

Donnington Wood CE Junior School

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"The ones who plant and the ones who water work together as a team with the same purpose." 1 Corinthians 3:8

Friday 14th May Newsletter

Secondary Transition Days and Sports Days

TPS have informed us that they intend to do their Year 6-7 Transition Days on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th July. Therefore, we will need to rearrange the Year 6 and Year 5 Sports days we had planned for those dates. (Please note -other secondary schools are having Transition Days on different dates)

Year 2 to 3 transition

We are currently working with Donnington Wood Infants to devise a safe and effective plan for Year 2 pupils to experience transition to our school. However, on the above dates in July it is unlikely we can have Year 2 at the Juniors due to the numbers of Secondary pupils NOT going to their schools. The plan will be shared as soon as agreed, but will include a number of safe visits to this school and teacher visits to the Infants. We also intend to use a date in September to welcome new pupils here formally.

Sports Days

Wednesday 7th Year 4 (same day) from 1:30pm

Thursday 8th Year 3 (same day) from 1:30pm

Monday 12th July Year 6 from 1:30pm

Tuesday 13th July Year 5 from 1:30pm

If it rains on these days we will try to rearrange them, however, dependent on restrictions this may be difficult.

Multicultural Week (whole school)

During Week 12 (12.7.21-16.7.21) we will be holding a week of multicultural lessons and activities. This week will include **French Day** on Wednesday 14th July (Bastille Day).

Year 6 Leavers event/assembly

Unfortunately we are not sure what this will look like yet due to restrictions, but we are keen to book a date. Events will take place on **Tuesday 20th July at 12:30**. We will let you know more ASAP

Love and Remembrance Day

To celebrate the lives of those we have lost recently and the many who have been affected by the pandemic, we will be holding a special day of thanks, love and remembrance. On Friday 2nd July we will come together as a school to pray, celebrate and reflect on these special people.

Year 6 swimming.

We are still looking into how we can offer this opportunity this term. A letter will come out soon.

New national rules from Monday 17th May

Child Friendly Version: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/57054095>

Other reminders

After half term, as we move back to our new normal, we will be adjusting the times of the day again.



All pupils will finish at **2.40pm** but still with our managed exit. We will continue with parents following the one-way system and collecting children on the way around (as it is now). Please be reassured that this will still give parents time to get to the Infant school to collect siblings.

Scooters and Bikes

Pupils may bring a scooter or bike to school, BUT THEY MUST BRING a helmet and lock. Children cannot bring electric scooters as these are illegal on roads in the UK. Scooters and bikes must not be ridden once on school grounds.

Holiday Dates for 2021-2022

May 31st - June 4th - Summer half term week.

Tuesday 20th July - Summer Term last day. NB We will be in school Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th that week. **Wednesday 21st July** - Summer holidays start.

We no longer have a PD day on **Friday 28th May**; this was moved back in December in line with government advice.

Monday 6th September - New school Year/ Autumn Term starts.

Friday 22nd October - PD DAY (school closed)

Half Term -Monday 25.10.21-29.10.21

Friday 17th December -End of Autumn term (last day)

Monday 20th December 2021 - Wednesday 5th January 2022. -Christmas holidays

Full dates are on the website.

Reading skills progress and sharing of data

We are very excited that very soon we will start using ***Accelerated Reader*** at Donnington Wood Juniors. This is an amazing web-based tool that TPS and other schools use to promote and develop independent reading skills. It allows pupils access to thousands of age-appropriate books and tracks reading progress and reading ages as children are encouraged to read more and more.

In preparation for its launch, we are required to share all pupils' first and second names and classes to generate user names and passwords. Next term we hope all parents will also sign up to track your child's reading points and progress and support your child's reading at home.