

Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been wonderful to welcome children back to school after the Easter holidays. They have settled back into school life well and are continuing to work hard and show The Donisthorpe Way. Children have been learning about Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr in assemblies, been focussing on athletics in PE and our EYFS children have been keeping a close eye out for new arrivals hatching! I hope that you enjoyed the Easter break – which seems a long time ago now - and that you were able to take the opportunity to meet with friends and family and enjoy the few breaks between the rain. The Summer Term is always a full one and we have a lot to fit in! Please do keep a close eye on the dates at the end of this newsletter, so that you don't miss anything!



New EYFS children

Congratulations to those pupils who were offered a place in EYFS at Donisthorpe for August. We are delighted that your children will be joining our school and we look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks. Further information will be sent to families separately, giving you all the details that you will need to know prior to your child starting school.



Rotary Club Art Competition

Well done to our winners of the Ashby Rotary Club Art Competition, who received their certificates in today's special mentions assembly. We are very proud of all the children that entered – they produced some fantastic art work. We were extra proud that the best overall in primary age group was awarded to one of our Year 2 pupils at an awards ceremony earlier this month. Well done to all of the amazing artists at Donisthorpe!



Sunny Weather

It feels strange to write this after a rainy lunchtime today, but hopefully the weather will eventually warm up for the Summer term. When it does, we encourage parents to send children to school with a sun hat for playtime, as the sun is always at its strongest when the children are playing outside. Sun cream should be applied before school and if sending sun cream into school, children should be able to apply it themselves. Please also make sure that everything sent into school is named.

End of Key Stage SATS

SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place in the week beginning Monday 13th May 2024. The Year 1 Phonics check will take place during June and the Year 4 multiplication check from Monday 3rd June.

PTFA Spring Fair

Our fantastic PTFA will be holding their Spring Fair on Thursday 23rd May, 3pm until 4.30pm at school. Please come along to enjoy the games, treats, activities and stalls that will be on offer. All profits go towards the children at our school! To prepare for the event, the PTFA are holding a Rainbow Raffle non-uniform day on Friday 3rd May. See details on the image opposite:

If you know anyone who would like to host a stall at the event, please contact Katie at donisthorpepta@gmail.com

PTFA NON-UNIFORM DAY

In exchange for rainbow raffle donations

FRIDAY 3RD MAY

We are collecting items for our Spring Fair **Rainbow Raffle**. So for this PTFA non-uniform day, we would be super grateful for a colourful item instead of the usual cash donation.

ITEM IDEAS -
 Green: Mint Aero
 Purple: Dairy Milk
 White: Candle
 Yellow: Lemon sherbets
 Pink: Nail varnish
 Orange: Terry's Chocolate

Each class have been allocated a colour of the rainbow (below).

EYFS : Red	Yr 2 : Yellow	Yr 4 : Blue	Yr 6 : Black /
Yr 1 : Orange	Yr 3 : Green	Yr 5 : Pink/Purple	White



Time keeping reminder

Arriving late can be unsettling for children and does not allow them to enjoy a smooth start to

the school day with their peers.

We always give any late comers a warm welcome, but it can be upsetting for children to enter the class after everyone else. It also means that the reception area can become very congested and busy first thing in the morning. Please be aware that teachers often focus on some of the most important things for children early in the morning because research shows this is when they are at their most receptive. If your child is regularly late for school, they will consistently miss this important part of their learning!

Remember, doors close at 8.45am!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued support. It is your involvement and encouragement that make Donisthorpe a truly special learning environment for our children. Remember, if you ever 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.



24 Apr	Year 5 local visit – bird/bat boxes	am
26 Apr	Year 6 visit – Warning Zone	All day
3 May	Rainbow Raffle non-uniform day	All day
6 May	School closed for Bank Holiday	All day
13 May	Year 6 SATS week	
17 May	Year 6 Forest School Hicks Lodge – SATS Reward	
23 May	PTFA 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	
12 Jun	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/Ivanhoe 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 Afternoon 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