



Newsletter

Positive Ambitious Nurturing

Friday 21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy few weeks here at Donisthorpe Primary School, with lots of exciting things happening. I'm not quite sure how but we are now over half way through the school year!



Red Nose Day 2025

We had an absolutely fantastic Red Nose Day! The school was a sea of red as our wonderful children, and staff came together to support this amazing cause. From crazy hairstyles to wacky outfits, everyone went above and beyond to raise funds for Comic Relief. I must say, seeing all the happy and excited children in school brought a smile to my face. We have raised over £180, which is wonderful. Thank you to all who participated and donated – you truly made a difference! Look out on social media later for lots of pictures!



Sunny Weather

As I write this newsletter, is a bit more overcast than the forecasters predicted however, when the weather eventually warms up we encourage parents to send children to school with a sun hat for playtime, as the sun is always at its strongest when the children are playing outside. Sun cream should be applied before school, if sending sun cream into school, children should be able to apply it themselves. Please also make sure that everything sent into school is named.



Change of legislation in food waste and other refuse

From 31 March 2025, schools will need to separate food waste from other waste. We now have allocated food waste only bins around school, and will be talking to the children in assembly about which waste goes in which bin. With this in mind, children with packed lunches must take any leftover food and packaging home with them, because it is too difficult to manage/monitor the separation of waste during this time of day. It also gives you the opportunity as parents and carers to see how much your child has eaten for their lunch.

Keeping Children Safe

Most things have evolved since the 70s, and yet the fundamental lesson we use to keep our children safe – 'Stranger Danger' – has not. Most strangers pose no threat to children, it is not always strangers that try to harm children, and teaching 'Stranger Danger' can create some fear and suspicion. After half term in assemblies we will be talking to the children about how to keep themselves safe- focusing on unsafe situations – not just on strangers – using the phrase CLEVER NEVER GOES. The aim is to teach children that they must never go anywhere with anyone, a stranger or a familiar face, unless plans have been made beforehand. It tells them that following the rules makes them clever, gives them the confidence to trust their instincts and teaches them how to react to unsafe situations.

End of Key Stage SATS

SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place from Monday 12th May 2025 with the last test being on Thursday 15th May.

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

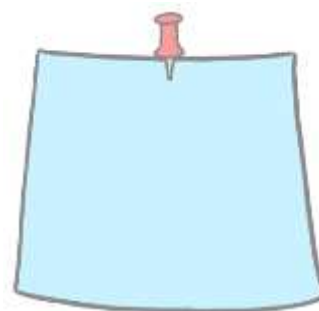
Regards,



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!**



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
8 Apr	EYFS, Yr1 & Yr2 Easter Service in School Hall (Maximum 2 adults per child)	9.00 am Red & Green House 10.30 am Yellow & Blue House
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	VE Day Party	
9 May	Forest School Year 5 on site	All day
12 May	Year 6 SATS week	
16 May	Forest School Year 6 on site	All day
21 May	Forest School Year 4 on site	All day
23 May	LCH Charity Colour Run	
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	
3 June	Year 5 The National Arboretum	All day
6 June	Forest School Year 3 on site	All day
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
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
2 July	In school move up morning EYFS to Year 5	am
4 July	EYFS / Year 1 Forest School on site	
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