

# DONNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



## SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

17<sup>th</sup> July 2019

It seemed that we had to wait a long time for summer to arrive but now that we are almost at the end of the academic year the time seems to have flown and the sun is still shining. Summer holidays bring all sorts of enjoyment for everyone. Staff and pupils deserve a well-earned rest.

Any end of an academic year does mean that we have to say goodbye to Year 6 who have been fantastic role models for Donnington. They deserve all our congratulations for such remarkable SATS results showing how prepared they are for Secondary School. As I write this I can hear them rehearsing songs for their Leavers Assembly and it sounds like one not to be missed.

We are very proud of a huge range of events that our pupils have undertaken from Science Fairs; Art Exhibitions; Walk to School Week to the brilliant and varied Class Assemblies each term. Thank you to all our parents and families who came to support their children at all our events.

Sports Day was a lovely morning at the Willesden Sports Centre and I trust that all who attended our sports morning last Thursday enjoyed the events. Thank you to those parents who moved around the activities and supported each house.

There are two more major events to take place this week: **Prize Giving Day on 18<sup>th</sup> July, Nursey, Reception and Year 1 at 9.15am and Years 2 to 6 at 10.30am. Lastly, our Year 6 Leavers Assembly will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9.10am.**

We would also like to thank two members of staff who are leaving us this year. Ms Kazmi has been supporting classes across the school and we have greatly appreciated her support and kindness.

Mr O'Connor has been with us across several years in a range of classes. We wish him every success as he begins a new chapter of his teaching career. We have appreciated his support in continuing the successes of each class he has worked with.

Each class has now met their new teacher for the next academic year and will begin the 2019 - 2020 academic year ready for the challenges of another year group.

Class Teachers for 2019 - 2020	
Year Group	Class Teacher
Nursery	Miss J. Smith
Reception	Mrs E. Frenkler
Year 1	Ms C. Haynes
Year 2	Ms E. McCann
Year 3	Miss Z. Bunting
Year 4	Mr A. Ali
Year 5	Mrs H. Mensah
Year 6	Ms S. Kelly

It only remains for me to thank everyone for their hard work and to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break. We will see children in Years 1 to 6 back on **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** refreshed and eager to learn.

***Please note a change to the Early May Day Bank Holiday next year on the enclosed Term Dates.***

### **Policy on Leave of Absence**

Parents are strongly discouraged from taking their children out of school for family holidays or trips abroad; these **must** be taken in the school holidays.

Headteachers can only authorise absence, in exceptional circumstances such as the funerals of close family members. In such cases, parents should submit a 'Leave of Absence Request Form' in advance and only make bookings if leave is granted.

Whether to grant leave is at the discretion of the Headteacher. There is no right for a parent to appeal the decision. In the case of a request for leave of absence, relevant documentation must be provided on your return in order to authorise the absence.

This documentation includes proof of the date on which the travel was booked for the pupil and the destination. In addition a copy of the relevant certificates to indicate the reason for travel will be required.

However, this may still be referred to the Brent Education Welfare Service. Please be aware that if you take your child out of school and the leave is not authorised a referral will be made to the Brent Education Welfare Service. This may result in you receiving a Formal Warning or an Education Penalty Notice. Education Penalty Notices are issued to both parents for each child taken out of school. Fines are £60 if paid within 21 days and £120 if paid within 28 days.

Failure to pay the fine may result in parents being prosecuted in court for their child's unauthorised absence.

### **FODS**

Thank you for all your support in attending the Barbecue on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. It was a beautiful evening and everyone seemed to have a lovely time. Thank you to Ms Sharon and her dance pupils for their performance. You inspired a large number of parents to join in an impromptu performance which was brilliant.  
**FODS Committee**

### **Brent Young Carers**

Do you know someone who looks after their mum, dad, brother, sister, or other relative or friend?

This may include helping out at home by cooking, cleaning or doing the shopping. If they are looking after someone who is ill, disabled or frail who cannot manage without their help then they are a Young Carer.

Brent Carers have an experienced staff team who will can also advise and support you on a range of issues, such as money & benefits, your health and well-being, careers advice, training and employment; and support for the whole family.



They also plan a range of free fun activities and trips for Young Carers to ensure that they have enjoyable free time.

### **Contacting Brent Young Carers**

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#### **Where to find us:**

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Willesden  
London NW10 2PT

#### **Opening Times:**

Mon to Fri: 9.00am – 5.00pm  
Every Third Wed: 9.00am – 8pm

Every last Saturday: 10am – 1pm

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