



Newsletter

Positive Ambitious Nurturing

Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all; I hope that you enjoyed the Easter break and that you were able to take the opportunity to meet with friends and family and enjoy some slightly warmer weather. Children across the school are working hard and are enjoying being back at school. The summer term is always a busy one and we have so much to fit into the next nine and a half weeks! Please do keep a close eye on the dates at the end of this newsletter, so that you don't miss anything!



I wrote to you earlier this week to let you know that I will be leaving Donisthorpe at the end of this academic year. It has been an absolute privilege to work alongside such a talented and committed staff team, as well as the wonderful children and families that make up our school community. However, the time has come for me to embark on a new chapter and, in the Autumn term, I will start a new role as Strategic Education Lead within Symphony Learning Trust, alongside my role at Ashby Hill Top.

Governors have begun the recruitment process for Donisthorpe's new Headteacher and they will keep you updated on their progress. I am confident that Donisthorpe will continue to thrive under new leadership, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as Executive Headteacher here.

Thank you so much for the lovely messages that I have had from parents this week- it means a lot. I will still be a familiar face at Donisthorpe until the end of the summer term, so there will still be lots of time for more chats on the gate!

New EYFS children

Congratulations to those pupils who were offered a place in EYFS at Donisthorpe for August. We are delighted that your child will be joining our school and we look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks. Further information will be sent to families separately, giving you all the details that you will need to know prior to your child starting school.



Sunny Weather

As I write this newsletter, it's lovely and sunny! When the weather is warm, 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.



Colour Dash Fundraiser!

The Colour Dash will take place on the afternoon of Friday 23rd May, here at school. We'll be sending out further details and sponsor forms shortly.

- ✚ To learn more about the work of LCH, please visit their website: <https://lchcharity.co.uk/>
- ✚ You can also watch a short video from another school's Colour Dash here: [Watch on YouTube](#)

Victory in Europe 80th Anniversary Celebrations

Next week on Thursday 8th May, the nation will be celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe. Everyone in modern Britain today has a connection to those who served during the Second World War, either through their family or within the community.

To commemorate Victory in Europe, during the week beginning Tuesday 6th May we will be planning lots of activities for the children to learn about some of the events of the second World War and its eventual ending in Europe on May 8th 1945. We will also pay tribute to those who lost their lives so that we can live the way we live today.



The week of learning and celebration will end on Thursday 8th May with a VE Day Party! We would like children to come to school dressed in **red**, white and **blue**. If children are feeling more adventurous they could even dress in 1940s clothing or uniforms from the era. Whatever is most easy and comfortable for our families!

At 2.00pm we will all go out into the school grounds (weather permitting) and have a good old-fashioned party! (The children will be provided with a drink and a biscuit.) If you have a picnic blanket we can borrow for the afternoon, please send it in to school on the morning of Thursday 8th May.



Health & Safety within our uniform policy

We work hard to keep the children safe in school and part of that is addressed by our Uniform Policy. Please may we remind you that;

- Long hair should be tied back during every PE lesson.
- Earrings worn to school can only be **stud earrings**. Hooped earrings or ones that dangle have a higher risk of getting caught and being ripped out during play.
- Earrings need to be removed or taped with micropore tape for all PE lessons and activity.

Break time snacks

As a 'Healthy School' we aim to promote healthy eating with the children. All children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with free fruit each day to eat during morning break. Children in other year groups are encouraged to bring fruit as a snack for morning break.

Parent Survey Results

We are delighted to share the results of our recent parent survey, which highlights the many positive experiences of our pupils and areas we continue to focus on as a school.

- **100% of parents** agreed or strongly agreed that their child feels happy at school.

- **100% of parents** agreed or strongly agreed that their child feels safe at school.
- **100% of parents** whose child has a SEND need, agreed or strongly agreed that their the school supports the children well.
- **97% of parents** agreed or strongly agreed that our school ensures that the children are well behaved
- **97% of parents** agreed or strongly agreed that their child does well at our school, while 3% were unsure.
- **95% of parents** agreed or strongly agreed that there is a good range of subjects availed to their child, while 6% were unsure.
- **90% of parents** felt concerns raised had been dealt with well, while 6% were unsure.
- **97% of parents** would recommend Donisthorpe to other parents

Parents mentioned the following areas for improvement:

- ✓ **Making sure that parents are aware of what their child will learn during the year.**
- ✓ **Letting parents know how their child is doing during the year.**
- ✓ **Increasing the range of clubs their children can take part in.**
- ✓ **Ensuring parents know how we are supporting their child's wider personal development.**



Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the survey. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us ensure our school remains a happy, safe, and welcoming place for every child. Look out for further information on future newsletters to see what actions we are taking to improve these areas.

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.

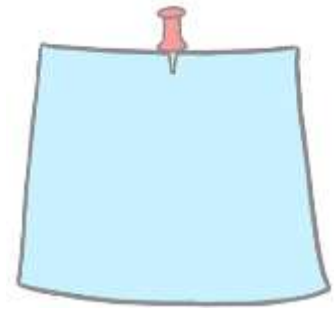
If you have any questions, please telephone school 01530 270371 or email office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk.

Regards,

Sylvie Newman
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!**



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
20 May	Class Photographs	AM
21 May	Forest School Year 4 on site	All day
23 May	LCH Charity Colour Run	PM
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
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	Last day of the school year	
Summer Break- have a wonderful Summer!		
26 August	School reopens for children	8.30am