

# Donnington Wood CE Junior School

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*"The ones who plant and the ones who water work together as a team with the same purpose." 1 Corinthians 3:8*

End of Week 5 Letter ,

**Communications with class teachers and Telephone Progress meeting:** If you have any concerns about your child or want to speak to the class teacher, please text school and they will then contact you as soon as possible. Your child's class teacher will also be ringing you over the next three weeks to hold a telephone parents conference (in place of our normal Parent's Evening). Please bear in mind that due to the lockdown many pupils have made less progress than usual but you will be given clear targets for them to work on at home.

**Parent Pay-** You will get your Parent Pay activation on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Lunches will go live after half term, to allow time to get set up. Any letters from school will be sent through Parent Pay from next week. These will also still be posted on our Website.

**Family Seesaw-** We have started sending out family access to our learning app Seesaw. Instructions are on the sheet. Year 3 are still learning how to use the app, and more work will be coming out on it soon. This is your primary way to see what your child is achieving at school. You can link sibling accounts if you have more than one child at school.

We will trial receiving your comments on your child's work, but as always these must be appropriate and supportive and they will be checked before approved.

**Secondary school applications:** You need to apply for a place now.

<https://donningtonwood.com/2020/09/18/year-6-to-year-7-already/>

**Junior school applications**

<https://donningtonwood.com/2020/09/18/year-2-to-year-3-already/>

**Pastoral support offer**

We have a fantastic pastoral offer in the school to support every child. If you need help, contact us. Very soon, we will be sending out a parent survey and information on free online resources and courses on a range of areas from sleep to healthy eating.

**TikTok- Key points**

- We are having more issues with children posting inappropriate videos on TikTok. Please be aware- these can be illegal.
- The age restriction is 12. No child in school is 12, yet many seem to use it.
- European/British copyright law does not apply. This means they own everything you post, and even if you delete it, they can keep it forever.
- Beware of online grooming and predators- there are many fake profiles that request private videos and explicit images.



### **Traffic engineer**

We had a great meeting yesterday concerning traffic outside the school. Our traffic engineer will draw up some plans to support issues. In the meantime, we will get more cones and we will continue to ask people not to block the junction and to park and walk up. Traffic enforcement will be visiting soon.

### **Covid restrictions and Police Visits**

Please ensure you keep to the rules outside school, the rule of 6. Police have informed us they will be checking schools. There are 13 schools in Telford that have had Class Bubbles shut, and although our controls are strong, we must all abide by the rules to keep us all safe.

### **Mental Health Day**

**On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**, we will be celebrating World Mental Health day. We have partnered up with Young Minds and will be celebrating through their theme of #HelloYellow

Children can come to school in **yellow** on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October and there will be many activities throughout the day to celebrate.

We have all felt and seen the effects of isolation over the past few months. This time has been especially hard for young people and parents. The #HelloYellow theme is all about coming together. At this difficult time, #HelloYellow is a great opportunity to bring students together (in their bubbles) and show we all care about how they feel. It's a chance to emphasise the importance of looking out for each other and get everyone feeling hopeful about the future.

It's simple: wear yellow, donate 50p and have fun!

### **Feedback from Primary Advisor**

We are very proud of our vision and ethos, and our school advisor has commented on how well we have welcomed everyone back to school:

*You truly have a lot to celebrate with what is an exceptionally well thought out and implemented recovery curriculum. Congratulations!!!! It truly is impressive.*

He also added the unique work we are doing with SeeSaw and online learning and the way we work as a TEAM.

Thank you to you all for your support.

In Hope, Perseverance and Friendship,

Mr Fox and TEAM Donnington