



Donnington Wood Infant School & Nursery

# Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

It has been really good to have everyone back in school and nursery this week. We have welcomed lots of new children and they have all settled so well. We are especially proud of our Reception children who look like they have been in school for weeks already, not just a few days.



This week we received the report from our Ofsted Inspection last term. We are really happy to be able to share the news that we were graded 'Good' in all areas. Thank you to everyone who was involved during the inspection, and to the wider school community for your support.

We are looking forward to a busy term with lots of exciting learning. There will also be opportunities for parents to find out more about learning in school and how you can support your child at home.

## Parking

To help keep pupils and parents safe on the school site we request that you **do not drive**



**onto the school site at the start or end of the day or nursery session.**

Please do not park in the Children's Centre car park.

**Disabled parking** spaces are available in the car park by the Nursery entrance and the Children's Centre car park. If you need to use one of these spaces please talk to the school office to request a permit and make sure you also display a valid blue badge.

The yellow zig-zag markings at all 3 entrances are designed to keep everyone safe. **Please do not park on the yellow zigzags.**



## Water Bottles

**Children no longer need to bring water bottles to school to use in class.** We are providing individual, named cups, which are washed daily, for all children.

If your child has a drink for lunchtime then please send this in a named bottle. Please do not send fizzy drinks or pop for lunchtime. Water is available for all children in the hall at lunchtime.

## Welcome Meetings

You are invited to meet your child's teacher and find out more about the year ahead. 8:45—9:00

Classes 1&2 (Year2) -  
Tuesday 19th September

Classes 3&4 (Year1)  
Wednesday 20th September

Classes 5&6 (Reception)  
Thursday 21st September

## End of the day

The children in school have settled really well into their new classes. To help staff send children out quickly at the end of the day please could—

**Parents for Classes 1 & 2 stand in end section of the playground** (nearest the Rainbow Garden).

**Parents for Classes 3 & 4 stand in the middle section of the playground.**

Children should use the paths/ramps rather than walk across the grass.

## Breakfast Club

7:45—8:40 £2 per day  
More information from the office. Please come to the main front door for Breakfast Club.



## Attendance

Whole School— 96.18%

Class 1— 94.64%

Class 2— 94.59%

Class 3— 98.50%

Class 4— 98.50%

Class 5— 93.10%

Class 6— 97.62%



**Lates = 9**

**Lost Learning = 1 hour & 11 mins**



**Early Bird = Class 5**

*In the Golden Book this week*

Whole school and nursery for a fantastic start to the new school year.

Next week's word....  
**belong**

## Jigsaw

Next week we are looking for people who are enjoying being back at school



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## **Holiday Dates 2023/2024**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	PD Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	children start school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	break up for half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	PD Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	children return to school
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	break up for Christmas
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	children return to school
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	break up for half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	children return to school
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	break up for Easter
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	PD Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	children return to school
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	break up for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	PD Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	children return to school
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	break up for Summer holiday



### **'Nearly New' uniform shop**

Skirts, trousers, dresses, jumpers, polo shirts are all available. All available at the main office.

Please make sure your child's clothes, shoes, coat and PE kit are named. A number of items have already gone missing or been muddled up and it is much easier to sort out when items are labelled.



### **Tapestry**

In Nursery and Reception the Tapestry app is for parents to be able to view their child's observations and communicate with staff.

If you are not signed up please let us know so we can sort it as soon as possible.

## **Introduction to English Skills** (for speakers of other languages)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September—Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
9-11:30am  
12 week course

- improve your English skills
- support your child's learning in school
- free course
- free childcare (for children not in school or nursery)

**More information from Mrs Campbell**

### **PE in school**



Children in school must wear school uniform everyday and have their PE kit in school all week.

Reception PE  
Monday & Friday

Year 1 PE  
Wednesday & Friday

Year 2 PE  
Tuesday & Friday

### **Do you need childcare after school?**

Although we offer some After School Clubs, we do not currently offer after school care every day of the week through the whole year. We are looking into whether we can offer this and the possible costs. If you would be interested in using a daily after school care then please let us know. We will send more information over the next few weeks as we explore different options.

The ScholarPack app is for parents to communicate with the school office, tell us about absence, change contact details and view attendance.

If you are not signed up then please contact the school office.



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