

Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

Ambitious Nurturing Positive



Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end the week, it's not raining which makes a nice change from the weather that we have recently had! The children have, as always, enjoyed their learning and it's been wonderful to see so many lessons taking place- maths, science, PE, PSHE, reading.

End of Key Stage SATS

Last week was dominated by the national Year 6 SATs tests. Our Year 6 children have been amazing and have taken the tests in their stride! The buzz of excitement each morning was lovely as the children approached the tests with confidence and resilience. Our Year 6 children are talented mathematicians, future authors, amazing sportspeople and awe-inspiring artists.

We have young filmmakers, computer code whizz-kids, hilarious entertainers and commanding public speakers. We have film buffs, animal experts, awesome chefs and fantastic dancers. Most importantly, we have happy young people who know the importance of being kind to each other, working hard, staying positive and looking out for their friends. The tests are just a small part of school life and our children have once again done us - and you - proud. Well done Year 6!



READ, READ, READ

Reading is the one thing that has the biggest impact on children's outcomes as they grow! The more you read with your child or listen to them read, the more their minds will grow!

Reading with your child

Sharing a book with your child is fun! It's a time for closeness and talking together.

- Read yourself! It doesn't matter what it is- pick up a newspaper of a magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read an instruction manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a detective novel. Get your children to join in- if you are cooking, could they read the recipe? If you are watching TV, can they read the listings?
- Give books as presents and encourage your children and their friends to swap books with each other. It will give them a chance to read new stories, and get them to talk about their reading.
- Visit the local library together (there is one in Ashby!) It's always fun choosing new books to read- keep an eye out for special events like visiting authors/poets!
- Encourage your child to carry a book at all times. That way, they'll never be bored!
- Have a family bookshelf, if possible have book shelves in your child's bedroom too.

- Keep reading together, just because your children are older, it doesn't mean you have to stop sharing a book together!
- Don't panic if your child reads the same book over and over- they are developing their fluency!

Scooters and Bikes

It's great to see lots of children coming to school on scooters and bikes. Please remember that they should be pushed on the school grounds and not ridden. This will keep everyone safe.



Sports Day

Weather permitting, we are hoping to hold Sports Day on **Friday 14th June at 1.30pm** on the school field.

Sports Day really is a lovely event. Parents are welcome to join us on the field from 1.00pm; bring a picnic rug or deck chair! We hold a variety of traditional races involving all of the children and this year's Parents Race will involve balancing a bean bag on top of your head! Let's hope that the sun is shining!

Children will be divided into teams by Miss Morton and we would like the children to come to school ready for the day wearing;

- **A t-shirt in their team colours: red, green, blue, yellow**
- **Shorts/Joggers**
- **Trainers**

Please also bring a sun hat and an extra drink if the weather is warm! Apply plenty of sun cream in the morning before school.

We will let you know asap which t-shirt the children will need! **If your child would like to wear their house colours but you are having trouble finding/borrowing a coloured t-shirt, please see the school office. We have some spare red, green and yellow t-shirts in school that can be borrowed, washed and returned. If your child is in blue team they can wear their normal PE kit.**

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils achieve their best regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Donisthorpe Primary School, we get an extra £1,345 funding from the government for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money makes a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions



- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions
- Support towards costs of trips and residential
- Support towards costs of school uniform

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Please pop into the school office if you think you might be eligible to find out more about how to apply.

I hope you all have a fabulous half term! See you on Monday 3rd June!

Remember, if you have any questions, please talk to a member of SLT on the gate, 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.



6 May	School closed for Bank Holiday	All day
9 May	Year 5 Forest School Hicks Lodge	
13 May	Year 6 SATS week	
17 May	Year 6 Forest School Hicks Lodge	
23 May	PTFA Spring Fair	3.15-4.30
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 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