

# **DONNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## **AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER**

**19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

We have come to the end of a very busy half term in which there has been Cycle, Scooter and Balance Bike training; visits to the British Museum by Years 5 & 6; some impressive Class Assemblies; a Harvest collection and class visits to Willesden Library to name just a few. The School Council has been elected and has had several meetings already.

A special thank you to all our parents and families who brought in food to support our Harvest Appeal. Your generous donations have been taken to the Brent Food Bank to support their charitable works.

I am pleased to say that the heating system is to be completed over the half term so that we, after many, many years will have a fully operational heating system.

As you may recall the water system was upgraded over the summer and it has been an important improvement for us all, not least in the school kitchen which has been able to work more efficiently and effectively.

There are a number of events coming up in the next half term so please see if there are any that you are able to attend or even contribute to. FODs are important to us as they provide funding for things that give your children greater experiences whilst at school. Please be aware that FODs can only work if they have the support of our whole community.

Half Term 1 ends today with next week being Half Term break; I hope you all enjoy the break. All children return on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Please also note that the

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings for Years 1 to 6 will take place across two evenings on 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November. Look out for the yellow letters to choose your appointment slot; these will be issued on the first day back after the half term break.

Also remember that clocks go back one hour on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

### **IMPORTANT!!**

#### **Year 6 Secondary School Transfer**

Please remember that 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 is the closing date for submitting your Year 6 child's Secondary Transfer Application online to Brent Admissions.

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

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:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12 November</b>	<b>9:15am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20 November</b>	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>23 November</b>	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>03 December</b>	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10 December</b>	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11 January</b>	<b>9.15am</b>

## DATES

**22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – 26<sup>th</sup> Oct Half Term Week**

### Oct

29 Children return for Half Term 2

### Nov

02 FODS Spooky Party 6 - 8.30pm

15 Parent Consultation Evening 1

16 BBC Children in Need Day

19 Parent Consultation Evening 2

### Dec

06 Wizard Theatre Performance

13 Christmas Assemblies

14 Children's Christmas Lunch

21 Term ends at 2.30pm

**22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – 7<sup>th</sup> Jan Christmas Holiday**

### Jan

08 Children return for the Spring Term

## **Governors**

Hello everyone. I wanted to introduce myself; I have recently joined the Donnington community on the Governing Body to take on the role of Chair from Rebecca Elliott.

I am really excited to have this opportunity to be part of the school, and to get to know the children, parents and staff better.

I hope that you have had a good first half term and I look forward to meeting you in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rebecca for all she has done in her role as Chair and I look forward to partnering with her in the coming years.

***Katrina Beechey, Chair of Governors***

## **FODS**

Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to our new parents who are experiencing the joys of school life for the first time. Starting in the Reception Class or Nursery is an exciting time of growth for both parents and children.

I encourage you to become involved with the school and contribute to creating an environment of fun and learning for your child. We all know school budgets are becoming tighter and therefore the need to have a Parent Staff Association is greater than ever before.

At Donnington our PSA is called FODS, Friends of Donnington School. Our purpose is to run fund raising events where any money raised is then used for the children's benefit. We would love new parents to join. If you are interested please contact the School Office for further details.

Our first event this year will be the **SPOOKY PARTY DISCO** on **2nd November**. It's always a blast for the children so please pop it in your diary. We look forward to seeing you all there.

***Naheed & Muna, Co-Chairs, FODS Committee***

## **ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY WINNERS**

<u>Week</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Punctuality</u>
Week 1	Year 4	Year 4
Week 2	Year 5	Year 1
Week 3	Year 1	Year 1
Week 4	Years 5 & 6	Years 5 & 6
Week 5	Year 4	Year 4
Week 6	Year 4	Year 4