

May Newsletter

This half term has flown by and we are approaching the final term of this academic year. We have been incredibly busy in school and have many exciting upcoming events and activities to look forward to. Please ensure your diaries are updated!

Here comes the sun...

As the weather turns warmer (fingers crossed), we would like to remind you that any sandals should have a secure strap and toes should be covered to minimise any risk of injury. We will contact you if footwear is considered unsafe to be worn in school, particularly on the playground and field. Please do send in named suncaps on particularly sunny days and we request that suncream is applied in the morning before school. We will not keep children outside in direct, strong sunshine for any long periods. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle with them in school.



Staffing

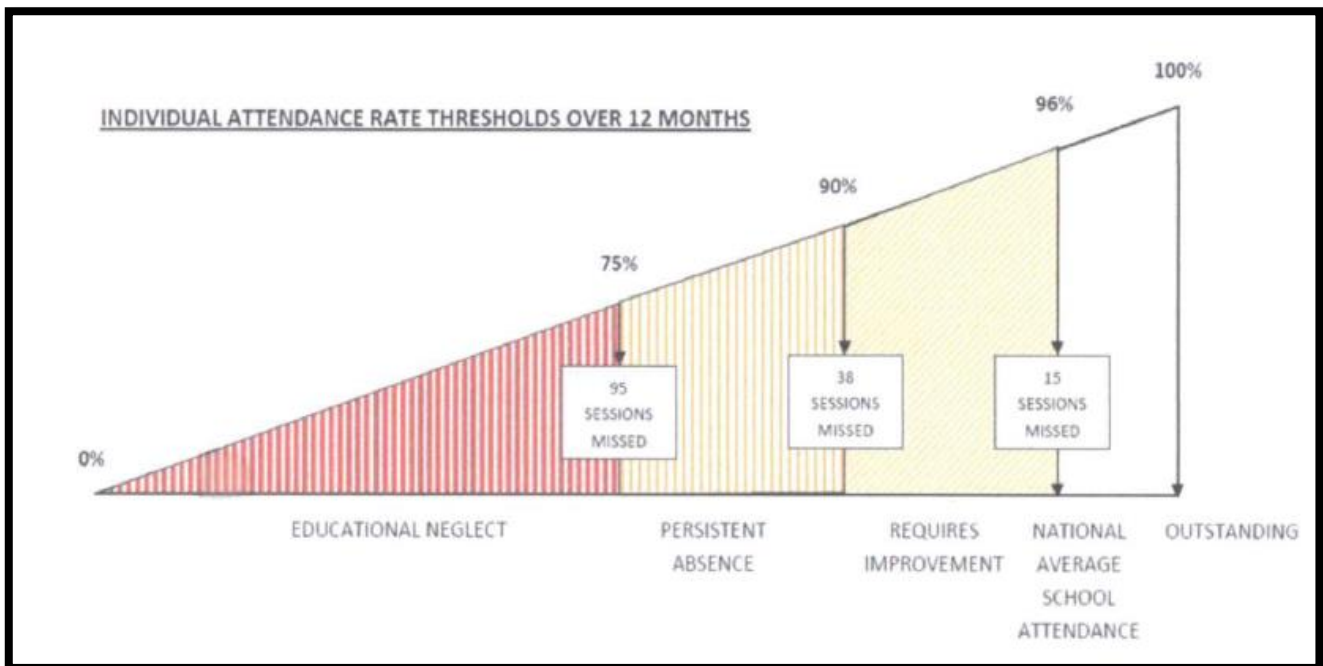
Georgina Laxton (teaching assistant) will be leaving us at the end of this half term. We wish her the very best for the future and thank her for the fantastic contribution she has made to our school.



Attendance

Well, we are into our final term and only 35 school days left this academic year!! I will once again be sending out attendance letters for your information.

It is important that children are attending school regularly and arriving on time at the start of the day – Children should be in their classrooms ready to learn at 8.55 am. The impact on a child’s education when they miss school is immense. The graphic below shows how quickly a child can become at risk of educational neglect due having time off school.



Please remember to contact the office as early as possible to advise if your child is absent from school.

Wellbeing

I will continue to arrange informal meetings with professionals that can provide support and information to parents/carers. Our most recent meeting to support with parental conflict was very interesting and the feedback received was positive.

The parenting course ‘SUMO’ Stop, Understand and Move On was also very popular and I am in the process of booking dates for this course and the follow up course to take place next academic year.



