

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a lovely half term and have enjoyed spending time with family and friends. I am ever hopeful that the second spring term will bring warmer weather and see the end to the winter bugs.

We have another very busy half term ahead with lots of exciting learning opportunities and events for our children to enjoy!

Mrs Foston.

ATTENDANCE

Legal implications of being late to school

If children arrive after registration has closed, 9.25am, this will give them an unauthorised mark, this is a 'u' code.

A 'u' code is given as the child wasn't present at the time of registration - they were absent.

Schools will actively discourage lateness and be alert to patterns of late arrival and will act as appropriate.

Legal action can be taken against parents regarding unauthorised absence marks (e.g u code). It is therefore encouraged that parents ensure their child is on time.

Every minute counts!

Being late adds up

This chart shows how being late each day adds up with minutes equalling learning days lost.

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost

SCHOOL SAFETY

Since returning from half term we have noticed an increase in the vehicles parking on the zig zag lines at the front of the school. This is extremely dangerous for the children and parents/carers coming to and from school as it causes an obstruction. Please can we remind all Parents and Carers to park safely at all times. We all have a responsibility in our community to protect our children and each other. Your cooperation with parking safely is not only appreciated but could also save a life or injury.

Please take the time to read the page on the link below from Lincolnshire Police about Parking Outside Schools.

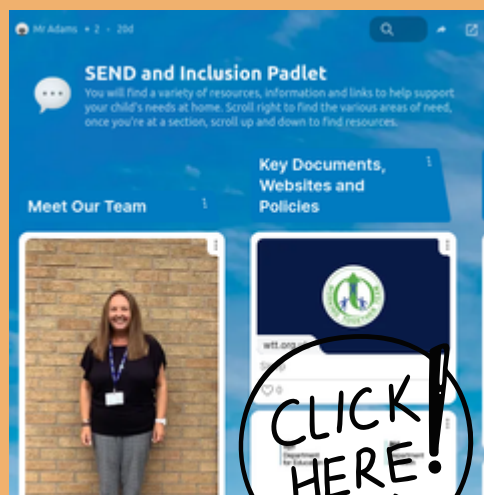
**SAFETY
FIRST**



SEND AND INCLUSION

If you have any concerns about your child's learning, then please speak to your child's class teacher as a first port of call. However, if you would like to discuss this further, then please make an appointment with our SENDCo, Mrs S. Ogden by telephoning the school.

Have you seen our new padlet on the school website?...



PARENT/CARER COFFEE AFTERNOON

Our next coffee afternoon will be...

**Wednesday 19th March
at 2pm**

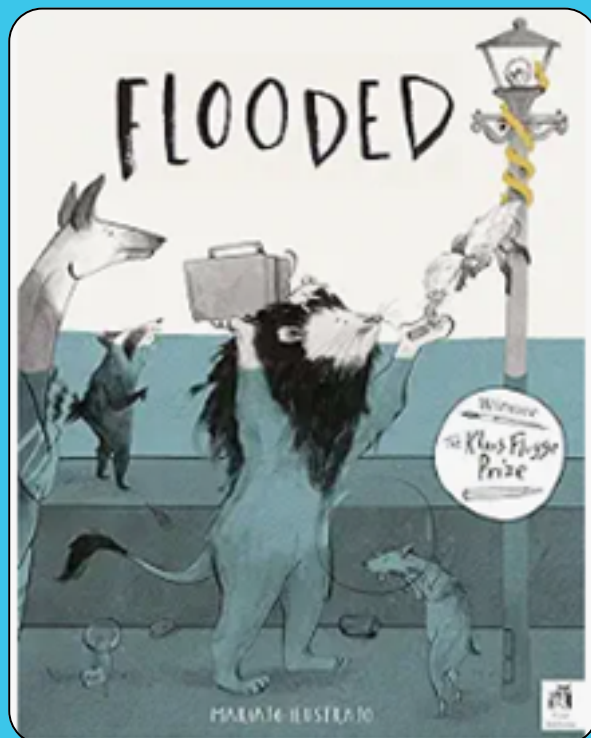
Come along to our coffee afternoon, enjoy a chat and meet other parents. This is a great opportunity to share experiences and offer support.



READING - WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 6th March

This year on World Book Day we will be celebrating nighttime reading. All children are invited to come to 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. There will be a range of activities throughout the day based around the book 'Flooded' by Marija Ilustrajo.



