



# Newsletter

Positive Ambitious Nurturing

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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 our Year 4 children have been tested 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 test, this is a national test to compare the 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 be reading as much as you can with them at home!

The next few weeks I'm sure will be filled with more achievements, more 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, we are hoping to hold Sports Day on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm** on the school field.

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.**

### **End of year reports**

End of year reports will come home on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. There will be a reply slip for you to confirm receipt and make any comments on your child's report.

### **Open Evening Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July time 3.15pm to 4.15pm**

A drop-in session where you and your child can come back into school to visit their new classroom and meet their new teacher. You pop in any time between X and X to have a quick look and a chat!

### **Move up morning Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Your child will come into school as normal and be registered by their current class teacher. At 9.00am the children will be taken to their new classroom to spend the day becoming familiar with new staff, their environment and friends. Staff have planned a range of fun activities that are going to whet the appetite of the children so that they are excited about the prospect of returning to this class at the end of August!

### **Staff Changes**

At the end of this term we will be sad to say goodbye to an amazing member of our teaching staff. Mrs Moore in Year 4 will be moving on to an exciting new opportunity at a school in Derbyshire, she will be beginning this new chapter after the summer. One of the most remarkable things about her is that she is so unflappable. She is always so calm and kind to the children and nothing seems to be too much trouble. She will be sadly missed at Donisthorpe but we know that she will be a fantastic asset to her new school.

Miss Weir who has been a wonderful Learning Support Assistant and lunchtime supervisor for a number of years, will also sadly be leaving us. She is moving to join the SEND Outreach team at Oakfield Short Stay school. We will all greatly miss her calm and positive outlook towards life and the whole team will miss her happy demeanour! She has been such an asset to our school and I know that we will all miss her so much! You will smash it, Miss Weir! They are lucky to have you!

### **Class teachers for the next academic year will be as follows:**

	<b>Teaching Staff</b>
<b>EYFS</b>	Mrs Lauren Pacey
<b>Year 1</b>	Miss Kirsty Morton
<b>Year 2</b>	Miss Alicia Bloor
<b>Year 3</b>	Mrs Leah Hughes (Mon to Thurs) Mr Jamie Williamson (Fri)
<b>Year 4</b>	Mrs Rachael Lavender
<b>Year 5</b>	Mrs Kirsty Lee-Mabey (Mon/Tues) Mrs Claire Merry (Wed to Fri)
<b>Year 6</b>	Mrs Sarah Rundlett (Mon/Tues) Miss Faye Dennis (Wed to Fri)

This information is being shared earlier than normal to help conversations in school and at home with regards to transition.

We know that our children can find this time of year quite a worry and we want to ensure that we do all we can to make the end of this year as the start of the next as smooth as possible.

### **Community Hero Award**

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 be presenting, for the first time ever, the 'Community Hero Award' to a member of our school. Created to pay honour Peter Riley, who cares deeply for and has contributed lots to our local area, the award has been conceived and donated by the Donisthorpe Community Group. 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 – please email [slt@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk](mailto: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 21st June.

**Before and after school club**

Next academic year I am excited to announce that we will be setting up our own before and after school club! Our club will be accessible to all children from the school, from EYFS through to Year 6. (EYFS children will be accepted from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, to allow for settling-in time in school) The provision will be available, Monday to Friday in term time only.



<p><b>Morning session:</b>  <b>7.30am to 8.30am</b>                  Children will be provided with toast/cereal and a drink at breakfast club.</p>	<p><b>Cost £6.00</b></p>
<p><b>After School session:</b>  <b>3.15pm to 6.00pm</b>                  Children will be provided with a light tea and a drink at after school club.</p>	<p><b>Cost £12.00</b></p>

Places will be confirmed by the end of June, when more information on how to pay and how to book will be released.

Remember, if you have any questions, please talk to a member of SLT on the gate, phone school or email [office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk)

Regards,

Sylvie Newman  
 Executive Headteacher



## 2023-2024 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. newsletter and will also be available on the school website.



<b>6 May</b>	School closed for Bank Holiday	All day
<b>9 May</b>	Year 5 Forest School Hicks Lodge	
<b>13 May</b>	Year 6 SATS week	
<b>17 May</b>	Year 6 Forest School Hicks Lodge	
<b>23 May</b>	PTFA Spring Fair	3.15-4.30
<b>24 May</b>	School closes for Half Term	3.15pm
<b>May Half term</b>		
<b>3 Jun</b>	School reopens for children	8.30am
<b>3 Jun</b>	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
<b>10 Jun</b>	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
<b>10 Jun</b>	Year 1 phonics check week begins	
<b>12 Jun</b>	Saffron Lane- NWLSSP sporting event, selected KS2 children TBC	
<b>14 Jun</b>	Sports Day- School field refreshments provided by the PTFA	1.00pm
<b>26 Jun</b>	Ashby School Induction Day for Year 6	
<b>27 Jun</b>	Reserve Date for Sports Day- in case of wet weather	1.00pm
<b>3 Jul</b>	End of Year Reports out to parents	
<b>4 Jul</b>	In school move up morning EYFS to Year 5	am
<b>4 Jul</b>	Open Afternoon to look at books and discuss reports	3.15pm-4.15pm
<b>5 Jul</b>	Year 6 Leavers performance	2.00pm
<b>8 Jul</b>	Year 6 Drayton Manor Reward Trip	All day
<b>9 Jul</b>	Year 6 Leavers Lunch	
<b>9 Jul</b>	Last day of the school year	
<b>Summer Break- have a wonderful Summer!</b>		
<b>27 Aug</b>	School reopens for children	8.30am

