



Newsletter

Positive Ambitious Nurturing

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Robotics Workshop

Yesterday, Years 4, 5 and 6 children took part in an exciting Eko STEM challenge robotics workshop, where they became robotic technicians for the morning. The children worked in groups to build robots using Lego, allowing for creativity as they decorated their robots to reflect their own personal style. We saw some fantastic designs inspired by insects, helicopters, and even Ronald McDonald!

Once the robots were built, the children then coded them, creating unique algorithms to navigate a maze. Their enthusiasm and engagement were evident throughout the session, and they represented our school brilliantly.



Attendance

Last term an amazing 78 children across the school achieved the incredibly high attendance of 98% or above. Well done children, keep it up!

Attending school every day	100% Attendance	
Attending school 4.5 days per week	90% Attendance	4 weeks missed per year
Attending school 4 days per week	80% Attendance	More than half a term missed per year or 2 full years missed during their school career
Attending school 3.5 days per week	70% Attendance	More than a quarter of the school year missed

*Being late for school reduces learning time. If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year. If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year. **Make every minute count!***

Parking issues

Yet again local residents have expressed concerns to me about illegal and unsafe parking around school drop off and collection times. Local residents say they are unable to leave their homes in the morning as cars continue to be parked unsafely on pavements. If an ambulance or fire engine needed access to a local home, this could actually put lives at risk.

Please consider parking a short distance from school and walking the remainder of the route. We know time is precious and everyone is busy but the children are also precious and it is only a matter of time before a parent, in a hurry to drop off their child and get on with their day, results in a serious injury or worse.

Local police are happy for residents to send photographs of illegally parked cars to them along with registration numbers.



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.

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.

Wellbeing Newsletter

At Donisthorpe Primary School, we are committed to supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of our pupils and staff. We know that everyone experiences life challenges that can make us vulnerable and at times, anyone may need additional emotional support. We take the view that positive mental health is everybody's business and that we all have a role to play. Please find attached a wellbeing newsletter with lots of hints and tips for you and your children.

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If you have any questions about this or anything else, please telephone school 01530 270371 or email office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk

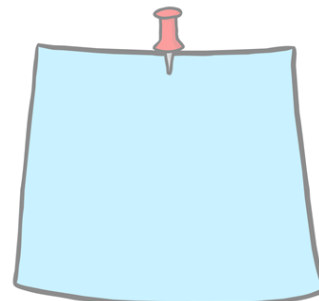
Regards,



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!**



29 Jan	Young Voices	
7 Feb	Mid-Year reports sent home	
10 Feb	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
11Feb	Safer Internet Day	
12 Feb	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
14 Feb	School closes for half term	3.15pm
February Half term		
24 Feb	School reopens for children	8.30am
26 Feb	Year 1 Phonics Meeting for parents	5.00pm
6 Mar	World Book Day PTFA event selling books in the playground after school	All day
21 Mar	Red Nose Day – Do something funny for money. Wear something to make us smile for a donation	
28 Mar	PTFA Mother’s Day pop up shop	
8 Apr	Year 6 Warning Zone	All day
11 April	School closes for Easter	3.15pm
Easter Break		
28 April	School reopens for children	8.30am
28 April	Wellbeing day for children in school	
5 May	School closed for Bank Holiday	All day
8 May	Forest School Year 5 Hicks Lodge	All day
12 May	Year 6 SATS week	
16 May	Forest School Year 6 Hicks Lodge	All day
21 May	Forest School Year 4 Hicks Lodge	All day
23 May	School closes for half term	3.15pm
May Half term		
2 June	School reopens for children	8.30am
2 June	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
4 June	Forest School Year 3 at school	All day
9 June	Forest School Year 2 at school	All day
9 June	Year 1 phonics check week begins	
12 June	Forest School Year 1 at school	All day

13 June	Sports Day- School field refreshments provided by the PTFA / Father's Day Krispy Kreme doughnuts	1.00pm
16 June	Forest School EYFS at school	All day
TBC	Saffron Lane- NWLSSP sporting event, selected KS2 children TBC	
23 June	Reserve Date for Sports Day- in case of wet weather	1.00pm
1 July	End of Year Reports out to parents	
1 July	Open Evening to look at books and discuss reports	3.15pm-4.15pm
2 July	In school move up morning EYFS to Year 5	am
TBC	Year 6 Leavers performance	2.00pm
8 July	Last day of the school year	
Summer Break- have a wonderful Summer!		
26 August	School reopens for children	8.30am