



This term has already got off to a busy start as we approach the end of this half term and a very cold January! The children have enjoyed lots of fantastic learning opportunities both in the classroom and through our wider curriculum and there is still much more to come!

Attendance

Lateness

If your child arrives at school after 8.55 and the gate is closed, you must bring your child to the office and sign them in.

Illness

It's that time of year when coughs, colds and bugs are common. When your child is unwell, it can be hard deciding whether to keep them off school. A few simple guidelines can help.

Not every illness needs to keep your child from school.

Cough and cold - A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, visit the GP and return to school 24 hours after they start to feel better. If your child has a more severe and long-lasting cough, consult your GP. They can give guidance on whether the child should stay off school.



Sore throat - A sore throat alone doesn't have to keep a child from school. If it's accompanied by a raised temperature, the child should stay at home.

Headache

A child with a minor headache doesn't usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep the child off school and consult your GP.

Please see our attendance policy which gives guidance on other illnesses.

Wellbeing

Healthy Minds Coffee Morning Thursday 1st February 9am

A representative from Healthy Minds will be joining us to offer support around anxieties and worries in children.

Healthy Minds Lincolnshire provide emotional wellbeing support for children and young people up to 19 years old. Everyone at some point, especially children, will find it hard to cope with how they are feeling or what is happening in their life. Healthy Minds provides early support for when those feels start getting out of control and offer advice and support on how to cope. Please join us.

Children's Mental Health Week 5-11th February 2024

This year's theme is My Voice Matters, and the focus is on giving a voice to every child in the UK. In school we will be having an assembly to raise the importance of children and young people feeling that their voices are heard and that they are listened to. Additionally, we will be having a non-uniform day on the 9th February, the theme will be to **express yourself!** Celebrate what makes you unique with a dress up day, wear your favourite colours, your favourite team's kit, or come as you are in your comfiest clothes.



Taking time to Stop, Understand and Move On - 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 at Donington Primary School on Tuesday 5th, 11th, 19th and 26th 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.

Maths

On Friday 2nd February the NSPCC has organised Number Day 24. It is organised by the NSPCC – we are going to have a non-uniform day with a number theme so wear anything with a number on it! The NSPCC are raising money to support services such as Speak out, Stay safe and Childline so we are suggesting a donation of 50p. There is a Times Table Rock Star challenge related to this which runs from 7:30am to 7:30pm for the children to demonstrate their amazing times table knowledge – in addition to this, the children will be completing number activities throughout the day.



Sports

This month the children have taken part in three sporting events. On the 11th of January, children from our Year 5/6 cohort took part in a table tennis event. The children were amazing all afternoon and two of our children reached the final four.

On the 19th of January, some of our SEND children competed in a Boccia competition outside of school where they showed incredible determination throughout the event. We also took part in an after-school football competition on the 25th of January that included eight of our Year 6 girls and both their attitude and ability was amazing as we became **champions** of the tournament with one of our girls scoring a hattrick in the final. Finally, we competed in Year 3 and 4 Sports Hall Athletics on the 26th of January. The children showed amazing commitment and athleticism all afternoon which resulted in us **winning** the competition.



Throughout this month, all our children have shown an incredible attitude towards competitions outside of school, both with their politeness shown towards other schools and their sporting ability. They should all be extremely proud. We still have numerous events still to come this term including a cross-country competition, a goalball tournament and a netball competition. We have continued to have our netball coach in to teach some of our Year 5s and 6s different skills.

Reading

World Book Day

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.

Shared Reading Event

Ann (school governor and volunteer) and Jane (school governor, councillor and volunteer) showed the children around Donington Library and explained its history and how it's run. Children signed books in and out of the library and chose books to read. They all had a fantastic afternoon. The Reading Ambassadors will be leading an assembly about Donington Library and how children in our school can join.



Choir

The Key Stage 2 choir have been busy practicing for their trip to Young Voices. They have been learning songs ranging from The Lambeth Walk, a Matilda medley, and even a song in Korean! Young Voices will be happening on Monday 19th February (more details will be sent out in a parentmail/ letter soon) and the choir cannot wait to take part – please keep listening to the songs and practicing at home. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children who have been working so hard over the last few weeks.

We are hoping to expand the choir further after Young Voices so if your child is interested, please let the office or Miss Tyler know. The Key Stage 2 choir will be looking forward to more opportunities to perform throughout the rest of the school year.



Mrs Sawdy and Mrs Glass have taken over the Key Stage 1 choir and the children have been enjoying learning new songs from different musical genres. If your child is interested in joining, please contact Miss Tyler or the school office.

PTFA

The PTFA are meeting on Thursday 1st February at 3.30pm where we will be discussing fundraising ideas for this year. We always welcome new members and ideas so please join us if you can.



Comic Relief- 15th 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.



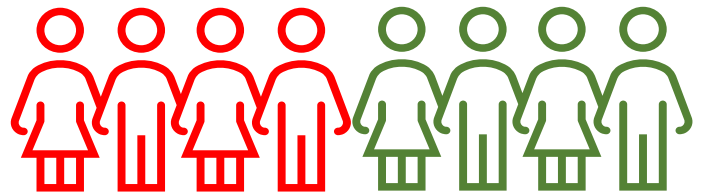
Autism Awareness Day - 28th March

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.



Visit from St Gilbert's

It was lovely to welcome our friends from St Gilbert's in Year 3/4 and in Reception and Nursery on Monday 29th January. Linking with their topics this term they engaged in varied activities including visits to the immersive suite, practical learning and team building. It was lovely to see the children interact so brilliantly. We hope to build in more opportunities for collaboration between children as the term progresses including the Y6 visit to the Houses of Parliament and sporting events.





February

- 1st Healthy Minds Coffee morning 9am
- 1st 3.30pm PTFA Meeting
- 2nd Number Day
- 9th Children's Mental Health Non-Uniform day
- 9th End of Spring Term 1
- 19th Start of Spring Term 2 – Young Voices- Key Stage 2 Choir
- 21st Y6 London Houses of Parliament Visit
- 29th Gymnastics Development Day

March

- 5th, 11th, 19th and 26th March from 1.30 - 3.00pm. Taking time to Stop Understand and Move On course.
- 7th World Book Day
- 7th Cross Country Competition
- 8th Goalball competition
- 15th Comic Relief- Non- uniform day- Wear it Red
- 20th Parent Meetings
- 21st Netball competition
- 28th Autism Awareness Day- Colourful clothing to school and End of Spring Term 2