MATHS

Maths continues to flourish and there is now a Times Tables Rock Stars battle across both Donington and St Gilberts schools to see which class can win.

Mathematician of the month is still doing well with the last children eager to win and show off their certificates. Remember that all children can be the mathematician of the month so keep working hard at home.



SCIENCE

We are excited to be taking part in British Science Week shortly. It is run by the British Science Association across the whole country. It is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, featuring entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages. Each year there is a new theme for British Science Week, and for 2025 it's 'Change and adapt'. As British Science Week enters its fourth decade, it's a great time to think about how the world is changing and how we can adapt to those changes. That is why our focus will be 'Climate change'. We will have: a homework task prior to Science week, live virtual lessons with some amazing scientists, activities in the classroom across the week and a Science exhibition on the final day. Please have a look at the links below to delve deeper into our main topic.



What is climate change? A really simple guide

Human activities are causing the world to heat up, posing serious threats to people and nature.

— BBC News / Jan 10



What Is Climate Change?

Climate change describes a change in the average conditions in a region over a long period of time.

— NASA Climate Kids





SPORT

This month our Year 3 and 4 cohort took part in their own sports hall athletics competition. They all showed great athleticism throughout the different events and they all tried their hardest on the day. The results may not have gone our way, but the children should be proud of how they represented the school. Also this month 10 of our Year 4 girls visited Boston High School for a Gymnastics Development Day. The girls joined children from other primary schools and were taught a range of different gymnastics skills and techniques by students of Boston High. They all had a wonderful time and represented our school brilliantly.

There are many more competitions coming up over the next couple of months with a cross-country and dance competition both coming the children's way. We will soon be taking part in another development days: basketball.



ARLO

It has been lovely to welcome Arlo back to school. He had a poorly eye at the start of the year but is now much better and is enjoying his time in school and walks to the park with the children.



FLAG FEN

The children from Red Squirrels, Moles, Badgers and Squirrels enjoyed the visit to Flag Fen last half term. They became archeologists for the day where they used a variety of excavation tools and techniques to dig and record genuine archaeological finds. They sat in a Bronze Age round house and were told a traditional prehistory story around a fire.



PTFA



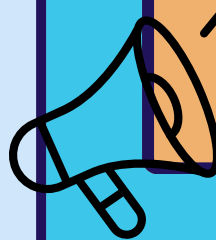
COIN WARS!

The class currently on top on the leader board is...



HEDGEHOGS!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR GETTING INVOLVED! THE PENNIES ARE ADDING UP! HOW LONG CAN HEDGEHOGS KEEP THE LEAD?...

