



*It's nearly Easter!!!*

*This term has flown by and has been incredibly busy. We are looking forward to the summer term- hopefully with a little less rain and a lot more sunshine!!*

*In the key dates below, I have tried to give as much notice as possible of summer term events, please be aware some of these details are not yet finalised and some are provisional at this stage. Further information will follow in the coming weeks.*

## **Staffing**

We will be welcoming an additional member to our office staff team, Victoria Vince will be joining us as Administrative Assistant.



We say goodbye to Georgina Ward, Dragonflies class teacher as she embarks on a new adventure. I would like to thank her on behalf of our school community and wish her the very best for the future. Miss Rolfe has been working in school since February half term and will take on the role of class teacher from the start of next term.

Having already spent time in school with the children, Elisa-Mae Allen will also be starting with us as Moles class teacher.



## Attendance

We have only 63 school days left this year!! You will receive attendance information at the beginning of next term.

### Why is Attendance Important?

Children who are in school and on time every day do better than those who are not. It's a fact. Even children whose attendance is 90% will have missed 19 school days over the year and will struggle to achieve their targets. So here is what we do to encourage good attendance at Donington Cowley Endowed Primary School.

### Weekly

Arlo the school dog will spend time with the class with the highest attendance



### Yearly

Every child who achieves 100% attendance for the whole year will receive a certificate on the last day of the school year.



### What do I do if my child is ill?

If your child is absent from school, please phone us or log the absence on ParentMail as soon as you can. For safety reasons, we operate a thorough absence monitoring procedure, so early notification is crucial.



### Where a fixed penalty notice may be issued...

Fixed term penalties will only be issued in circumstances where the LA is satisfied that the criteria for prosecution would be met if the option of a fixed penalty notice is not taken up by the parent. The circumstances in which a notice may be issued are:

- Where a child is absent from school due to unauthorised absence of 10% or over a six-week period.
- Where a child is present in a public place during school hours without reasonable justification during the first five days of any exclusion.

## Wellbeing

Our Parent course was a great success and those who attended found it very useful, thank you for coming! We have had lots of enquiries about future events and courses too which we are in the process of organising and once confirmed, we will share details with you. Please keep an eye on ParentMail too as we often send useful links to information and webinars about children's wellbeing as well as the wellbeing of parents and carers.

## SEND

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

We will once again be raising awareness of Autism on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March and we would like to invite children to attend in colourful clothing to celebrate everyone's uniqueness. Furthermore, we would love to welcome our parents/ Carers to Donington Cowley Endowed Primary School at 2pm for a parent workshop and a coffee. No need to book, just turn up.

## Statutory Assessments

### KS2 SATs (Year 6s)

These statutory assessments take place from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th 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 3rd 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 10th June and takes approximately 20 minutes.

## Parking reminder

Please can all Parents and Carers be mindful as to where they park at school drop off and collection times. There are an increasing number of vehicles parking on the yellow, zigzag lines outside of school which is extremely dangerous for the children and parents/carers coming to and from school as it causes an obstruction.

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

[Parking outside schools | Lincolnshire Police \(lincs.police.uk\)](https://www.lincs.police.uk/parking-outside-schools)

Your cooperation with parking safely is not only appreciated but could also save a life or injury.



## Sports

This half term we have competed in some more amazing sporting events where the children have shown great skill and teamwork to produce some amazing moments. We have been to a goalball competition where the children did some fantastic work and managed to come 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition. We have also been to a netball competition where the children were outstanding all competition and despite results not going our way, the children still had an amazing time and tried their hardest.



Next term we have some amazing opportunities with sports as we have a cricket coach coming in to help teach our children some great cricket skills. Hopefully, these skills lead to some great performances at the cricket competition. We will also have a Capture the Castle competition and a Tri-golf competition for our Year 3s and 4s to compete in and Sports Days.

## **Reading**

### World Book Day

We all had a wonderful day at Donington Cowley Endowed Primary School celebrating our love of reading across the school. Children came to school dressed in comfy clothes or pyjamas to celebrate bedtime reading. The day started with an assembly led by Mrs Tubb and Miss Gilhespy. We listened to our focus text, Our Tower, and songs by MC Grammar. Throughout the day children completed tasks based on the book, such as setting descriptions, book reviews and artwork. There were also fun book quizzes and many more activities! Before lunch children chose a story to listen to and got to find out who the mystery adult reader was. It was very exciting!



