

# NOVEMBER

## Newsletter

### A message from Mrs Foston...

*The Autumn term continues to fly by and the festive season is fast approaching. As always we are exceptionally busy in school with many fantastic events planned and wonderful learning opportunities for all of our children to enjoy. As the weather gets colder and nights darken please do ensure your children have appropriate warm clothing (named) and that additional care is taken during journeys to and from school.*



### Staffing update

I am delighted to inform you that governors have appointed Faye Tubb as Assistant Headteacher from January 2024. After over 20 years commitment and dedication to Donington Cowley Endowed Primary School and with the fantastic work which Faye is also undertaking at St Gilbert's, this is incredibly well deserved and on behalf of us all I would like to thank and congratulate Faye.

# Attendance and inclusion

The introduction of a termly challenge between all classes to have the highest attendance is proving very popular in school. The excitement during celebration assembly when the top three classes are announced is amazing! All the children are keen to achieve the best attendance possible. The most common barrier to regular school attendance is pupils being unwell. Minor illnesses such as coughs, colds, tummy ache and even tiredness do not require you to keep your child off school, in fact, often once they are in school pupils are ok. Please be assured that should your child become ill during the day the school office will contact you. Please refer to the information provided in the link below for further advice.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

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Rabbits Class enjoying their 'Highest Attendance' treat.



## SEND

If you have any concerns around your child's learning, the first person that you should speak to is always your child's teacher. Your child's teacher knows your child really well and will be able to talk through your concerns with you. He or she will know your child's strengths and weaknesses, how they are progressing in school and whether this is in line with your child's classmates. You will find that if there are any concerns in school your child's teacher will usually approach you before you approach them.

You can also contact the school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCo), Sarah Ogden. She oversees the provision for children with special educational needs or disabilities in school and will speak to your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Mrs Ogden can be contacted on 01775 820467



# Maths

Maths has continued to be developed this past month with us celebrating our second Mathematician of the Month and the children have loved the celebration of this achievement. Keep up the hard work!



# English

This month, classes are looking forward to taking part in some exciting online author visits. We are extremely lucky this December as we have some inspiring authors and illustrators who are ready to share their experiences with our children.

KS2 are booked to attend an exciting draw along event with Liz Pichon the author of the 'Tom Gates' books. Dragonflies and Ladybirds are excited to have a visit from the famous Axel Scheffler who is going to teach children how to draw their own character in his style and share his new book 'Jonty Gentoo.' KS1 are going to be taking part in an online event with the author of 'The Snow Thief' to get us in the Christmas Spirit! Keep an eye on our web page for updates on these events.



## Sport

Over this half term we have continued to develop sports in our school. Our sports clubs have kept growing and the children have loved going.

This past month we have also attended a football tournament at Boston United's stadium where the children were excellent.

We played three group games and won one, drew one and lost one. However, in all the games the children all played well and worked together as a team.

We have recently also been presented with an award for being an equal access school for football, where all children are given the opportunity to take part in football.



*Don't forget!*

Choir have lots of events coming up! Check the 'Dates for your Diary' page of this newsletter!

## Music

At Donington, both the key stage one and key stage two choirs have been busy learning Christmas songs ready for the upcoming performances they have at the church, Christmas Fayre and local market. We are so proud of all their hard work. The key stage two choir have also been busy preparing for Young Voices! We cannot wait to go back after the amazing time we had last year.

## Key Stage 1 Nativity

Our children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 have been working really hard rehearsing for our Nativity which is on Wednesday 11th December. They will be performing for key stage two, in school, during the morning and again at the church in the evening. The Nativity starts at 5pm and staff will be at the church ready to meet children from 4.30pm. Parents are invited to watch, If you would like a good seat at the service, the earlier you arrive the better! If your child cannot attend the Nativity then please let class teachers know so they can rearrange parts.



## Key Stage 2 Carol Service

We would like to welcome you to St Mary and the Holy Rood Church on Monday 16th December for a 1.45pm start. The children from years 3-6 will be telling the Christmas Story and will be singing a variety of songs. Christmas jumpers can be worn. Please collect your child from school after the service as normal. Thank you.

## Christmas Class Parties

Class Christmas Parties will be on Thursday 19th December! Children are welcome to come into school in their Christmas Party clothes/non uniform.

