

Donnington Wood CE Junior School

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Welcome back to school and Happy New Year!

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 Core Values deliver this vision: Friendship, Perseverance and Hope

Our Core Values are based on key life skills we want to empower our pupils with, to flourish. This term we are focusing on building **Perseverance** and exploring how we can overcome problems. Our curriculum is based on this goal, teaching pupils how to actively solve problems and build resilience and determination. For more information about our [curriculum visit our website](#).

Website reminder

Please remember our website contains lots of information about the school: [Donnington Wood Church of England Junior School – Together Everyone Achieves More](#)

Online learning

Please continue to use Seesaw, Accelerated Reader and Timetables Rockstars at home. These online learning apps really help your child to flourish. They can access the class homework activities, continue a wide range of reading and practise key skills needed to make progress. If you received new devices over the Christmas holiday please request a new password from the school office.

School Opening

You would have seen on the news that there is national issue with staffing at the minute. We will do everything in our power to keep the school open safely. However, there may be times that we do need to close if staffing levels drop critically and classes may return to remote learning at home. I cannot predict whether this would affect a single class, a Year group, or the whole school, but I can assure you it will be done in the best interests of our school community. SeeSaw enables our pupils to keep learning at home, and we will continue to use this. Please make sure your child can get access at home, or request passwords from the school office.

The main control is sticking to guidance, that if a family member tests positive, all family members should lateral flow test each day. This reduces transmission in the school. There are LFD in stock at local pharmacies and via 119 and NHS website.

We have also been asked to create a list of Critical Workers and Vulnerable Children in case the school shuts. We will start creating this soon and will be in contact to identify if you are a critical worker.

New LA guidance received on 6th January

The Health Protection hub now require:



- The response to a single case in a class/group is to request 7 day LFD testing for the other children in the class/group.
- We are once again to alert you if your child is a close contact.
- **We require proof of negative lateral Flow test on day 6 and 7 if you intend to end isolation after a positive test. We continue to require proof of a negative PCR if applicable.**

Christmas Mufti Day

Thank you to all who donated for wearing our own clothes in December. We raised £130 and are using this towards ordering new playground equipment. Thank you again.

Beam Workshops

Miss Ganderton has worked closely with Beam to organise 4 whole school teaching sessions for all of our pupils. These video-linked sessions are on: **copng techniques, sleep, five ways to wellbeing, and understanding emotions**. This is an amazing opportunity that will be delivered by experts to support your child with their mental health and help them to flourish with confidence.

If you want to know more about BEAM and the work they do, visit: [BEAM Shropshire, Telford, Wrekin | The Children's Society \(childrenssociety.org.uk\)](https://www.beamshropshire.org.uk)

They are an emotional health and well-being drop-in service for young people under 25 years old who are registered with a GP in Shropshire, Telford or Wrekin. Their team of experienced well-being practitioners and volunteers will listen to whatever is troubling you.

If you have any wellbeing issues, speak to any member of staff, or directly to Miss Ganderton. We can signpost you to a range of different services, we are keen to listen and to help!

Staff updates

We wish Mrs Dymond well as she starts her maternity leave, and welcome Mrs Steed to Year 6. We also congratulate Mrs Poyner on the safe delivery of her new bundle of joy!

Dates for Diary - Spring term 2022

Please note, we do not know if family events will be face to face in school or virtual. We do hope that we will be able to welcome you into school again soon, but things keep changing.

We are also looking to plan more adventures and trips for Spring 2 and the Summer term, but we will let you know details of these with more warning than last time!

Tuesday 11th January **Year 5** Egyptian Day

Friday 4th February **Class 5M** rearranged Rock Climbing trip at Grinshill.

Friday 18th February -Friday 25th February - **Half Term**

Thursday 3rd March **Year 5** Bikeability training

Wednesday March 9th #LetGirlsPlay Football day.

Thursday 10th February **Year 5** Bikeability

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Thursday 31st March **Parent and Carer's Open Evening** 3.00- 5.45 (all classes)

Friday 1st April **Parent and Carer Open Afternoons** 1.00- 4.00 (school will shut at 12:30 after lunch)

Week Beginning 4th April - **Easter concerts**

Friday 8th April Last day of Spring term

Monday 25th April Return to school for start of Summer term.

Holiday dates for next year 2022: [Holiday Dates 2021 2022 – Donnington Wood Church of England Junior School](#)

Queens Jubilee: Please note we will now break up in the summer on Wednesday 20th July 2022 due to a deferred Bank Holiday for all UK schools.

Other Covid news!

The information around Covid is changing rapidly- this website has good clear information

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51943612>

To book a booster click on the image below.

