

DONNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER



29th March 2019

As Easter approaches and the clocks go forward one hour, we are suddenly only one more school week away from the end of the Spring Term. A huge amount of fantastic work and experiences have taken place in a short space of time. **Have you noticed our beautiful new playground clock?**



It is radio controlled so shows the accurate time at all times. Please remember the clocks go FORWARD this Sunday, 31st March at 2.00am!

World Book Day on Thursday 7th March was a huge success with so many of the children dressing up as their favourite book character.

We are especially proud of the amount the children raised for the Comic Relief Red Nose Day Appeal on 15th March. The total was **£420** which is the largest amount for many years. Thank you to all our parents and families for your incredible generosity as always and also to our School Council for their planning and support for this event.

We also had an inspirational Science Week from 11th to 15th March, culminating in a

Science Fair Display in the Assembly Hall on 18th March. Many of you came to see the work from across the whole school. Congratulations to all classes and to their representatives who manned the stands and explained the work to other classes and parents. This will now be an annual event as it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to explain their work and for you to see first-hand what happens in lessons.

Our Spring Term Parent/Carer Consultation meetings had an excellent attendance rate of almost 98%. Your involvement in your child's education in this way can make a great contribution towards their progress and attainment at school.

As you can see we sadly have had to cut down two trees in the main playground due to disease and their roots breaking up the playground surface. We have asked Brent Council to support us with replanting as that area of the school is particularly vulnerable to pollution from traffic on the two main roads. We are hoping to plant at least four smaller trees along the boundary fence.

Thank you to the group of Year 6 children who attended a Brent Attendance Conference on 14th March at the Civic Centre to present what Donnington has been doing to promote good attendance and punctuality. Mrs Adae accompanied the children and was incredibly proud of their behaviour and how well they represented the school. After their presentation the children were given a tour of Wembley Stadium which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

IMPORTANT!

PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL FINISHES FOR THE END OF THE SPRING TERM AT THE USUAL TIME ON FRIDAY 5TH APRIL AND ALL CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 23RD APRIL.

Please remember to come and listen to the Key Stage 2 classes perform a Musical Concert next Wednesday at 2.45pm in the Assembly Hall.

FODS

FODS would like to remind you that they are in need of parental support and will soon set a date for an Annual General Meeting.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

06 Bank Holiday – School closed

10 Ramadan Assembly

13 Key Stage 2 SATS Week

17 Sponsored Bounce & Walk

20 Class Group Photographs

27th - 31st May Half Term Week

June

03 Children return for final half term

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Attendance and punctuality continue to be good for the majority of pupils at Donnington Primary School. Thank you for helping your children to be in school and on time.

Whole school attendance is currently 96.75% which is just below our target of at least 97%. Congratulations to Year 6 & Year 4 who have by far the best attendance record so far this year.

ATTENDANCE

If a child is absent due to illness immediately before or after a school holiday, the school will request medical evidence of the illness, such as an appointment card, prescription or doctor's note.

If you are planning to travel over the Easter holiday, please check that your dates of travel ensure that your children will be back in school on **Tuesday 23rd April** in time for the start of the Summer Term. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs S. Adae, Deputy Headteacher & Attendance Co-ordinator

ABSENCES

Please remember to telephone the school by 9.30am on your child's first day of absence and to complete an Absence Note on their return.

SCHOOL MEALS

Parents wishing to change their child's lunch arrangements, either from or to School Meals for the next half term, will need to inform the School Office no later than 9.00am on Friday 5th April.

Parents are reminded that Brent Council requires payment for School Meals to be made in advance and not in arrears. Please ensure your child's School Meals Account is up to date.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As the weather begins to warm up some of the children will be switching to the summer uniform. Girls may wear red checked summer dresses.

Sweatshirts and polo shirts must be the correct school uniform and shoes black with no logos. Sandals and slip on shoes are not safe when children are running and playing and are therefore not permitted.

TERM DATES 2019 – 2020

Please find attached a list of the Term Dates for the new Academic Year 2019 – 2020.



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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2019 - 2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Term Starts:	Wednesday 4th September 2019
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October 2019
Term Ends:	Thursday 19th December 2019
Christmas Holiday:	Friday 20th December 2019 - Friday 3rd January 2020

SPRING TERM 2020

Term Starts:	Monday 6th January 2020
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2020
Staff Training Day:	Monday 24th February 2020
Term Ends:	Friday 3rd April 2020
Easter Holiday:	Monday 6th April 2020 - Friday 17th April 2020

SUMMER TERM 2020

Term Starts:	Monday 20th April 2020
Bank Holiday:	Monday 4th May 2020
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2020
Term Ends:	Friday 17th July 2020

PLEASE KEEP AS A REMINDER