## Christmas Lunch

This years Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 17th December. If you have not yet ordered your child's Christmas meal, this can be ordered via your Willoughby Foods Parent Portal or by calling Willoughby Foods.





## PTFA Page

**The Christmas Fair is only 1 week away!! 6th December 2024**

### **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

We would be grateful for any offers of help on day. This may be getting things ready before the fair or to set up, put away or help with a stall – the more the merrier!! Please speak to the School office.

### **TOMBOLA – TOMBOLA – TOMBOLA**

**Do you have any unwanted gifts or items you would like to donate to our Tombola? We would be grateful of any donations, a box can be found in the Reception area for any items kindly being donated.**

**Please visit the PTFA Stall at the Christmas Fair to find out more about ways to support the PTFA and raise funds. Easy Fundraising and School Lottery.**

### **Did you know?**

We are currently the Lincolnshire Co-op Champion until March 2025 which means that they will donate to our charity when you shop in the Gosberton Co-op and Donington Pharmacy.

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Make sure you're following our Facebook page for all the latest updates. Your support is important to us.

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## Fund "Raisin"

Thank you to everyone who took part in the challenge over half term - we hope you enjoyed your raisins! This challenge raised an amazing total of £163.02!!!

Our winners were KESTRELS, closely followed by Moles and Rabbits classes. As a special treat, Kestrels enjoyed some special, homemade, winners cupcakes! Well done Kestrels!



## Pantomime

As a thank you for all the amazing fund raising our children have been involved in this year, we (the PTFA) have organised a special Christmas treat for all the Children. On Monday 9th December there will be a pantomime performance of Cinderella coming to school! "Oh yes there is!"

# School Council

This month, our school councillors have worked incredibly hard to raise awareness of bullying during Anti-Bullying Week, which took place from Monday the 11th of November to Friday the 15th. During this time, they led an assembly to the whole school, explaining what bullying is, the types of bullying and also how we can prevent this in our school. The theme this year for Anti-Bullying week was Choose Respect, which is also one of our school behaviour principles. The councillors did a fantastic job and were very proud of their roles. On Tuesday 12th of November, our school celebrated Odd Socks Day by coming to school in the most colourful, brightest, odd socks. This was to celebrate the fact that we are all different and to recognise that this is a positive thing! The school councillors took photos of a lot of these odd sock combinations and managed to get photos of the oddest socks!

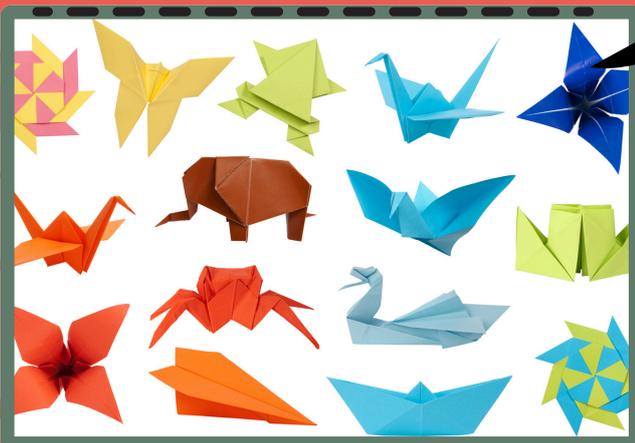


# Clubs



## Cooking Club

Year 4 have had a great start to cooking club this term. They have been practicing lots of kitchen skills and tasting new flavours. This term they are exploring food from Spain, France and Greece to tie in with their classroom learning and will finish off their time in cooking club with a special christmassy treat!



## Craft Club

This month in Craft Club, we have practiced different skills including painting, colouring and origami. The children have also enjoyed making bookmarks to use when reading at home and we look forward to December when we get to start our Christmas crafts!





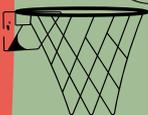
### TTRS Club

TTRS club has continued to grow with the number of children attending and they are all still loving the chance to take part in the club.



### Football Club

Football club has continued to go from strength to strength and all the children love attending the club every week. We continue to develop our skills and the children are improving week by week.



### Netball Club

The children love netball club on a Monday after school and the children are continuing to develop their netball skills and understanding of the different positions and how to play them.





