



Newsletter

Positive Ambitious Nurturing

Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! This week has gone so quickly...before you know it, it will be the end of the academic year!

This week some of our Year 4 children have begun their testing on the Multiplication Check, children have to answer times table facts on screen as quickly as possible before the next question pops up. They have been absolutely awesome and we are so proud of them!

Next week children in Year 1 will begin taking their phonics screening check, this is a national test to compare results across the country. Children will have the chance to read some real and 'alien' words 1:1 with an adult, please help them to practise by reading as much as you can with them at home!



The next few weeks I'm sure will be filled with many more achievements, exciting learning experiences, and more memorable events. I continue to be immensely proud of the progress and dedication shown by our wonderful children.



Sports Day

Weather permitting, next week on **Friday 13th June at 1.30pm** we are hoping to hold Sports Day.

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.**

'Summer Festival' on Tuesday 8th July- 'Newman fest'

As you know, I will be leaving Donisthorpe at the end of this term. While I know my final day will be an emotional one, I'd love to leave the school on a joyful note.

To say a heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful children (and staff!), I'm planning a special event — a 'Summer Festival' on Tuesday 8th July. Let's call it Newman Fest!

I hope it will be a fun and memorable way to celebrate our time together.

The children will receive a VIP wrist band to access Newman Fest and will be able to chose a festival accessory to wear. There will be live music, dancing, fun and games! Children can come to school in non-uniform or 'festival' clothes.

We will be visited by an ice cream van and I will treat the children (and staff) to an ice lolly or an ice cream. (The van will also be available at the end of the school day if parents would like to purchase additional treats for siblings and themselves!)

To make the afternoon even more special, children can bring in some money and the PTFA will be selling temporary tattoos and other treats!

I know that the children and staff will have a wonderful time and our Year 6's and myself will leave the school with a great memory and a smile rather than a sad face!

Local Heroes

Is your child a local hero? Do you know a child who has positively contributed to the community? Are you aware of any Donisthorpe Primary pupils who have gone above and beyond to contribute to society? At the end of this academic year, we will once again be presenting the 'Peter Riley Community Hero Award' to a



member of our school. Last year, one of our amazing current Year 6 children won the award for her charity contributions.

The award will go to a member of our school who has positively impacted the local area over the past academic year. You may know children who have raised money for charity, contributed to litter picking, organised local events or contributed in an assortment of other ways.

If you would like to nominate your child – or another child in the school – please email slt@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk with the subject 'Peter Riley Community Hero Award' and briefly explain why they deserve to win. The deadline for nominations is Friday 20th June.

Summer Reading Challenge 2025

This week the children have had a visit from Measham library to introduce the Summer Reading Challenge 2025. This is a national initiative from the Reading Agency run by libraries across the UK and is celebrating its 25th year in 2025. It is aimed at children from the ages of 4 – 12 years old. There is also a 'mini challenge' for pre-school children. The aim of the challenge is to encourage children to keep on reading throughout the long summer holiday when many children can lose interest and reading skills. This ensures they are ready for a great start when returning to school in the Autumn term and is well supported by schools.



This year's challenge 'Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors', will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through the magical connections of books and nature.

Children will need a library card which is free simple to sign up for can be used immediately. Once they have their library card children can enrol on the challenge for free and start receiving rewards and small prizes for visiting the library and completing the challenge. The goal is to read or share 6 books of their choice during the holiday period. Measham Library has been running the challenge since it started and we also invite families to come along and join in themed events. Look out for information on local Facebook pages or pop in to the library to find out more.

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

Regards,

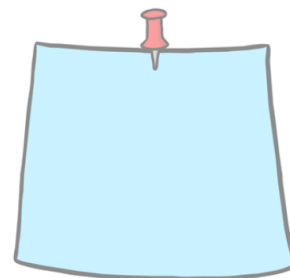
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Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher



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!**



9 June	Forest School Year 2 on site	All day
9 June	Year 1 phonics check week begins	
11 June	Saffron Lane NWLSSP sporting event, selected KS2 children TBC	
12 June	Forest School Year 1 on site	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 on site	All day
23 June	Reserve Date for Sports Day- in case of wet weather	1.00pm
25 June	Yr5 Solar Farm Visit – am Workshop in School	12.30pm to 2.30pm
27 June	Years 3 and 4 Thinktank Birmingham Science Museum	All day
27 June	EYFS / Year 1 Forest School on site	
1 July	End of Year Reports out to parents	
1 July	Open Evening to look at books and discuss reports	3.15pm-4.15pm
3 July	In school move up morning EYFS to Year 5	am
3 July	Ashby School / Ivanhoe move up day	All day
4 July	EYFS / Year 1 Forest School on site	
4 July	Year 6 Drayton Manor	5 .00 pm return
7 July	Year 6 Leavers performance	1.30 pm
8 July	Summer Festival – Newman Fest	2.00 pm
8 July	Last day of the school year	
Summer Break- have a wonderful Summer!		
26 August	School reopens for children	8.30am