

# Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas has well and truly arrived at Donisthorpe, the tree is up and classrooms are decorated!

### Christmas Singing

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

A huge thank you to all our PTFA who organised the fabulous 'Bonmas' Disco last week, the children all thoroughly enjoyed it. Your help in making Christmas such a special time here at Donisthorpe is very much appreciated.

### Christmas Events

We have busy three weeks ahead of us at school.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** is Christmas Jumper Day- wear your Christmas Jumper to school- any donations will be given to the Save the Children. Please give what you can afford! At 2.45pm the PTFA will be selling Hot Chocolate in playground and our wonderful choir will be singing. What better way to get into the Christmas spirit!

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** is the much anticipated EYFS and Year 1 Nativity! The show starts a 2.30pm.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** is the next performance of the EYFS and Year 1 Nativity! The show starts a 9.15am.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** is the Yr2 & KS2 Christmas Service in School. Parents of children in Red/Yellow teams are welcome at 9.10am. Parents of children in Green/Blue teams are welcome at 9.50am. This is so that we can fit you all in the hall with the children!

### Warm Clothes

In the last week or so the weather has turned much colder. Please make sure that your child has a warm and waterproof coat in school and that they have extra layers, particularly on PE days when the children wear their PE kit to school.



## End of Key Stage SATS

SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 with the last test being on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. We will be sharing information regarding testing arrangements for Year 6 later on in the school year.

## Primary School Places

The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is **15th January 2024**. Parents still have plenty of time to choose your child's school place for September 2024! We welcome visits to our amazing school where you can meet the team and our wonderful children! We look forward to welcoming you! For applications, the simplest way is online at: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions>

If you have any questions, please phone school or email [office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk)

Regards,



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## 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.



<b>30 Nov</b>	PTFA BonMas Disco	
<b>7 Dec</b>	Xmas Jumper Day – PTFA Hot Chocolate in Playground - Choir	
<b>8 Dec</b>	Year 4 Ukulele Performance	TBA
<b>13 Dec</b>	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity	2.30pm
<b>14 Dec</b>	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity	9.15am
<b>18 Dec</b>	Yr2 & KS2 Christmas Service in School	9.10 Red/Yellow 9.50 Green/Blue
<b>19 Dec</b>	PTFA Breakfast with Santa	
<b>21 Dec</b>	Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk	pm
<b>22 Dec</b>	School closes for Christmas	
<b>Christmas Break</b>		
<b>8 Jan</b>	School reopens for children	8.30am
<b>24 Jan</b>	Young Voices Year 5/6	
<b>30 Jan</b>	PTFA Bags2School Clothing Collection	
<b>30 Jan</b>	PTFA Glass Fusion Evening	
<b>6 Feb</b>	Safer Internet Day	
<b>9 Feb</b>	Mid-Year reports sent home	
<b>12 Feb</b>	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
<b>14 Feb</b>	PTFA Love Yourself Day	
<b>15 Feb</b>	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
<b>16 Feb</b>	Everyone Belongs Day	

<b>16 Feb</b>	School closes for half term	3.15pm
<b>February Half term</b>		
<b>26 Feb</b>	School reopens for children	8.30am
<b>27 Feb</b>	Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents	5.00pm
<b>7 Mar</b>	World Book Day	All day
<b>8 Mar</b>	PTFA Mother's Day – Pop up Shop Flowers/Gifts for sale	
<b>22 Mar</b>	School closes for Easter	3.15pm
<b>Easter Break</b>		
<b>8 Apr</b>	School reopens for children	8.30am
<b>18 Apr</b>	Class Photos	am
<b>6 May</b>	School closed for Bank Holiday	All day
<b>13 May</b>	Year 6 SATS week	
<b>17 May</b>	Year 6 Forest School Hicks Lodge	
<b>24 May</b>	PTFA Friday Funday / Spring Fair	
<b>24 May</b>	School closes for Half Term	3.15pm
<b>May Half term</b>		
<b>3 Jun</b>	School reopens for children	8.30am
<b>3 Jun</b>	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
<b>10 Jun</b>	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
<b>10 Jun</b>	Year 1 phonics check week begins	
<b>TBC</b>	Saffron Lane- NWLSSP sporting event, selected KS2 children TBC	
<b>14 Jun</b>	Sports Day- School field refreshments provided by the PTFA	1.00pm
<b>26 Jun</b>	Ashby School Induction Day for Year 6	
<b>27 Jun</b>	Reserve Date for Sports Day- in case of wet weather	1.00pm
<b>3 Jul</b>	End of Year Reports out to parents	
<b>4 Jul</b>	Open Evening to look at books and discuss reports	3.15pm-4.15pm
<b>4 Jul</b>	In school move up morning EYFS to Year 5	am
<b>5 Jul</b>	Year 6 Leavers performance	2.00pm
<b>8 Jul</b>	Year 6 Drayton Manor Reward Trip	All day
<b>9 Jul</b>	Year 6 Leavers Lunch	
<b>9 Jul</b>	Last day of the school year	
<b>Summer Break- have a wonderful Summer!</b>		
<b>27 Aug</b>	School reopens for children	8.30am