

DONNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

4th May 2018

We are now half way through the first half of the Summer Term. Traditionally, as the weather improves (although this has been very unpredictable recently) there will be more opportunities for external trips and activities.

FODS SPONSORED BOUNCE AND WALK

Congratulations to everyone, pupils, staff and parents, for braving the cold weather last Friday to raise money at our annual FODS Sponsored Walk around the Willesden Sports Centre track. Thank you also to all those who organised and ran another successful Donnington event

Remember now to start bringing in your sponsorship money. There will be a prize for the class which raises the most money and for a pupil in each year group (Years 3 to 6) who completed the most laps. If the number of happy voices is an indicator then the Sponsored Bounce was also a huge success.

SCIENCE CLUB

We are delighted to have an additional club added to our afterschool activities. Building on the success of last year's STEM Club, it has begun again and is held on a Thursday.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

There is always great expectation when a Class Assembly is nearing. We have already enjoyed Year 4's Class Assembly and the whole school's singing of 'Muscles & Bones'. I know that you will continue to support your children at each Class Assembly. It makes a real difference to them if they know you are in the audience.

See over the page for a list of all Class Assemblies for the rest of the Summer Term.

IMPORTANT!!

The Pupil Premium Helps Fund Schools

If parents are in receipt of benefits, schools can benefit from important additional funding called the Pupil Premium.

The Pupil Premium provides **MUCH-NEEDED** extra money for all schools on top of the Annual Budget. As you know, Annual Budgets are under pressure so every bit helps.

Schools can use the extra money to fund a range of activities that can help boost all our children's attainment. So please register if you are in receipt of benefits online at www.brent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

HOLIDAY ABSENCES

Families planning their summer holiday should note that school will finish on Friday 20th July and that children in Years 1 to 6 return for the new school year on **Wednesday 5th September 2018.**

If you are planning to travel over the summer, please check that your dates of travel ensure that your child will be in school on the last day of this term and also the first day of the new school year.

Any absences on either the last day of term or the first day back **MUST** be supported by medical evidence (appointment card, prescription or doctor's note.)

There are thirteen weeks in a year for parents to arrange holidays. Children who miss school will miss out on learning opportunities and also miss the events that mark a child's end of a school year or the beginnings of a new one.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Class Assemblies this term are:

YEAR 5	on 24th MAY
RECEPTION	on 15th JUNE
NURSERY	on 22nd JUNE
YEAR 4	on 29th JUNE
YEAR 2	on 5th JULY
YEAR 1	on 13th JULY

Please note that YEAR 2's Assembly is on a THURSDAY and all the rest are on FRIDAYS

SCHOOL UNIFORM

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL IN THE CORRECT UNIFORM EVERY DAY.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chicane in Year 5 for winning the Key Stage 2 section of the Brent Council Poster Competition for Attendance. His winning poster is now being used by Brent Council to promote good attendance. As well as a prize for Chicane, Donnington was awarded a prize to promote attendance across the school. We are always striving for better!

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

21st – 25th May

We are promoting a healthier way to come to school as part of our drive to be a HEALTHY SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance rate for this Academic Year so far is 96.72%.

WE HOPE TO IMPROVE THIS TO AT LEAST 97% OR BETTER.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE FULL ATTENDANCE - IT MATTERS TO YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING.

SATs AND PUPIL ASSESSMENTS

This is an important time especially for our Year 6 children who have been working hard towards their SATs tests, which will take place from 14th to 17th May. Year 2 also have a period of assessment although it takes a different form and is not externally marked. We commend them for all their hard work and wish them well!

DATES

May

07 **Bank Holiday – school closed**

14 Key Stage 2 SATs Week

28th May – 1st June Half Term Week

June

16 FODS Summer Fair

19 Sports Day

July

06 Pupil Reports sent home

11 Parent / Teacher open evening

19 Prize Giving

20 Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9am

20 Term ends at 1.30pm

Sep

05 Children in Years 1 - 6 return for the new Academic Year

GOVERNORS

It is great to see the children enjoying the school improvements including the new toilets in Key Stage 1 and the play equipment in Early Years. Thank you to Ms Chana, our Business Manager, for securing lottery funding for Early Years!

Dear Parents, all school budgets are being squeezed and an essential £1,320 per child per year comes from Pupil Premium funding, but **ONLY if you apply for it.**

Please speak to the School Office to find out if your family is eligible. This fund makes a **huge difference** to the education of all Donnington children and enables them and the school to do their very best for everyone.

Finally, good luck to Year 6 in SATS Week!

**Rebecca Elliott, Acting Chair of Governors
on behalf of Donnington Governing Body**

