

# Donnington Wood CE Junior School

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## Autumn term Welcome Letter

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year and we thank you for the trust you have shown in us by preparing your child for their return to Donnington Wood CE Juniors. We are delighted to welcome our new Year 3 pupils and other families new to Donnington.

In this letter, I want to share revised information about this Autumn term and important dates for you to note.

### Our School Vision drives everything we do.

*Our school is a community where each person is valued as a child of God. We are a Church of England school, inspired and guided by the life and teaching of Jesus. We work together to create a caring, friendly and safe school family, to enable the whole school community to flourish and each person reach their full God-given potential.*

Our core values that we teach and aim to instil in all our pupils are:-

### **Building friendships, encouraging perseverance and inspiring hope.**

There is more about how we fulfil our vision and values through the work we do throughout our school on the last page of this letter.

### Arrival and Finish times from MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

We will now be moving back to our original times for the school day.

### **Arrival at school will be for 8:35 am**

Gates will open at 8:35 and all pupils will walk through the gates on their own to the classes. We will still enter Year groups in order (Y6, 5, 4, 3) to avoid congestion. If you have any messages, please contact the office (by parent pay or phone) or tell the staff member on the gate. Your child must be in school by 8:45 when gates will close.

### Collection from school

**Gates will open just before 2:45pm and parents/carers can now come on site to collect children from the classroom doors if you wish to.**

The one-way system is helping to reduce congestion and keep everyone safe so we will continue with this for this term.

### Collection through the main gate (Leonard Close)

You will need to follow the one-way system around to your child's classroom door. If you have more than one child, please try to pick them up in order, as you pass around the school.



You will then leave back through the main gate. If you are unable to cross the grass area from the car park, please inform a member of staff and they will help you.

#### Collection from top gate (Park Road)

Parents/carers can now walk down to the classroom areas and collect your child if required. You can then leave site using the quickest route for you. If you have more than one child to collect, please follow the paths and follow the one-way system. If you have a pushchair or wheelchair, please use the ramps at the side of the playground.

If you have given permission for your child to walk home on their own, please let the class teacher know, otherwise children may be kept back. All children will leave at 2:45pm and once they have left the school gate, you need to make sure they know where to go to and who to meet and their safest route home.

#### Communication

We now put all school communication with you on Parent Pay and the website. Class teachers often use SeeSaw Family to make announcements directly to parents.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE REGISTERED YOUR PARENT PAY ACCOUNT AND SIGNED UP FOR FAMILY SEESAW.

#### Harvest Festival Open Afternoons

Every Autumn term we love to celebrate Harvest. This year we have planned a safer and more interactive event. Each Year group will present their own short Harvest Assembly to their parents and then you will have chance to review their work, read with them and enjoy completing different harvest activities together for the remaining afternoon. This will take place in the hall and classrooms. To limit numbers of people in the school, we will stage these afternoons one Year group at a time.

- Year 6 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 1:45- 2:30
- Year 5 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1:45- 2:30
- Year 4 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1:45- 2:30
- Year 3 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1:45- 2:30

#### Staff PD Day

**Please note we have PD day on Friday 22nd October when school will be closed.**

#### Parents/Carers and Teacher meetings

We are planning to hold these important progress review meetings face-to-face, but we will assess the risk nearer the time. We may need to change these to telephone appointments.

- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 3- 6pm** -all classes
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 1- 4pm** all classes.

Please note **school will close early at 12:30pm** on this Friday to facilitate these meetings.

More details and arrangements for booking an appointment with your class teacher will be sent out nearer the time.

#### PE Kits

School PE kits must be worn on your child's PE day.

- **Year 6 Monday, Year 5 Tuesday, Year 4 Wednesday and Year 3 Thursday.**

If the weather is cold, they may wear their school jumpers and dark tracksuit trousers.

#### Daily dash

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Next week we will start our Daily Dash. This is 15 minutes of running following a playground course each day. We know that this increases children's concentration for the day and improves fitness. This is a compulsory activity, but please inform your teacher if your child cannot participate for any reason on a day.

## After School Clubs

Next week we will be sending out our planned timetable for After School Clubs. You will need to book your child a place in these and pay through Parent Pay. Please return the booking form as soon as possible and await confirmation of your child's place before they can start.

## Family SeeSaw / Accelerated Reader / Online Homework.

Every pupil at Donnington Wood Juniors has access to **SeeSaw** (our online learning app), **Accelerated Reader** (our online reading programme including **MyOn e-library**) and **Times Tables Rockstars** (online arithmetic games and challenges).

Your child has unique **log-in details and passwords** for each app and we will be sending these details home for their homework. You can access each app at home to support their learning and see their progress for yourself.

If you need a device to access these online learning tools then please ask. We have a limited number of iPad and laptops left to loan out in school. If you are struggling to get a device or app to work, just ask us for technical support. We are keen to help all our pupils continue learning at home.

## Parent Workshops

We are planning a number of adult workshops to further enable you to support your child and develop your own skills. We will be sending out the planned schedule of these soon, so please sign up and book a place on these fun and sociable courses.

## Christmas Concerts

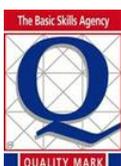
We are hoping that this year we will be able to perform and celebrate Christmas again in our traditional Donnington Wood Juniors way- with all children and staff participating in some way! At this stage, we cannot plan exact details until we see how this term goes and the impact of coronavirus locally is reduced. We hope to begin preparations over the coming weeks.

## End of term

- **End of the Autumn term is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**
- **Return for the Spring term is Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

Thank you again for your continued support and we look forward to a successful and memorable term ahead.

**Mr R Fox**



### **Our School Motto**

*"The ones who plant and the ones who water work together as a team with the same purpose."*

**1 Corinthians 3:8**

We believe that with God's help when we all work as a TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More.

### **Our School's Core Values.**

*Building friendships*

*Encouraging perseverance*

*Inspiring hope*

### **Our Mission (INTENT)**

#### **At Donnington Wood CE Junior School we will**

- put the safety of everyone as a priority so we can work in **trust** and **peace**.
- encourage everyone to understand the true meaning of **friendship**, **fellowship** and community by acting with **humility, compassion** and in **service** to each other.
- be inclusive so everyone is valued and respected and where **tolerance** and diversity are celebrated.
- seek out every opportunity to ensure that all of us flourish in all that we do, developing **wisdom** and **creativity**, through an ambitious and broad curriculum that challenges expectations, deepens knowledge and develops skills.
- empower pupils and adults to develop **hope** and **perseverance**, so that they are able to engage/explore the challenges of school and the wider world.
- nurture the spiritual development of our school **fellowship**, develop tolerance of other faiths, beliefs and cultures and build religious literacy through collective worship of God and teaching of RE.
- champion our values to equip our children ready for their future as respectful individuals, life-long learners and active citizens in society (**justice**).