

Donisthorpe Primary School Newsletter

Ambitious Nurturing Positive

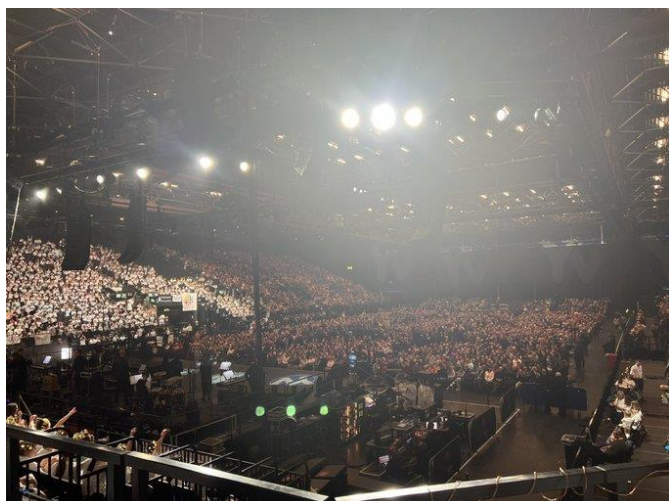


Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week at Donisthorpe this week- the children have been busy in class, as always behaviour for learning has been amazing as we visit them in lessons! The new school behaviour policy is really making a difference- it is wonderful to hear our school rules being used in conversations around school.

We are hugely grateful to those parents who already help in classes and for the strong partnerships between parents and the school. I would like to appeal to any of you who may be able to spare a couple of hours a week to come in to school to support with a range of activities, particularly reading with our children. If you are able to help out, even for an hour week, please speak to your child's teacher and we can progress to the next stage.



Young Voices

Wow! What a trip! Children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the 'Young Voices' concert at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham on Wednesday 24th January. It was the most amazing day which was the finale to a term of rehearsals and preparation. The children sang as part of a 6000 strong choir, who rehearsed together during the afternoon and then performed to an

audience of family and friends in the evening concert. All of the staff who accompanied the children on this amazing trip were so proud of the conduct and behaviour of our children. They were great fun to be with for the day and really pulled together as a team. We would like to thank all of the families who supported the children through their Young Voices journey from start to finish. For those families who attended the evening concert in Birmingham, we hope that you had a memorable and enjoyable evening. It was great to know that you were out there supporting us. We are already planning next year's event!



Hill Street Baptist Church clothes bank

With the cost of living being so high and with many more families struggling, I thought I would let you know about the clothes bank at Hill Street Baptist Church. Hill Street Baptist Church is located in Swadlincote and is open most Fridays 1-4pm. The clothes bank is run by a lovely lady called Louise, who is very supportive and is also able to signpost families to different services if needed. The clothes bank is for men, women and children and there is also a

vast amount of school uniform available. It is a warm and friendly space and there is absolutely no judgement made. There is always tea and coffee available.

Check on Facebook searching for 'Hill Street Baptist Church' for more details.

Measles outbreak

You will have seen in the news that there have been serious outbreaks of measles over the last month. Outbreaks are now occurring widely in England, with teenagers being those most affected. This is because many of them missed out on their MMR vaccinations in the late 1990s and early 2000s when the vaccine was mistakenly linked to cases of autism.

These outbreaks are a serious concern with up to a million children and young teenagers potentially vulnerable to infection, especially as children of this age are going into secondary school where the spread of infection is much more likely to happen.

We have had no reported cases of measles at our school. We ask parents to let us know if their children have any symptoms so that we can put additional measures in place.

If your child does contract measles they should:

- stay off school or work for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears
- regularly wash your hands with soap
- use and dispose of tissues when you sneeze
- avoid close contact with anyone who isn't fully vaccinated



Daily, thorough cleaning in school alongside encouraging regular handwashing and hygiene with the children will ensure that we protect our school community.

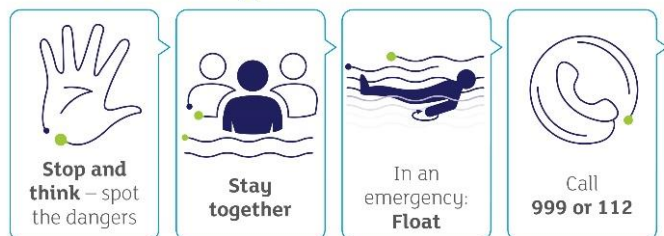
Parents Evening

Parents evening this term will take place on Monday 12th February and Thursday 15th February. We will notify you when the online booking system is open for you to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. You will receive your child's mid-year report on Friday 9th February.

Water Safety Code

Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water.

Water Safety Code



Stop and think - spot the dangers

There are many dangers with water, which can include:

- It can be very cold
- There may be hidden currents

- It can be difficult to get out (steep slippery banks)
- It can be deep
- There may be hidden rubbish, e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass
- There may be no lifeguards there
- It is difficult to estimate depth
- It may be polluted and may make you ill



Stay together

- It is always better to go to the water with a friend or family member
- Children should always go near water with an adult
- An adult can point out dangers or help if somebody gets into trouble.

Float

If you fall into the water unexpectedly – float until you can control your breathing. Then call for help or swim to safety.

Call 999

You may be able to help yourself and others if you know what to do in an emergency. If you see someone in difficulty, tell somebody, preferably a Lifeguard if there is one nearby, or go to the nearest telephone, dial 999, ask for the Fire Service at inland water sites and the Coastguard at the beach.

Parking Safely at Donisthorpe Primary School

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our school has become a big problem, putting the safety of children and others at risk.

We all want to keep our children safe, so here are some top tips on how you can make a difference.

How Can You Help?

- ✓ Keep your speed down
- ✓ Turn your engine off if leaving your vehicle
- ✓ Leave the middle of the road free, with enough room for other road users to easily pass through
- ✓ Make sure your child leaves and enters your vehicle safely onto the pavement
- ✓ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening a car door
- ✓ Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians to get past
- ✓ Take care when reversing

Please Keep Clear...

- ✓ Zig Zags and School Entrances
- ✓ Dropped Kerbs
- ✓ Resident's Driveways

Please park considerately and keep our children safe!

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.



3 Feb	Cross Country at Measham	
6 Feb	Safer Internet Day	
8 Feb	Year 4/5 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