



Newsletter

Positive Ambitious Nurturing

Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I always say to visitors that the best thing about our school are the children who come here! This week Mr Williamson and I have been out and about in classrooms, talking to children about their learning and we really have been impressed with their excellent behaviour and attitudes!

Residential Meeting for Year 6 Parents

Mr Williamson will be holding a short meeting for the parents of the Year 6 children who are going on this year's residential to Whitmoore Lakes. The meeting will be held in the school hall on **Wednesday 9th October at 6pm.**



Harvest Festival 2024

We are really looking forward to joining together this year for our Harvest celebration. This year's service will involve **Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6** children and will take place at **9.30am on Friday 11th October** at the new look **St John's Church in Donisthorpe**. We are excited to be celebrating in this new community space. We invite parents of these children to join us!

We will be collecting tinned goods, dried foods and other non-perishables to donate to the Marlene Reid Centre. Donations should be brought to school at the beginning of the day on **Friday 11th October.**

PTFA AGM

The PTFA AGM was really well attended. The new Co-Chairs of the PTFA are **Katie Heelas** and **Daisy Shayler**, they can be contacted via the Donisthorpe PTFA Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/240850922733397/>

The PTFA have had another fantastic year but they could not have been as successful without the many wider volunteers they have for each event. They would like to thank everyone for their support, without you there would be no PTFA!

PTFA events for the coming year include:

- 13th October – Apple Day stall
- 31st October – Halloween dress up day
- Xmas4schools – Christmas cards to be returned to school by 1st November
- Christmas Fair
- January – Bag2school clothing collection
- 14th February – love yourself day – wear red to school
- 6th March – World Book Day PTFA event selling books in the playground after school
- 28th March – Mother's Day pop up shop

23rd May – break the rules day

13th June – Sports Day Refreshments/Father's Day Krispy Kreme doughnuts

TBC – end of term disco

Look out for more information/details from the PTFA themselves!

Parents Evening

This year parents evening will take place on **Monday 14th October and Thursday 16th October**, the meetings will take place in school and you will also be able to look at your children's books. A short Settling in Report will be sent home on Friday 11th October this will be discussed during the parents evening. You will be sent more information about how to book your appointment next week. We are hoping that 100% of parents will attend and we are excited to share the children's learning with you!



Before and after school club...we finally have a name and a logo- Welcome to The Nook!

Firstly, and most importantly, we just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of our families for being so incredibly kind and complimentary of our new before and after school provision. We are extremely grateful to you all for your generous feedback as we continue to find more ways to develop and grow.

We run breakfast club from 7.30am until the start of the school day, Monday to Friday, and an afterschool club from the end of school until 6.00pm, Monday to Friday, during term time. The Nook has an indoor play space, access to toilets and kitchen facilities. There is also access to the school's hall, playground, trim trail and playing field.

Please find below a link to the club booking platform. Here you will be able to register your children and set up your method of payment. Fees should be paid in advance.

<https://donisthorpeprimary.magicbooking.co.uk/.../Login>

Parental Supervision

If you are on site before the doors/gates open in the morning, please can we ask that you do not allow the children to play in the school's front garden. **You must supervise your children at all times.** Can I also ask that parents do not let their children climb on the wall outside the school office.

Jewellery

Stud earrings and a watch are the only forms of jewellery permitted. If your child does wear earrings, these need to be removed or covered with 'micropore' tape for PE. It is the responsibility of the parents to provide their child with 'micropore' tape.

Dogs

We know that dogs play an important part in family life for many of our families, and as such are often included in day to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. However, others may find the presence of dogs stressful or even frightening, even well behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment.

I know that you are all responsible and sensible pet owners, so will understand that I politely request that you do not bring them onto the school site at the start or end of the day. Thank you in advance for your support.



Spare Clothes

As you will be aware, from time to time some of our younger children may have an 'accident' at school and need to change their clothes. **Please if you have any of the school's spare clothes at home can you wash them and return them to school?** I purchased new pants and socks at the start of the year and they have not been returned to school so we now have a very limited supply.

Please help!

If you have any of the following items that you would be willing to donate we would be very grateful:

Pants
Socks
Jogging bottoms
Leggings

To fit children aged 4 to 8.
Thank you in advance!

Parking Concerns

As you already know, Ashby Road is very congested at the end of the day when parents are collecting their children. We all want to keep our children safe, so here are some top tips on how you can make a difference.

