



# Newsletter

Positive Ambitious Nurturing

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

## Christmas Postbox

Our Christmas postbox will be in school from today. Our very own special little elves will deliver your child's Christmas cards to their friends around school. Each envelope should be labelled with the recipient's Christian name and first initial of their surname before they are put into the postbox. It will also need their year group. We kindly ask that all cards are delivered through this popular Donisthorpe tradition. The last day of posting will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Events

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024

PTFA Christmas Fair- 3.10pm to 4.30pm



### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Jumper day!** Come to school dressed in a Christmassy outfit, suggested £1 donation to be split between Save the Children and Donisthorpe PTFA.

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 9.00am to 10.30am.

This year our EYFS children will be celebrating Christmas in school differently! Each child will be able to invite one special family visitor to join them in the hall for a Christmassy morning of fun. There will be a craft activity for you to do together, refreshments and the children will be singing some Christmas songs.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** is the much-anticipated **Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3** Nativity! The show starts at 2.15pm at school.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** is the **Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6** KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at The Village Heart, St John's Donisthorpe. Parents are welcome at 9.30am.

## 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.

## Lateness

School gates open at 8:30 am. Parents/Carer's are responsible for getting their children to school on time. Children are to be in class by 8.45 am, ready for registration.

5 minutes late per day =	10 minutes late per day =	15 minutes late per day =	20 minutes late per year =	30 minutes late per day =
<b>3 days lost per year</b>	<b>6.5 days lost per year</b>	<b>10 days lost per year</b>	<b>13 days lost per year</b>	<b>19 days lost per year</b>

### Day to Day

Please ensure, where possible, you make medical appointments outside of school time. If this is not possible, we would expect your child to come to school either before or after their appointment to ensure they receive at least one present mark for the day. We ask Parents/Carers to provide evidence of any appointments. This can be either a letter, text message or an appointment card.

### Applications

The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is **15th January 2025**. For applications, the simplest way is online at: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions>

If you need any further information, please contact the Admissions team on admissions@leics.gov.uk or 0116 305 6684.

If you have any questions about this or anything else, please telephone school or email [office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk)

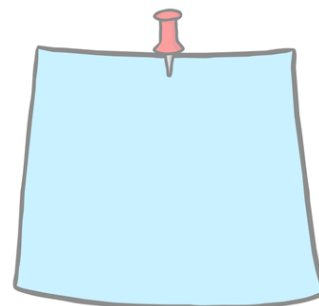
Regards,



Sylvie Newman

## 2024-2025 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. **New dates will be added in red!**



<b>5 Dec</b>	Year 5 Swimming- last session	pm
<b>5 Dec</b>	PTFA Christmas Fair	
<b>13 Dec</b>	EYFS Christmas Crafts	9.00 am – 10.30 am
<b>17 Dec</b>	Christmas Nativity Yr1, Yr2, Yr3 at school	9.15 Am
<b>17 Dec</b>	Christmas Nativity Yr1, Yr2, Yr3 at school	2.15 pm
<b>18 Dec</b>	Yr4, Yr5, Yr6 Christmas Carols at the newly refurbished St John' Church	9.30am
<b>19 Dec</b>	Christmas dinner	
<b>20 Dec</b>	School closes for Christmas	3.15pm
<b>Christmas Break</b>		
<b>6 Jan</b>	School reopens for children	8.30am
<b>6 Jan</b>	Wellbeing day for children in school	
<b>29 Jan</b>	Young Voices	
<b>7 Feb</b>	Mid-Year reports sent home	
<b>10 Feb</b>	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm

<b>11Feb</b>	Safer Internet Day	
<b>12 Feb</b>	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
<b>14 Feb</b>	School closes for half term	3.15pm
<b>February Half term</b>		
<b>24 Feb</b>	School reopens for children	8.30am
<b>26 Feb</b>	Year 1 Phonics Meeting for parents	5.00pm
<b>6 Mar</b>	World Book Day PTFA event selling books in the playground after school	All day
<b>28 Mar</b>	PTFA Mother's Day pop up shop	
<b>8 Apr</b>	Year 6 Warning Zone	All day
<b>11 April</b>	School closes for Easter	3.15pm
<b>Easter Break</b>		
<b>28 April</b>	School reopens for children	8.30am
<b>28 April</b>	Wellbeing day for children in school	
<b>5 May</b>	School closed for Bank Holiday	All day
<b>8 May</b>	Forest School Year 5 Hicks Lodge	All day
<b>12 May</b>	Year 6 SATS week	
<b>16 May</b>	Forest School Year 6 Hicks Lodge	All day
<b>21 May</b>	Forest School Year 4 Hicks Lodge	All day
<b>23 May</b>	School closes for half term	3.15pm
<b>May Half term</b>		
<b>2 June</b>	School reopens for children	8.30am
<b>2 June</b>	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
<b>4 June</b>	Forest School Year 3 at school	All day
<b>9 June</b>	Forest School Year 2 at school	All day
<b>9 June</b>	Year 1 phonics check week begins	
<b>12 June</b>	Forest School Year 1 at school	All day
<b>13 June</b>	Sports Day- School field refreshments provided by the PTFA / Father's Day Krispy Kreme doughnuts	1.00pm
<b>16 June</b>	Forest School EYFS at school	All day
<b>TBC</b>	Saffron Lane- NWLSSP sporting event, selected KS2 children TBC	
<b>23 June</b>	Reserve Date for Sports Day- in case of wet weather	1.00pm
<b>1 July</b>	End of Year Reports out to parents	
<b>1 July</b>	Open Evening to look at books and discuss reports	3.15pm-4.15pm
<b>2 July</b>	In school move up morning EYFS to Year 5	am
<b>TBC</b>	Year 6 Leavers performance	2.00pm
<b>8 July</b>	Last day of the school year	
<b>Summer Break- have a wonderful Summer!</b>		
<b>26 August</b>	School reopens for children	8.30am