### Donington Library

Our Reading Ambassadors enjoyed another visit to Donington Library. They even got to meet the library cat!

Please visit the Reading page in the About Us section on our school website to see photographs of these events.

## **Choir**

Places in our Key Stage 1 Choir are now being offered to Reception children to join. If your child is in Ladybirds class and would like to join the Choir, please contact the school office.

There will be some events coming up for Key Stage 2 Choir but more information will follow closer to the time.



## **Class photos and Year 6 Leavers Photo**

Wrates Photography will be coming in to school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of April to take whole class photos and the Year 6 leavers photo. All children will need for this day is to bring their biggest smile!

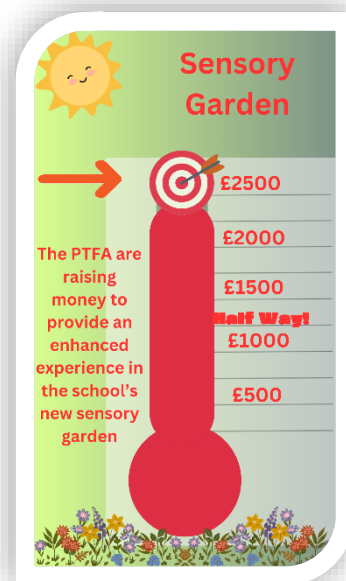


## PTFA

The PTFA would like to thank everyone for their continued support. You will soon be receiving a questionnaire from the PTFA to help us to arrange more FUNdraising events. Please take the time to read and complete the questionnaire as the PTFA really value your opinions and feedback. Also, if you would like to get involved, please email [PTFA@cowley.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@cowley.lincs.sch.uk).

An update on funds raised so far...

We are pleased to let you know that we have been able to contribute **£2,500** to the school which is being spent on equipment for the school Sensory Garden.



The school are having the kitchen refurbished over the Easter holidays to make it a useable space for the children to use for D&T and have asked if we can raise £1000 which will be used to purchase new equipment.

The Easter squares were a great success and raised an amazing £238 to help kick start our new fundraising thermometer! The prize draw will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

We are busy organising the Summer Fair which is on the 8<sup>th</sup> June this year. Last year was a huge success and we are hoping this year will be even better.

The next PTFA meeting is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm. Please join us if you can.

## Comic Relief

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March we took part in **'Wear it Red'** for Comic Relief. Thank you for all your kind donations, we managed to raise an amazing £121.94 for the Comic Relief/Red Nose Day charity.

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### **March**

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**

16<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4 Trip – The Collection

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19<sup>th</sup> Whole Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers Photo

### **May**

6<sup>th</sup>- Bank Holiday- school closed

Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup>- Y6 SATs

Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup>- KS1 SATs

24<sup>th</sup> Non-uniform Day- Bring a Bottle for PTFA

Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup>- Half Term

### **June**

Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>- Y4 Multiplication check

5<sup>th</sup>- Y6 Matilda Trip

6<sup>th</sup> EYFS Trip- Sundown Adventureland

8<sup>th</sup> Summer Fayre

10<sup>th</sup>- Reception 2024 – New Intake evening

Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup>- Phonics Screening Check

12<sup>th</sup> Jamie Knight- Freestyle Football

19<sup>th</sup>- EYFS/ KS1 Sports Day

21<sup>st</sup>- KS2 Sports Day

26<sup>th</sup> Y6 Fishing

27<sup>th</sup> Y6 Gala Dinner

### **July**

5<sup>th</sup> KS1 Trip- Provisional- details to be confirmed

4<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Indian Experience

8<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Trip – Provisional – details to be confirmed

10<sup>th</sup> Y6 Fishing

12<sup>th</sup> Reports out

12<sup>th</sup> Disco

12<sup>th</sup> Matthew Flinders event

17<sup>th</sup> Whole School Production

18<sup>th</sup> Whole School Production

19<sup>th</sup> Break up for academic year 2023/2024