

# DONNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new half termly Newsletter which we hope will keep you up to date with many of the events happening here at the school!

I hope you have also had a look at our new website where we will now be posting photographs, special Assembly videos etc. for you to view at any time. This will also help us to reduce the cost of printing full colour photographs.

Autumn has definitely arrived and we are already feeling the change in the weather. Please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day – remember children are in the playground at least twice and sometimes three times a day!

I know many of you attended and enjoyed our lovely whole school Harvest Assembly. We would like to thank all our families for their kind donations to the Brent Food Bank. Your generosity will help many families in our local community.

**Kevin Minns, Headteacher**

### **Healthy Schools and Birthday Celebrations**

As part of our work towards becoming a healthy school we are encouraging everyone to think carefully about what they eat. Packed lunches should be healthy for your child to improve their physical and mental health.

We also understand that birthdays are very exciting for all children and every class celebrates these in school time. However, due to the increase in various food intolerances, in particular nut allergies in children, we can no longer allow birthday cakes or party bags to be brought into school. I know you will understand that this decision helps to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children.

If you wish to give treats to your child's friends or class this can be done outside of school time.

This decision applies to all classes including Nursery and Reception.

Thank you for your understanding.

### **Road Safety**

To ensure the safety of all our children please set a good example and use the crossing outside the school gate. Donnington Road is an extremely busy road and too often we have seen parents cutting across the road - with their children!

**THIS IS INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS. PLEASE BE SAFE AND USE THE CROSSING!**

We have also received complaints from the nearby Willesden Centre for Health and Care that some of our parents are using their private carpark when bringing and collecting children from school. They have informed us they will be taking car registration numbers to report to the police.

### **Attendance**

Attendance and punctuality continue to be good for the majority of pupils at Donnington Primary School. Thank you for working hard to improve attendance by helping your children to be in school and on time every day.

In line with Government directives, the school is unable to grant leave for children during term time, unless in exceptional circumstances. Please ensure holidays and trips are planned for during the school holidays and note that any unauthorised absences are reported to the Brent Education Welfare Service who may issue a fine.

### **Year 5 Residential Visit to the Gordon Brown Centre**

Year 5 will be leaving for their residential visit to the Gordon Brown Centre on the first day back after the half term break. We know they will have a wonderful time and look forward to seeing and hearing about all their adventures on their return.

### **School Uniform**

Donnington has a school uniform that must be worn by all children in the Reception class and in Years 1 - 6.

The uniform colours are:

Donnington grey sweatshirt

Donnington burgundy polo shirt

Grey or black trousers or skirts

Red/white check or striped summer dress

Black school shoes

Hijabs, headbands and hair ties plain

Boots may be worn to and from school and in the playground in colder weather. School shoes must be worn inside the building.

### **Year 6 Secondary Transfer**

Remember 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 is the closing date for submitting Secondary Transfer Applications to Brent School Admissions. Applying online is best. It is recommended that applications are completed before the Half Term break (20 October 2017).

### **Nursery & Reception September 2018**

Please remember that all applications for a place in either a Nursery or Reception class for September 2018 at any school must be submitted by **Monday 15 January 2018**.

Reception applications are made online at Brent Council and applications to Donnington's Nursery are submitted directly to the School Office.

### **Tours of Donnington Nursery and Reception**

Parents/carers wishing to attend a tour of our Nursery or Reception Class may contact the School Office to book an appointment for one of the following days:

Monday	13 November	9.15am
Tuesday	21 November	9.15am
Friday	24 November	9.15am
Monday	04 December	9.15am
Monday	11 December	9.15am
Friday	05 January	9.15am
Wednesday	10 January	9.15am

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Oct**

20 Final day of Half Term 1

#### ***23 - 27 October Half Term Holiday***

30 Children return

#### **Nov**

#### ***06 Staff Training Day – no children***

10 FODS Spooky Party 6–8.30pm

16 Parent Consultation Meeting

20 Parent Consultation meeting

#### **Dec**

01 FODS Winter Fair

07 Wizard Theatre Performance

14 Christmas Assemblies

15 Christmas Lunch

19 Last Day of Autumn Term

#### ***20 – 02 January Christmas Break***

#### **Jan**

03 Children return

### **Reminders**

Please remember to check your child's bag every day for letters from school.