How Can You Help?

- ✓ Keep your speed down
- ✓ Turn your engine off if leaving your vehicle
- ✓ Leave the middle of the road free, with enough room for other road users to easily pass through
- ✓ Make sure your child leaves and enters your vehicle safely onto the pavement
- ✓ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening a car door
- ✓ Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians to get past
- ✓ Take care when reversing

Please Keep Clear...

- ✓ Zig Zags and School Entrances
- ✓ Dropped Kerbs
- ✓ Resident's Driveways

Please park considerately around our school and keep our children safe!

Have you considered...

- Parking further away from school and walking
- Walking or cycling to school instead? This is a great way to contribute to a child's 60 minutes of activity a day and is easy to incorporate into your daily routine. Try it once a week at first and see how easy it can be.

I know that you all lead very busy lives, but if we all work together it will be much safer for everyone.

Operation Encompass

We are an Operation Encompass School. This is an initiative developed with Leicestershire Police to ensure that school will be informed when a child or young person has been involved or exposed to a domestic abuse incident the previous evening.



The aim of this is to enable the school to sensitively and appropriately support a child to ensure they feel safe and secure after an incident of domestic abuse. Operation Encompass work with the Police Force sharing with us incidents that they have attended where they feel there has been an impact upon a child's physical, emotional or mental well-being. This information is shared in confidence and will help us to support and care for the children at our school even more effectively. More information about Operation Encompass including their statement can be found on their website www.operationencompass.org

Apply for a School Place- Secondary

It is fast approaching the time when Year 6 parents need to apply for secondary school places for their children. To assist you in this, the feeder secondary schools (Ivanhoe School, Ashby School, Ibstock Community College) will hold open evenings over the next few weeks. Information concerning these schools is available from the individual establishments. The deadline for applying for a Secondary School place is **31st October 2024**.



Apply for a School Place- Primary

The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is **15th January 2025**. For both 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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sylvie Newman'.

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!**



8 Oct	New EYFS parents 2025 intake Open Evening	6.30pm to 7.30pm
8 Oct	Forest School Year 3 at school	All day
9 Oct	Yr6 Residential Parents Meeting	6 pm
10 Oct	Year 6 Swimming	pm
10 Oct	NHS Immunisations	
11 Oct	Forest School EYFS at school	am
11 Oct	Forest School Year 1 at school	pm
11 Oct	Harvest service at the newly refurbished St John's Church- this will include Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 children	9.30am
11 Oct	Settling in reports sent home	
13 Oct	PTFA Stall at Apple Day	
14 Oct	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
16 Oct	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
17 Oct	Year 6 Swimming- last session	pm
18 Oct	Forest School EYFS at school	All day
18 Oct	School closes for half term	3.15pm
October Half term		
28 Oct	School reopens	8.30am
28 Oct	School photos	
30 Oct	Year 6 Residential	
31 Oct	Year 5 Swimming begins	pm
31 Oct	PTFA Halloween dress up day- for a donation	
1 Nov	Year 6 Residential returns	
7 Nov	Year 5 Swimming	pm
8 Nov	Odd Sock Day- children can come to school wearing Odd Socks with their uniforms!	All day
8 Nov	Individual Photographs	
11 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week	
11 Nov	Remembrance Day	
14 Nov	Year 5 Swimming	pm
15 Nov	Children in Need details TBC	
21 Nov	Year 5 Swimming	pm
22 Nov	Open classroom- parents are invited to see the children's classroom and look at their work so far!	2.45pm to 3.30pm
28 Nov	Year 5 Swimming	pm
5 Dec	Year 5 Swimming- last session	pm
13 Dec	EYFS Christmas Crafts	
18 Dec	Year 1 to Year 6 Christmas service at the newly refurbished St John' Church- this will include the nativity by Year 1/2	9.30am
19 Dec	Christmas dinner	
20 Dec	School closes for Christmas	3.15pm

Christmas Break		
6 Jan	School reopens for children	8.30am
6 Jan	Wellbeing day for children in school	
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
14 Feb	PTFA Love yourself day – wear red to school- for a donation	
February Half term		
24 Feb	School reopens for children	8.30am
26 Feb	Year 1 Phonics Meeting for parents	5.00pm
6 March	World Book Day	All day
6 March	World Book Day PTFA event selling books in the playground after school	
28 March	PTFA Mother's Day pop up shop	
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