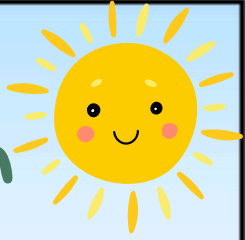


Horizon Schools Federation Back-to-School Newsletter

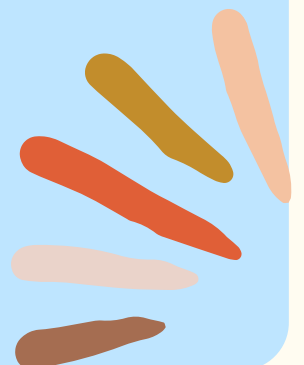


Welcome back!

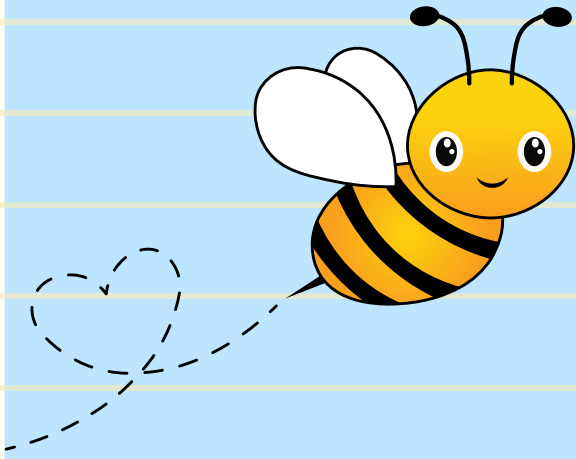
Welcome back to another exciting year at Donington Cowley and St Gilbert's. I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and have made the most of the sunshine.

Staff across the federation have been busily preparing for the start of term and you may have noticed the extensive building work which has been happening across both schools. Everywhere is looking fabulous!!

We just have a few updates and reminders for the start of the academic year. Further information will follow in our monthly newsletter.



Donington Nursery



We are incredibly excited to open our fantastic new nursery on Monday 8th September. Our EYFS Leader, Luke Smith and Nursery Manager: Kayleigh Timings and Nursery Assistants, Charlotte Sandall and Kourtney Lewis are eagerly looking forward to meeting our newest and youngest members of our school community and have many exciting learning opportunities planned for all to enjoy.

Uniform

With the start of the new academic year please can I ask that all uniform is named. All children should attend school wearing the correct uniform, this includes school PE Kit. We have a range of excellent quality, pre-loved uniform available, if required. Please speak to office staff regarding this.



Nuts

Due to severe allergies in school, please can I remind you that we are a Nut Free school.

This includes all products containing nuts.



Medication



If your child requires medication in school please complete the necessary forms with the school office. Where a child has a medical condition requiring ongoing treatment, a Health Care plan should be prepared. Please speak to Mrs Ogden in relation to this as soon as possible.

School Leadership

Mrs Foston will continue to divide her time equally between schools.

Mrs Ogden will now be at St Gilbert's every Tuesday and Donington; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Mrs Tubb will be at St Gilbert's Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Donington Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Where possible we will endeavour to ensure this working pattern is consistent.

Should you need to contact any school leader please do so via the school offices and we will respond as quickly as possible.



St Gilberts
01529 240465



Donington
01775 820467

Safeguarding Team



Designated Safeguarding Lead Donington
Mrs Ogden - Deputy Headteacher & SENDCo



Designated Safeguarding Lead St Gilberts
Mrs Tubb - Assistant Headteacher



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Foston - Executive Headteacher



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Millard - Inclusion Lead



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Coxhead - HLTA in SEND



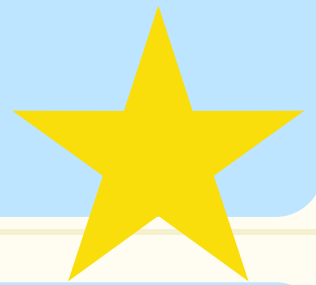
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Timings - Nursery Manager

Attendance & Inclusion

At Horizon Schools Federation we recognise that positive behaviour and good school attendance are essential for pupils to get the most of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind and can put them at risk of wider harm. There is a wide range of evidence as to the health and wellbeing benefits of school- age education.

All children should be in their classrooms by 8.55am for registration.

- If your child is unable to attend school it is your responsibility to contact the school on the first day of absence before 09.05am when our register closes. Then contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 09.05am
- Ensure that your child returns to school as soon as possible.



Forest School

This year all Reception children in Ladybirds and Dragonflies will continue to have Forest School every Friday afternoon throughout the school year.

St Gilbert's Hedgehogs Class will have Forest School on Tuesday mornings. Hoglets will continue to have Forest School every Tuesday afternoon throughout the school year.

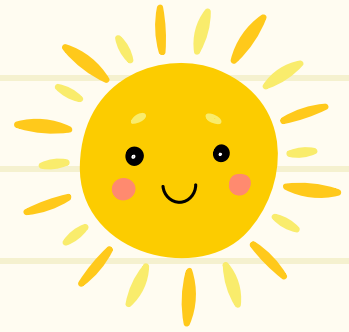
Providing this excellent provision is Jo Newman from Bluebells and Toadstools. Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor, waterproof clothing and footwear with them on this day. Class teachers will provide further detail in relation to these arrangements.



Dates for your Diary

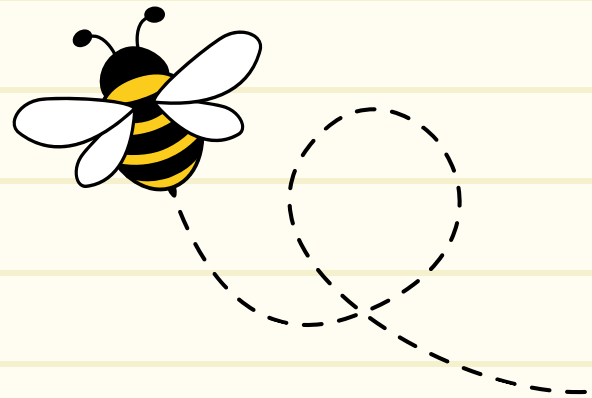
September

8th - Donington Nursery opening
10th - 12th - Y4 PGL Residential
22nd - Y5/6 Space Centre visit



October

6th - 7th Roots to Food - Donington
8th - Roots to Food - Pointon
14th - Parent Consultations - Pointon
17th-20th Y5/6 Aylmerton Residential
22nd - Parent Consultations - Donington
23rd - End of Autumn Term 1
24th - Training Day



November

3rd - Start of Autumn Term 2

