

Donnington Wood CE Junior School

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Week Ending 17/6/21 Update

We have had a fantastic two weeks of this half term already! This update contains details of our final few weeks of this school year.

Dates for your calendars

Last School Day is **Tuesday 20th July** (it will not be an early finish).

We return in September on **Monday 6th September**

We will confirm the start and finish times later in term but they will be broadly in line with our current timings.

Covid Reminder

May I remind all families that the National rules still apply.

Here is a quick reminder of procedures to follow if you have symptoms of Coronavirus. There is some confusion over when or which tests to do.

Lateral flow tests are only to be used if you are NOT showing any symptoms of Coronavirus.

If you have one or more of the following symptoms, **YOU MUST** book a PCR test at a Covid testing centre. These can be booked on line or call 119.

- High temperature
- New or persistent cough
- loss of taste or smell

Please inform school when you have booked a PCR test and share the results on Parent Pay. When waiting for results it is very important that the whole household isolate to stop the possible spread of infection. We will work with the Health Protection Hub to ensure that any action taken is appropriate, this may mean bubble closures and isolation.

Other Updates

Hot Weather

If forecast to be a sunny and hot day, please provide your child with a hat and apply sun lotion before school. All children must bring in a water bottle.

RSE

As per our earlier Parent Pay email we will be delivering our statutory PSHE unit on '**Changing me**' over the next few weeks. This is part of an important national programme for primary pupils on 'Relationships and Sex Education.'

Accelerated Reader and MyOn e-library

We have begun to teach all pupils how to use this amazing reading tool and resource. Over the next few weeks they will bring their passwords home and we want pupils to be reading as much as they can in school and after school. It is linked to school rewards and is guaranteed to help your child make progress with



their learning. Please encourage them to log on and read on it as much as possible. We will share more with you soon, including how you can sign up too to see their progress.

Family SeeSaw

We are pleased 95% of our parents are now on Family SeeSaw, and you are able to view and comment on your child's daily work. So many parents have commented how this is a great opportunity to support their child's learning. If you are not on it yet, please ask for details and sign up.

Mrs Poyner has said, *'We ask that you could continue viewing, liking and commenting on your child's work as they love seeing you acknowledging their achievement and commenting on it; this is making such a huge impact on children's progress!'*

All children comment so positively about parents on Seesaw: "I love that my parents can like and leave me a message on my work. It makes me feel so proud. "'

Reports

Your child's annual school report will come out during the last week of term.

Changes

Transition Days

Following the government announcement on the continuation of restrictions and additional advice from the Local Authority and Government, planned Transfer Days cannot happen as they have before. Your child's new teacher will be visiting and leading sessions with your child in their class, getting to know them and the high expectations we have. Our Year 3 team will also visit the Infants, to work, socially distanced, with the Year 2 classes. This will mean pupils will still have chance to get to know their new teaching team, but in a safer way.

We cannot host our Year 2 visits next week as planned. We will rearrange a date soon.

Love and Remembrance Day 2nd July

This is a special day we have planned to honour and celebrate the memory of friends and family we have lost. We did intend to have a whole school picnic on the field, but will now keep it in bubbles. We will be sending home items for you as a family to complete together and send in. More details will be sent out next week.

Sports Day

Due to our Year 6s no longer visiting their new secondary schools for transition, we will adjust the dates and timings of our planned Sports Afternoons. We are sorry for the confusion, and any inconvenience this may cause.

We have had to put additional health and safety controls in place, including reducing the time.

1:30- 2pm We will run a carousel of events for both class bubbles, with separate spaces and equipment. (separated across the field)

Individual classes can share equipment as they do now.

Adults/families are invited to watch on the field and will be grouped in their own 2m socially distant Viewing Area. Adults will need to wear masks and maintain distances.

You will be able to take your child home at the end of the event.

Year 6 -Monday 5th July 1:30- 2pm (moved back to this original date)

Year 5 -Tuesday 6th July 1:30- 2pm (moved back to this original date)

Year 4 -Wednesday 7th July 1:30- 2pm

Year 3 - Thursday 8th July 1:30- 2pm

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Year 6 Leavers (Tuesday July 20th)

The last day to celebrate our wonderful Year 6's leaving us is due after restrictions are supposed to end. However, we will now proceed with a socially distanced event on the school field. There will be a short presentation assembly led by the pupils to parents (socially distant). More details of times will be sent out.

Road Safety

We will be running Road Safety Sessions with Year 3 and 4 this half term.

STAR for Year 6

PC Walker-Shale has been in this week to lead STAR workshops with Year 6. The Year 6 have learnt a lot! If they raise any questions you can't answer, please let us know.

In Hope, Perseverance and Friendship.

Mr Fox

