

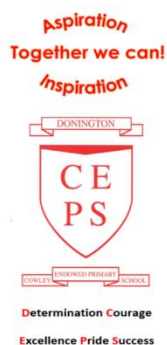
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

It has been an extremely and exciting half term in school and we still have lots planned leading up to the Easter holidays.

Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome in my first term as headteacher.

Our School Vision

It has been exciting to work with children and staff in developing our school vision. Through reflecting upon what we value as a school and discussing our core purpose we have developed a vision statement which incorporates our shared values and intent:



School Vision Statement

Donington Cowley Endowed Primary School provides a caring environment where everyone is respected and valued; where unity lies at the heart of our community. Our aim is to provide an enriching curriculum which evokes aspiration and inspires all children to be the best versions of themselves. Through determination, courage, excellence, pride and success, we strive to encourage children to become confident, ambitious and passionate learners; laying the foundations of knowledge, skills and understanding for life-long learning.

Staffing

I am delighted to inform you that we have internally appointed Key Stage Leaders in EYFS and KS1: Lisa Farrow and Faye Tubb.

Act II Theatre Company

To enhance our fantastic music provision further Karl Gernert, from Act II Theatre Company, will be joining us every Tuesday from February half term to work initially with classes across Key Stage 2 (Elm, Oak and Maple- Spring Term 2 and Chestnut, Beech and Hawthorn- Summer Term 1) to develop group performance skills and musical technique. We are extremely fortunate to

welcome Karl to our school and hope to be able to share our musical talents with you all as we progress.



Sports

I would like to say a huge thank you to Faye Tubb for organising sporting events this half term. We were very fortunate that the Sports Hall Athletics competitions went ahead and were enjoyed by children across Key Stage 2. The children were an absolute credit to us and

we were extremely proud of them: Our Year 5/6 team achieved 1st Place and our Year 3/4 team 2nd Place. Well done to all involved!

Year 6 Boosters

To support pupil catch up in readiness for Key Stage 2 assessments we will be running booster classes after school on Mondays starting 28th February 2022. These will run until 4pm and will be led by Mrs Foston, Mrs Williams, Mrs Thompson and Miss Winfield. We strongly recommend this for all Year 6 children and ask you to contact the school office if for any reason your child would be unable to attend.

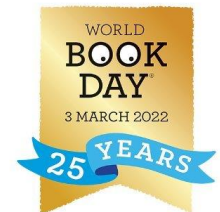
Read Write Inc Phonics



We will be implementing Read Write Inc synthetic phonics programme across EYFS and Key Stage 1 from 21st February 2022. Information sheets are attached with this newsletter explaining how the programme works and how you can support the development of early reading at home.

World Book Day (Thursday 3rd March)

All children are invited to dress as their favourite book characters for the day to celebrate the 25th anniversary of this fantastic event.



Comic Relief (Friday 18th March)



We are raising money for Comic Relief with a Superhero themed Non-Uniform Day- As Juniper will tell you Superheroes don't just wear capes! Voluntary donations will go to the charity fund.

Jubilee Bank Holiday

To celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee an extra bank holiday has been granted. As this officially falls within the Summer Half term break, Lincolnshire County Council have set our additional bank holiday on **Tuesday 19th April**. Children will therefore break up for Easter holidays **Thursday 31st March** and will return to school on **Wednesday 20th April**.



Attendance and Punctuality

I would like to again remind all parents of the importance of good attendance and punctuality to ensure that your children have every opportunity to access learning and maximise progress. Our school gates close at 8.55 with lessons starting immediately - it is extremely important that all children arrive at school on time.

Bikes and Scooters

It is lovely to see so many of you walking and cycling to school. However, to ensure safety, please can I ask that children disembark before coming through the school gates and walk with their bike/ scooter once on the playground.

Key Dates

February

Monday 21st- Start of Spring Term 2

March

Thursday 3rd- World Book Day- 25th Anniversary - Dress up as your favourite character (further details to follow)

Thursday 10th- Cross Country competition

Tuesday 15th- Y5/6 Netball competition

Friday 18th – Comic Relief - Non-Uniform Day (further details to follow)

Monday 21st- Parents Meetings

Thursday 31st- Autism Awareness Day (further details to follow)

Thursday 31st- End of Spring Term

April

Tuesday 19th- Additional Bank Holiday

Wednesday 20th- Start of Summer Term 1