The Inclusion Page on the website is updated with information on courses and support services that can be accessed directly by yourselves.

Please feel free to contact me for information and advice.

Sarah-Jane Millard, Inclusion Lead.

SEND

If you wish to discuss any concerns around Special Educational Needs, then please call the school to arrange an appointment with our SENDCo, Mrs S Ogden.



Statutory Assessments

We would like to congratulate our amazing Year 6 and Year 2 pupils for their incredible efforts and attitudes demonstrated during SATs weeks. As always we are incredibly proud of all!



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 per child.



Sports

This half term, some of our KS2 classes have been learning some super cricket skills with our cricket coach. They have all really enjoyed the cricket lessons and some of the Year 6's will be able to put their skills to the test when we take part in the Kwik Cricket competition in June. We also have several other sporting events coming up soon which includes Capture the Castle and a Tri-golf tournament which are both with Years 3 and 4.



Sports day is also rapidly approaching. Key Stage 2 Sports day is on Wednesday 19th June and EYFS and Key Stage 1 on Friday 21st June. Both Sports days will take place during the mornings and once again our schools PTFA will be providing sausage sandwiches and refreshments.



Reading

Donington Library visit

The Reading Ambassadors visited Donington Library recently to receive their library cards. They were then able to use the scanner and stamp for their own library book to take home!



Reading Challenge

For half-term children in all classes will be bringing home a reading challenge. There are a variety of fun activities to promote our love of reading. We would like children to send in photos or work to their teacher. Mrs Tubb and Miss Gilhespy will be awarding prizes for completed challenges.



Choir

The Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 choirs have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming performances. They have also been collaborating on some special songs to sing when they get to share what they have been practicing to an audience.

There is the choir recital taking place on Thursday 6th June, 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Both choirs will be taking to the stage to showcase some of their favourite songs which they have been practicing this year and their families are invited to come in to school and watch. They will also be singing at the Summer Fair but times for this are to be confirmed.



PTFA

Only 2 weeks until the SUMMER FAIR! 8TH JUNE 2024 12PM – 3PM



We are really looking forward to this year's fair. Once again, we have lots of stalls and activities taking place and some amazing raffle prizes.

PTFA
Endowed primary school

SUMMER FAIR 2024

WHEN:
SATURDAY
8TH JUNE
12PM - 3PM

LOOKING FOR STALL HOLDERS

WHERE:
TOWN DAM
LANE PE11 4TR

ACTIVITIES:
LOCAL BUSINESS /CRAFT
GAMES
RAFFLE
REFRESHMENTS

HELP THE PTFA RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN TOP LAST YEAR!

CONTACT US NOW TO REQUEST A BOOKING FORM:
EMAIL: PTFA@COWLEY.LINCS.SCH.UK
FACEBOOK MESSAGE: [PTFA FOR DONINGTON COWLEY ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL](#)

OUTDOOR STALLS ONLY £10 (EARLYBIRD RATE - BOOK BY 7TH MAY)

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If you can help on the day, or before, please see Ms Floyd in the office or complete the form on the following link. <https://forms.office.com/e/06kvvkPa0Q>

Easy Fundraising.

This is a really easy way to support the school in raising funds. All you have to do is scan the QR code below and sign up. Then when you shop online with a number of retailers, they donate a percentage to the school.



Diary Dates

MAY

24th Non-uniform Day (Bring a Bottle for PTFA)
27th – 31st Half Term

JUNE

3rd – 14th Y4 Multiplication Check
5th Y6 Matilda Trip
6th Choir Recital
6th EYFS Trip - Sundown Adventureland
8th Summer Fair
10th Reception 2024 – New Intake evening
10th – 14th Phonics Screening Check
11th New Reception 24 - Stay and Play 2pm-3pm
12th Jamie Knight- Freestyle Football
19th KS2 Sports Day
21st EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
21st Y6 Kwik Cricket
26th Y6 Fishing
27th Y6 Gala Dinner
28th Y3/4 Tri-Golf

JULY

1st KS2 Orienteering
2nd New Reception 2024 – Stay and Play 2pm – 3pm
4th KS1 Trip – Yorkshire Wildlife Park
4th Y3/4 Indian Experience
5th KS2 Ultimate Frisbee development day
8th Y5/6 Trip
10th Y6 Fishing
11th Y3/4 Capture the Castle
12th Reports Out
12th Disco
12th Matthew Flinders event
17th Whole School Production
18th Whole School Production
19th Break up for academic year 2023/2024
Summer Holidays