



*It was lovely to welcome the children back to Spring term 2. We have a short but very busy half term ahead with lots of amazing learning experiences for the children across the school to enjoy.*

### **Attendance**

All children took home attendance letters at the start of the term. These letters go out to every child in the school, as information for Parents/Carers so they have a record of their child's attendance. If we ever have any concern over a child's attendance, we will always pick up the phone to discuss this and offer any help and support. If you have any questions upon reading the letter or about your child's attendance in general, please don't hesitate to contact the school.



### **Wellbeing**

**Stop, Understand and Move On course- Top tips and tools to help children develop greater resilience, understand themselves and embrace wellbeing.**

This is a 4-week course that will be held here at Donington Primary School on Tuesday 5th, 11<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March from 1.30 - 3.00pm. It is a course for parents and carers to help better understand themselves and their children. It aims to provide you with some simple tools to help support the journey of parenting. For more information see the attached leaflet.

Places are limited so please contact Mrs Millard if you would like to attend.



## SEND

Your child's class teacher is always the first port of call for any SEND queries you might have.

If you need any further support following on from this, you are always welcome to make an appointment with us. For any specific area of need please speak with Mrs Ogden, or for social, emotional, and mental health needs, please speak with Mrs Millard.

There will be a SEND coffee morning on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. We hope to see you there.

Some useful websites:

[https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/P\\_Events.php](https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/P_Events.php)

[www.wtt.org.uk](http://www.wtt.org.uk)



## Statutory Assessments

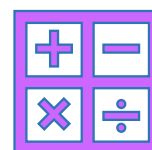
### KS2 SATs (Year 6s)

These statutory assessments take place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and includes a Reading paper, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and 3 maths papers which are spread over the four days. On these days, the Year 6s can come to school and have breakfast before they complete the tests.



### Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) (Year 4s)

The MTC takes place over a two-week period starting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The test takes approximately 15 minutes and the children will have opportunities to practise beforehand. The sound check on TTRS also allows the children to practise the style of questions.



### Phonics Screening (Year 1s)

There is a phonics screening check for all Year 1 children which takes place during the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June and takes approximately 20 minutes.



## Sports

We have had a good half term with our sports, and we now have some wonderful playground leaders from our Year 5/6 classes. You may notice some of the staff wearing our brand-new PE kit and this has been wonderful to see. We still have some exciting events coming up this half term with goalball and netball still to come and our netball coach continues to come in and support our children in learning all the different rules and skills needed in this sport.



## Reading

This year on World Book Day we will be celebrating nighttime reading. We invite all children to come into school wearing their comfiest pyjamas, onesies, and dressing gowns to enjoy a day full of activities. Children are more than welcome to bring in their favourite book to share with their classes. This year's theme will be based around the book **'Our Tower'** and each class will be taking part in some exciting activities which celebrate our love for reading.



## Choir

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February our Key Stage 2 choir travelled to Sheffield Utilita arena to take part in Young Voices. The children were a credit to the school and were fantastic all day. We joined in with performances from 13-year-old drummer Nandi Bushell, singer Natalie Williams and YouTube star MC Grammar. We even got to see the street dance act, Urban Strides. This was an amazing day and a fantastic opportunity for the children involved. They cannot wait for next year!



## Houses of Parliament Visit

On Wednesday 21st February the Year 6 children from Donington and St Gilbert's travelled to the London Eye and the Houses of Parliament. The children were a credit to the school and were fantastic all day. We went on the London Eye and managed to spot some of the landmarks sights in London such as St Paul's Cathedral and Buckingham Palace. We then walked across Westminster Bridge to the Houses of Parliament. We were given a tour of the Houses of Parliament and even went into the viewing gallery and watched part of a debate taking place in the Houses of Commons!



## Comic Relief- 15<sup>th</sup> March

This year we will be supporting Comic Relief. Children will be invited to **Wear it Red** for our non-uniform day- any contributions are welcome.



## Autism Awareness Day - 28<sup>th</sup> March

We will once again be raising awareness of Autism on this day and invite children to attend in colourful clothing to celebrate everyone's uniqueness.



## PTFA

Our next PTFA meeting is Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, at 3.30pm for anyone who would like to come along. Our meetings don't take long and we are always welcoming new ideas for fundraising. We have a list of fun events we would like to hold this year including a Bingo night for parents! But of course, to hold these events we do need helpers to make them run smoothly. If you would like to offer help and cannot make the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, please email [PTFA@cowley.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@cowley.lincs.sch.uk).

Plans have already begun for our Summer Fair which we are very excited about! Our School Fairs so far have been very successful and as much as we all enjoy making them happen and the joy that they bring, they are hard work to organise. If anyone can offer help we would very much appreciate it.

At our last meeting we discussed the many ways we would like to use the monies being raised which include donating towards the sensory garden, funding the Year 6 leavers t-shirts again and a special Christmas surprise!

Also, please keep your eye out for when our Easter Squares will be on sale! There are some great prizes to be won!





### **March**

5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March from 1.30 - 3.00pm. Taking time to Stop Understand and Move On course.

7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day

7<sup>th</sup> Cross Country Competition

8<sup>th</sup> Goalball competition

15<sup>th</sup> Comic Relief- Non- uniform day- Wear it Red

20<sup>th</sup> Parent Meetings

21<sup>st</sup> Netball competition

28<sup>th</sup> Autism Awareness Day- Colourful clothing to school and End of Spring Term 2

### **April**

**16<sup>th</sup> Start of Summer Term 1**

### **May**

13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATs

### **June**

3<sup>rd</sup> Multiplication Test Check (MTC) for Year 4 children (over 2 weeks)

10<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week

17<sup>th</sup> EYFS/KS1 Sports morning

19<sup>th</sup> KS2 Sports morning