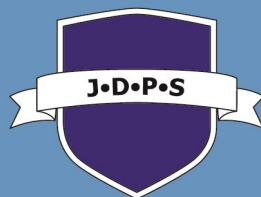


3rd November 2023



# John Donne Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn term! The children have settled back in to school amazingly and have been working really hard this week. They have all started their new topics so make sure to ask them what they are learning about.

It has been an exciting week for our Reception children as they have been having balance bike training this week, in spite of the weather. They have really enjoyed it and it is a great way to get the children thinking about cycle safety alongside learning how to move on a bike.

It is our parent and carer's evenings next Tuesday and Wednesday so please make sure that you have booked an appointment to see your child's teacher as it is a great way to find out how well they are doing in school. If you do need to speak to your child's teacher at any other point during the year, please arrange a time to do this by either speaking to them after school, emailing the year group email address or by arranging a meeting through the school office. It is very difficult for staff to meet with you when you drop your child off at school as they are teaching the class. Thank you for your co-operation and support with this.

Next Thursday is school photos day for individual children and siblings. Please ensure your children come in to school in their school uniform so that they are photo ready!

We have an exciting parent and carer workshop coming up on 15<sup>th</sup> November run by The Nest. There is more information about the workshop further on in the newsletter so please check it out and come along.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all bright and early on Monday morning.

Miss Rooney

This week's class attendance winner is:



## Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**

Our overall attendance this week is **96.1%**

**Well done to Red 5 for**

**achieving 100% attendance this week!**

Class	Attendance	Lates
Nursery	96.3%	4
Reception Red	88.4%	6
Reception Green	95.6%	3
Red 1	99.2%	3
Green 1	99.3%	3
Red 2	99.5%	2
Green 2	97.9%	5
Red 3	93.4%	4
Green 3	93.8%	3
Red 4	97%	3
Green 4	91.3%	6
Red 5	100%	7
Green 5	91.3%	1
Red 6	97.9%	1
Green 6	92.9%	3

## Punctuality Reminder

School gates open at 8.40 a.m. every day. Children need to be in their class at 8.45 a.m. so that they can start their lessons promptly. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons.

It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

Years 1,2,3



Fiifi

Red 1



Raphael

Red 2

Years 4,5,6



Jeremiah

Green 4



Makai

Green 3

## Golden Tickets This Week:

Edric R1, Deji G1, Kayden G1, Ryleigh-Wrey R2, Bradley R2, Patrick R2, Zion G2, Al-Amin G2, Ibrahim G3, Manha R3, Jayden G3, Heritage G4, Tomiwa R4, Michelle R5, Vanessa G5, Yusuf R6, Shaheem R6



## Diamond Tickets This Week:

Safron R1, Fiifi R1, Toby G1, Dior G1, Emmy G2, Lea G2, Patrick R2, Janna R2, Joell R2, Zariyah G3, Fola R3, Serenity R3, Abdulhamid G4, Logan R4, Muizza R4, Perez R4, Khalid R4, Elizabeth R4, Susannah G4, Nathaniel G5, Younis G5, Dejaurn R5, Franklin R6

# Parents' Noticeboard



Dear Parents & Carers

We will be holding a raffle & cake sale to raise money for the Sickle Cell charity and in memory of Star Macaulay, an ex-pupil of John Donne School, who sadly passed away this summer from Sickle Cell.

Tickets for the raffle can be purchased on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** of November in the bottom hall. On **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** of November, we will be holding a cake extravaganza sale also in the bottom hall and we look forward to seeing you there.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** of November, raffle prizes will be drawn and given out during our Celebration Assembly. As part of our on-going Black History Month Celebration, we encourage all pupils to dress in a cultural or traditional outfit on this day, we ask that pupils bring a £1 donation.

All donations will be appreciated and will go to our Sickle Cell fundraising initiative. We thank you in advanced for your support and generosity.

## What is Sickle Cell?

Sickle cell is a disorder of the haemoglobin in the red blood cells.

- SCD is inherited from both parents; sickle cell trait is inherited from one parent.
- SCD can affect anyone, although it predominantly affects people from African and Caribbean backgrounds.
- Approximately 1 in 79 babies born in the UK carry sickle cell trait.
- Approximately 15,000 people in the UK have sickle cell disorder.
- Almost 300 babies are born in the UK with sickle cell each year.
- Children with SCD are at increased risk for stroke, the risk is highest between the ages of 2 and 16.




Congratulations to Red 1 for being the top Doodling classes this week.  
[Homepage - DoodleLearning](#)

**PECKHAM SOUP KITCHEN**  
**GIVE BACK FRIDAYS**

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**WE PROVIDE**

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- ✓ Computer & mini arcade games
- ✓ Use our electricity
- And much more.

**Dene Community Centre**  
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 Peckham, SE15 2TU

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## Term Dates 2023-24

Term	Start	End
Autumn 1	Monday 4th September 2023	Friday 13th October 2023
<u>Half Term</u>	<u>Monday 16th October 2023</u>	<u>Friday 27th October 2023</u>
Autumn 2	Monday 30th October 2023	Wednesday 20th December 2023 @ 2pm
<u>Christmas</u>	<u>Thursday 21st December 2023</u>	<u>Wednesday 3rd January 2024</u>
Spring 1	Thursday 4th January 2024	Friday 9th February 2024
<u>Half Term</u>	<u>Monday 12th February 2024</u>	<u>Friday 16th February 2024</u>
Spring 2	Monday 19th February 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024 @ 2pm
<u>Easter</u>	<u>Friday 29th March 2024</u>	<u>Friday 12th April 2024</u>
Summer 1	Monday 15th April 2024	Friday 24th May 2024
<u>Half Term</u>	<u>Monday 27th May 2024</u>	<u>Friday 31st May 2024</u>
Summer 2	Monday 3rd June 2024	Friday 19th July 2024 @ 2pm

Bank Holidays- Monday 6th May 2024



The NEST Parent Workshop – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
 08:45 – 09:30am – Community Space

John Donne are excited to share that we will be working with the Nest this academic year. The Nest provides workshops for pupils, parents and carers and for staff on wellbeing, personal care and good mental health and are based in Peckham Rye.

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, the Nest will be running a free workshop for all parents and carers from 08:45 – 09:30am in the Community Space. The first session is an opportunity to share with you more information about the service and what they do and offer. This includes opportunities, experiences and tools to enable young people to develop their physical, emotional and social capabilities. Please do come along to find out more about this great service and how they can support young people and families in Southwark.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please remember school photos will be on **Thursday 9th November 2023.**

Please make sure that children come in on time at 8.40am their full school uniform.



**School Menu**  
 Autumn Week 2  
 w/c **6th Nov 2023**



**INSTAGRAM/  
 TWITTER**



Please make sure you follow us on **Instagram** and **Twitter**, @JDPSoffice. We will be posting live updates and pictures to show what is going on within your child's school day.



# Learning at John Donne

## Learning this week in Red Reception



**Musa in G5 made an amazing Ancient Greek themed board game for his independent learning project.**



**Year 6's science investigation into the amount of sugar in fruit juices and fizzy drinks.**

