



Welcome back to another exciting year at Donington Cowley Endowed Primary School. I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and have made the most of the sunshine. It has been lovely to welcome the children back and to hear about the amazing memories they have made with family and friends over the last 6 weeks.

Class teachers have been busily preparing for the start of term with fantastic learning opportunities planned and many exciting events. Please do keep an eye on our school website, particularly class pages for regular updates.

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Senior Leadership

We are continuing our work with St Gilbert's and senior leaders will be working across both schools.

We have allocated days for members of the senior leadership to be onsite at Donington as follows- these may vary on occasions due to arising commitments across our schools:

Mrs Foston will continue to divide her time across both schools as required. She will usually be based at Donington Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Mrs Millard- Inclusion Leader- Daily except Mondays

Mrs Ogden- SENDCo/ Assistant Headteacher- Daily except Tuesdays

Mrs Tubb- Tuesday mornings and Wednesdays.

All members of the senior leadership team are contactable by telephone or email at any time during school hours.

Safeguarding team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Sophie Foston (Headteacher)



Designated person (DP)

Faye Tubb (KS1 Leader and Designated Senior Teacher)



Designated Person (DP)

Sarah Ogden (Assistant Headteacher & SENDCo)



Designated Person (DP)

Sarah-Jane Millard (Senior SEND Inclusion and Family Support Assistant)



Attendance & Inclusion

You should have received a message regarding some important changes to attendance – particularly absence - that came into effect on the 19th August 2024. Our attendance policy has been updated and will be published on the website as soon as it has been ratified by the governing body.



SEND

Mrs Ogden would like to invite you to our upcoming coffee afternoon on Thursday 12th September. This will be held in school at 2.30pm. It would be lovely to meet you and share experiences over a friendly chat and coffee. Please see our new Padlet available on our school website. [The Donington Cowley Endowed Primary - SEND and Inclusion](#)

Free Training for Parents/Carers

Following the positive feedback received from the attendees of the 'Stop, Understand and Move On' SUMO training we have managed to re-book this.

The course is aimed at providing parents/carers help to better understand themselves and their children. You will gain some simple, but life changing tools to help support the journey of parenting. Please see the attached leaflet which provides further information. The course will take place at Donington Primary School on 4 consecutive Thursday afternoons starting on 26th September 1-3pm.



If you would like to join us please contact the office to reserve your place.

We will also be running the advanced course SUMO 2 for those who have completed the initial training. Please see diary dates for information.

PTFA

The PTFA have launched The School Lottery as another fundraising venture – please see the attached leaflet and scan the QR code for further information. The first draw takes place on Saturday 7th September.

We have lots of lovely, preloved uniform for sale. To order uniform, please complete the form on the link below. Next date for collections is 16th September.

<https://forms.office.com/r/P85HEg6nyE>

Our next PTFA meeting will take place on Thursday 10th October at 3.30pm and our AGM will be held on Thursday 7th November at 3.30pm. Come along and see what we are all about and find out how you can help.



We have a very active Facebook page so please follow us to keep up to date with information on upcoming fundraising activities and information.

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Free School Meals

Even if your child is currently receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals then you can still claim Free School Meals if any of the below applies to you. This will give extra funding to school towards the children and their education.

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Children who get paid these benefits directly can also get free school meals.

To apply, go online on Lincolnshire County Council Website - [Apply for free school meals – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

Forest School

This year all children in Ladybirds and Dragonflies will have Forest School every Friday afternoon throughout the school year.

Providing this excellent provision is Jo Newman from Bluebells and Toadstools. Jo is a highly experienced Forest School practitioner who has worked in many schools across the local area. She is greatly looking forward to meeting the children and working with our early years team. Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor, waterproof clothing and footwear with them on this day. Class teachers will provide further detail in relation to these arrangements.



Forest School will continue as normal for the rest of the school with our usual Forest School leaders. Please see below dates for each class.

Falcons:	25/09/24	15/01/25	30/04/25
Hawks:	02/10/24	22/01/25	07/05/25
Kestrels:	09/10/24	29/01/25	21/05/25
Moles:	16/10/24	05/02/25	04/06/25
Squirrels:	06/11/24	12/02/25	11/06/25
Badgers:	13/11/24	26/02/25	18/06/25
Hedgehogs:	20/11/24	05/03/25	25/06/25
Rabbits:	27/11/25	12/03/25	02/07/25



DATES TO REMEMBER

September

13th- School Photographs

13th – Capture the Castle

31st 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course. SUMO 2 - At Donington

October

2nd – 3.30pm Aylmerton Residential Y5/6 parent meeting

3rd 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course. SUMO - At Donington

4th Y5/6 Tag Rugby Development Day

8th- Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament

9th- pm- EYFS Stay and Play

10th 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course. SUMO - At Donington

10th 3.30pm – PTFA Meeting

11th- 14th- Aylmerton Residential Y5/6

14th and 15th - Roots to Food

17th 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course. SUMO - At Donington

18th- Pupils Break up for Half Term

28th- Staff Training Day

29th- Start of Autumn Term 2

30th- Parent Consultation Day

31st 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course. SUMO 2 - At Donington

November

7th 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course. SUMO 2 - At Donington

7th 3.30pm – PTFA AGM

14th 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course. SUMO 2 - At Donington

21st 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course. SUMO 2 - At Donington

12th – Y5/6 Football competition

14th- Flu Vaccinations

December

5th- pm- EYFS Stay and Play

6th - Christmas Fayre

6th - Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics

11th KS1 Nativity (provisional date)

13th- School Disco

19th- End of Autumn Term 2

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