# **DATES FOR YOUR** *Diary*



## **November**

**29th - Non-uniform - Bring a Bottle Day**

## **December**

**1st - Choir Performing at the Donington Christmas Market - 3pm**

**4th - Year 5/6 Asian Discovery Workshop**

**5th - EYFS Stay and Play 1.30pm - 3pm**

**5th - 3.15pm Choir Recital**

**5th - 3.15pm School Council Bake Sale Fundraiser - (at Choir Recital)**

**6th Christmas Fayre**

**6th - Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics**

**9th - Christmas Pantomime**

**9th - am - Flu Vaccine mop up session**

**11th - Key Stage 1 Nativity**

**13th - School Disco**

**16th - Key Stage 2 Carol Service**

**17th - Christmas Lunch**

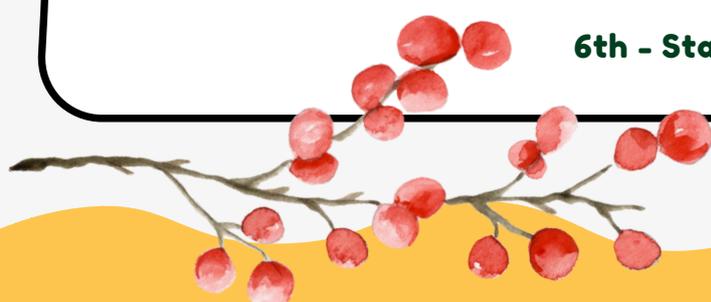
**17th - Key Stage 2 Choir performance at Ruby Hunt**

**19th - Class Christmas Parties - Non uniform!**

**19th - End of Autumn Term 2**

## **January**

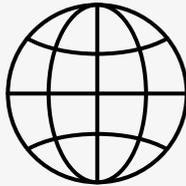
**6th - Start of Spring Term 1**



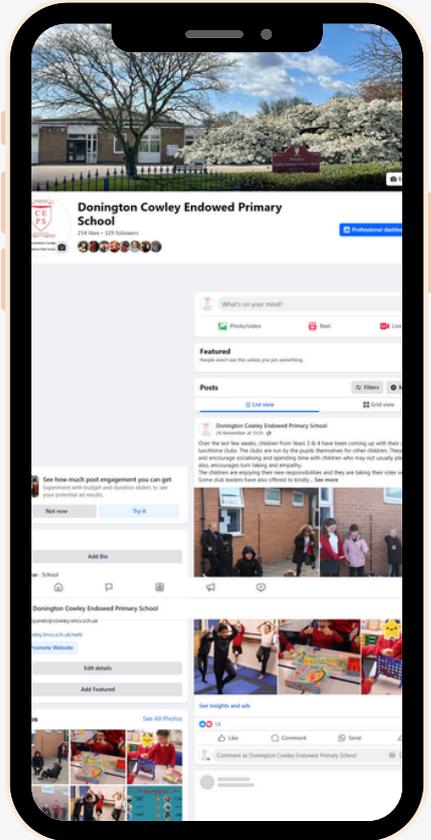
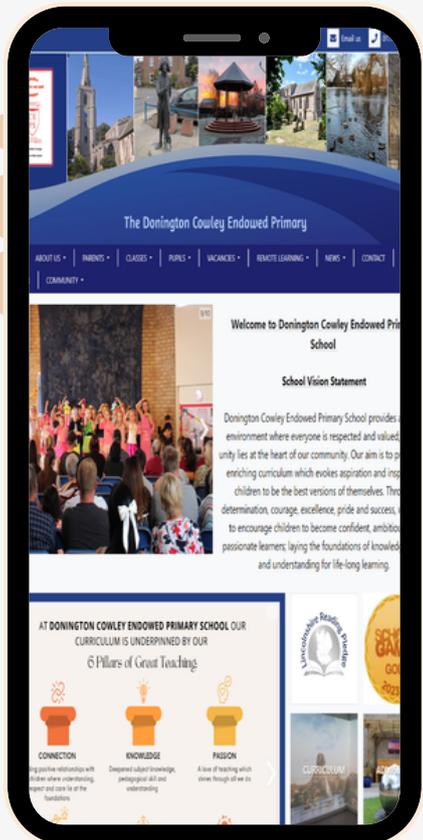


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