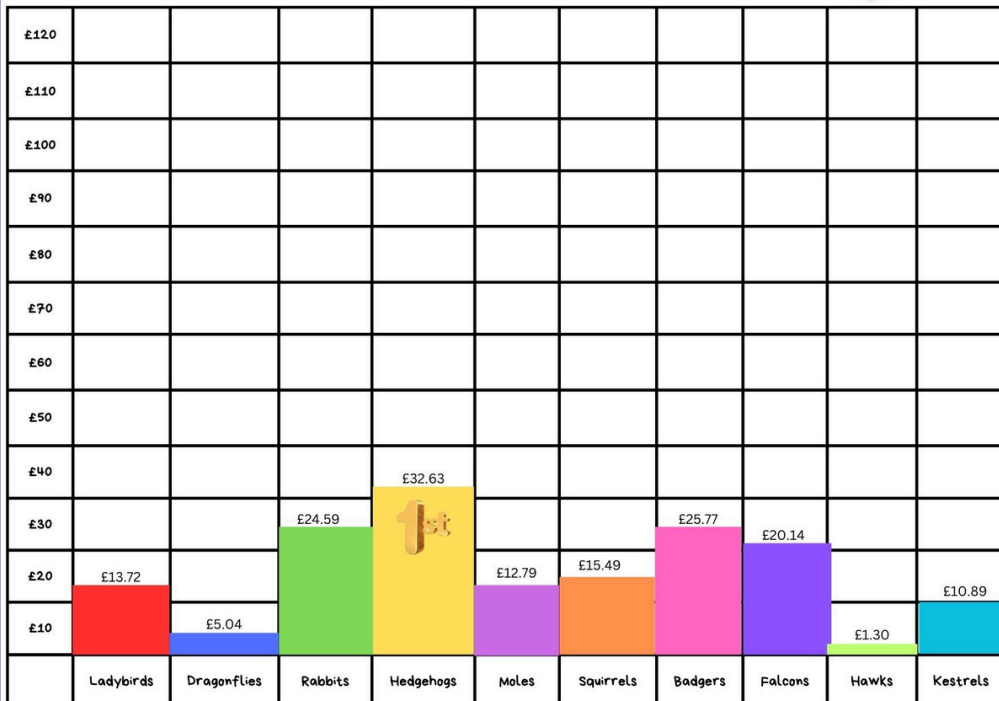


Next Meeting:
THURSDAY 6TH
MARCH
@ 3.30PM

Donington Couley PTFA presents...

COIN wars

6th January to 4th July



LEADERBOARD

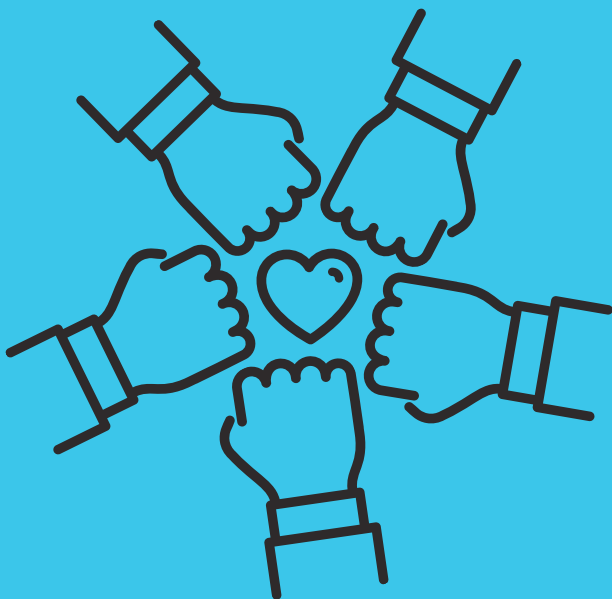


THE EASIEST WAY TO SUPPORT OUR PTA IS TO SIGN UP TO EASYFUNDRAISING! IT'S SIMPLE... SHOP WITH 8,000+ ONLINE RETAILERS AND WE'LL RECEIVE A FREE DONATION. THIS MONTH ONLY, WITH THEIR FREE £2 APP-EAL, IF YOU REGISTER TO SUPPORT US VIA THEIR APP, WE'LL GET £2, PLUS WHEN 10+ OF YOU REGISTER WE'LL UNLOCK MORE BONUS FUNDING! GET THE APP NOW AND CHOOSE TO SUPPORT THE DONINGTON COWLEY ENDOWED PRIMARY PTFA ONCE INSTALLED:



CLICK HERE!

AND HERE!



PTFA for Donington Cowley Endowed Primary School

PTFA for Donington Cowley Endowed Primary School. 136 likes · 4 talking about this. The PTFA formed in October 2022 to fundraise to enhance the children's experience of school life.

 facebook.com



SCHOOL COUNCIL



School council have helped to raise awareness of Children's Mental Health through 'time to talk Day'. After an assembly about mental health, all children in the school were sent home with a 'time to talk' bingo card where they were asked to complete activities such as asking a friend or family how they were feeling or making a poster suggesting different conversation openers. For those who returned the completed certificate to school, School Council rewarded them by giving them a certificate in assembly.

COMIC RELIEF

For Comic Relief, we will be coming to school in **red** and there will be various activities throughout the day to raise awareness for Red Nose Day. This will include an art competition (which will be judged by school council) and a choir recital after school. At the choir recital, School Council will be doing a bake sale to raise money for Comic Relief.

**COMIC
RELIEF**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



MARCH

5TH – DUXFORD TRIP

6TH- CROSS COUNTRY

6TH- WORLD BOOK DAY

7TH- GOAL BALL

10TH SCIENCE WEEK

17TH ROOTS TO FOOD

18TH- ROOTS TO FOOD

20TH- LINCOLN CASTLE TRIP Y1/2

20TH- Y5/6 NETBALL

21ST- COMIC RELIEF

26TH- PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

28TH- EYFS STAY AND PLAY 10.30-12

APRIL

3RD- BASKETBALL DEVELOPMENT DAY

4TH- END OF SPRING 2

