

# Donnington Wood CE Junior School

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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back! We are so excited about the new term, embedding our new school vision and challenging your children to succeed.

## **New school vision**

Following a consultation with our governors, pupils and parents we are proud to launch our new vision, a vision we feel encapsulates the work we do and the goals we push for.

## **Our School Vision**

Our school is a community where each person is valued as a child of God. We are a Church of England school, inspired and guided by the life and teaching of Jesus. We work together to create a caring, friendly and safe school family, to enable the whole school community to flourish and each person reach their full God-given potential.

## **Our Motto**

*"The ones who plant and the ones who water work together as a team with the same purpose."*

**1 Corinthians 3:8**

We believe that with God's help when we all work as a TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More.

During the year there will be plenty of chances to come in and see this in action. As always, what matters most is the partnership we form with you, to support your child. Reading will again be a priority for next year so please read regularly with your child as much as you can. Good routines and habits make a real difference.

## **Dates for your diary**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: return to school.

**Educational Visits:** These visits will introduce and help inspire our curriculum teaching. We will send out another letter ASAP.

*Monday 9th Year 5 visit Birmingham Museum and Art gallery*

*Tuesday 10th Year 4 visit Chester for the Dewa Roman Experience.*

*Wednesday 11th Year 6 visit Cadbury World in Bourneville, Birmingham.*

*Thursday 12th Year 3 visit Blists Hill Victorian museum in Ironbridge.*

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September: **Year 3s only Open Afternoon 1: 30- 2:30pm** (due to numbers)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September: Year 3- 6 **Open Afternoon and Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 1:30- 2:30**, there will also be a Mental Health workshop that afternoon, with representatives from BEAM, KOOTH, Sleep Training and Bedazzle.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October: Year 3 lead our **Harvest Celebration @1:30 pm.**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October: **Staff PD Day, school closed** and start of half-term.

Return to school Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Photographer in for school photos.

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## Parents Evening

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November: Parents Evening 3:00- 6:30pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Parents Afternoon 12:30- 4:00pm

The school will shut at 12:30 on this day to allow for Parents' Afternoon. (We intend to have our Christmas Fair in the hall on both days.)

Week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Flu immunization programme.

**Christmas Production:** following feedback from last year we will be offering 3 Christmas production dates.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 11:00am

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 6:00pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 1:00pm

As per our vision, all pupils take part in the production. Auditions will take part in October and roles cast. Usually Year 5 play a lead role in this, with Year 4 taking a lead for Easter and Year 6 leading their Leavers Assembly in July. We have spread the times out to allow as many as possible to attend, but also to make sure the pupils have a break; it is very tiring for them. Further details will be issued nearer the time.

**PE News:** Please see the attached letter in regards to coming to school in PE kits on PE days, and exciting new developments in health and fitness.

**Parking at school:** Parking outside school is becoming increasingly concerning. The governors have asked me to work with the council and the police to improve traffic around the gates. More information will be given in September. Building work will take place soon to make the route to school safer. (info on website)

**Family Learning:** We will be offering a number of exciting workshops this year, starting with a parent and child cooking session in September. Letters will come out soon.

We are very excited about this year and look forward to welcoming you into school. We will once again be targeting reading, so please make sure you hear your child read as much as possible.

Thank you,

Mr Fox

