



Newsletter

Welcome back to a busy summer term. Whilst the weather isn't warming up just yet it is certainly nice to welcome the lighter evenings and a little bit of sunshine.

STAFFING

I wrote out to Rabbits' parents last week to inform them that Miss Wilson would be leaving us at the end of this half term. We have already begun recruitment for September 2024 and have plans in place for the remainder of this academic year. I would like to thank Miss Wilson for her commitment to our school over the past 3 years and wish her the very best in her new adventures.



ATTENDANCE

You should have received a letter updating you on your child's attendance for last term.

Attendance Matters!

The table below shows the impact Attendance has on your child's academic year.

Remember...Attendance Matters!

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons

This table shows what the statistics really mean!

WELLBEING

Sometimes life can be tricky. It can make you feel lonely, sad, worried, nervous and all sorts of other emotions. This can happen to anyone and at any time. We want to help your child with any worries that they may have, it doesn't matter how big or small, the more you talk about a worry, the smaller it will get. We're always here to listen. Please encourage your child to speak to an adult in school if they are worried about something. Alternatively, arrange a time to speak with Mrs Millard. sarah-jane.millard@cowley.lincs.sch.uk

COFFEE MORNING AT DONINGTON COWLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Kathie Robson, Early Help Consultant, who provides support on dealing with parental conflict will be our guest at the coffee morning on the **Friday 3rd May at 9am**. Kathie will be able to offer support and advise. It would great if you could join us for a coffee and chat.



SEND

Your child's class teacher is always the first port of call for any SEND queries you might have. If you need any further support following on from this, you are always welcome to make an appointment with the SENDCo, Mrs Ogden. Sarah.Ogden@pointon.lincs.sch.uk

ASSESSMENT REMINDERS:

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS - KS2 SATs (Year 6s)

These statutory assessments take place from **Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024** and include a Reading paper, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and 3 Maths papers which are spread over the four days. On these days, the Year 6s can come to school and have breakfast before they complete the tests.

MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK (MTC) (Year 4s)

The MTC takes place over a two-week period starting on **Monday 3 June**. The test takes approximately 15 minutes, and the children will have opportunities to practise beforehand. The sound check on TTRS also allows the children to practise the style of questions.

PHONICS SCREENING (Year 1s)

There is a phonics screening check for all Year 1 children which takes place during week beginning **Monday 10 June** and takes approximately 20 minutes.

ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school due to illness please contact the School Office daily by telephone, if there is no answer there is an absence message service for you to leave a message or you can email Tel 01529 240465, or admin@pointon.lincs.sch.uk by 8.30am. Your help with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEER GROUP

Our fundraising group has been busy organising the School Disco which will be held on **28 June**. Tickets will be available in due course. There will be a tuck shop where the children can buy sweet bags, a chance for them to get a transfer tattoo and glow sticks! All these will be sold with the hope to raise money to improve our outdoor areas and purchase some new music resources.

Plans for the Summer Fayre on **5 July** have already begun, with lots of exciting ideas! We look forward to sharing them soon.

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Easter Eggtrevaganza** – we raised an amazing £277.71. This will be used to buy resources for the outside area.

PGL RESIDENTIAL

Year 6 children will shortly be attending their residential at PGL Caythorpe, **Monday 3 June - Wednesday 5 June**. The children are looking forward to the activities that have been arranged for our visit. A briefing for parents will take on **Tuesday 21 May**. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact the school office. **Please note: the dates on the March Newsletter were incorrect**

COLLECTION VISIT – YEAR 3/4

To commence our Olympia topic, the Red Squirrels visited the Collection in Lincoln to explore life in Ancient Greece. The children were able to study real life artefacts that were over 2,500 years old! We learned how to conduct an archaeological dig without damaging our finds and displayed them in our own museum. Finally, the children ended the day by re-enacting the Greco-Persian wars in costume. A splendid day was had by all!

FINALLY...

We are pleased to report that the mobile classroom was removed over half term, and we are excited about redesigning this area in the coming months.

Key Dates



MAY

Friday 3 May 9am

Coffee Morning at Donington Primary School

Monday 6 May

Bank Holiday School closed

Week commencing 13 May

KS2 SATs

Week commencing 20 May

KS1 SATs

Tuesday 21 May - 3.30pm

PGL - Parent Briefing

Wednesday 22 May

Year 6 Church School Festival

Week commencing 27 May

Half Term

JUNE

Monday 3 June – Wednesday 5 June

Year 6 PGL Residential

Week commencing 3 June

Y4 Multiplication Check

Week Commencing 10 June

Y4 Multiplication Check

Thursday 6 June

EYFS Trip Sundown Adventureland

Week commencing 10 June

Phonics Screening Check

Monday 17 June

Year 3/4 Ancient Greek Day

Thursday 20 June

Sports Day

Friday 28 June

Non-Uniform School Fundraiser

- Bring a Bottle

Friday 28 June

School Disco

JULY

Wednesday 3 July

KS1 Trip Provisional - details to be confirmed

Friday 5 July

Summer Fayre

Thursday 11 July

KS2 Production

Friday 12 July

Reports Out

Friday 19 July

Break up for academic year 2023 - 2024

