meeting for Year 6 parents	6.00pm
24 Jan	Young Voices Year 5/6	
30 Jan	PTFA Bags2School Clothing Collection	
30 Jan	PTFA Glass Fusion Evening	
6 Feb	Safer Internet Day	
8 Feb	Year 3/4 Trip to Cadbury World	
9 Feb	Mid-Year reports sent home	
12 Feb	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
14 Feb	PTFA Love Yourself Day	
15 Feb	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
16 Feb	Everyone Belongs Day	
16 Feb	School closes for half term	3.15pm
February Half term		
26 Feb	School reopens for children	8.30am
27 Feb	Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents	5.00pm
7 Mar	World Book Day	All day
8 Mar	PTFA Mother's Day – Pop up Shop Flowers/Gifts for sale	
22 Mar	School closes for Easter	3.15pm

Easter Break		
8 Apr	School reopens for children	8.30am
18 Apr	Class Photos	am
6 May	School closed for Bank Holiday	All day
13 May	Year 6 SATS week	
17 May	Year 6 Forest School Hicks Lodge	
24 May	PTFA Friday Funday / Spring Fair	
24 May	School closes for Half Term	3.15pm
May Half term		
3 Jun	School reopens for children	8.30am
3 Jun	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
10 Jun	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
10 Jun	Year 1 phonics check week begins	
TBC	Saffron Lane- NWLSSP sporting event, selected KS2 children TBC	
14 Jun	Sports Day- School field refreshments provided by the PTFA	1.00pm
26 Jun	Ashby School Induction Day for Year 6	
27 Jun	Reserve Date for Sports Day- in case of wet weather	1.00pm
3 Jul	End of Year Reports out to parents	
4 Jul	In school move up morning EYFS to Year 5	am
4 Jul	Open Evening to look at books and discuss reports	3.15pm-4.15pm
5 Jul	Year 6 Leavers performance	2.00pm
8 Jul	Year 6 Drayton Manor Reward Trip	All day
9 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Lunch	
9 Jul	Last day of the school year	
Summer Break- have a wonderful Summer!		
27 Aug	School reopens for children	8.30am