

# Drayton CE Junior School

June 2017

# News letter

At the moment it feels like there is something happening everyday as the school hurtles towards the end of the year. Year 6 residential, trips to Hautbois Activity Centre (year 3), Time and Tide Museum (year 4), Tudor day (year 5), sports days, City sports and the summer social are a few of the events that have taken place, or are due to, recently. I would also like to give a special mention to the highly enjoyable summer music concert. This provided not only a stage for the children to showcase their talents but also demonstrated the wide musical instruments and styles covered at the school.

Do have a look at our new website which many children contributed artwork for. I would like to thank all those who took the time to draw a picture which they felt reflects life at Drayton Junior School and I hope you find the new site contains all the information you need.

[www.draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk)

Sadly we recently experienced the theft of a bicycle that had been left at the front of the school. Although the bike was recovered it had been damaged and was, consequently, in need of repair. Please could I therefore remind you to provide a lock for any bikes or scooters that your child comes to school on. Due to the location of the school there are a number of passers-by and it only takes one "opportunist" to strike!

## Diary Dates

### June

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Friends Summer Social

### July

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

City Sports

Fri 7<sup>th</sup>

Transition day for Y2 and Y6 (visiting DJS and THS)

Mon 10<sup>th</sup>

New Intake evening 7pm

Mon 10<sup>th</sup>

Reports out

Wed 12<sup>th</sup>

Reports clinic (please contact office if you wish to make an appt.)

Tues 18<sup>th</sup>

Y6 Leaver's Performance (afternoon 1.50pm)

Wed 19<sup>th</sup>

Y6 Leaver's Performance

Fri 21<sup>st</sup>

School closes for the Summer (3.10pm)

## Summer Social – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July

Reminder for summer social – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July – 7 until 9.30 pm  
Disco, BBQ, doughnuts, ice cream, soft drinks and licensed bar

Entrance fee is £2, Infant school children and younger free  
No unaccompanied children please

### Reports

On 10<sup>th</sup> July your child will be coming home with their annual end of year report. We hope this gives a clear jargon free summary of how well your child has progressed this year both academically and socially.

However, should you wish to discuss anything in the report further with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment to come along to our Report Clinic on the 12<sup>th</sup> July.

### A reminder for next year.

Further to the message in April's newsletter the children will be required to wear all black shoes – which can be canvas- from September in order to achieve a consistent uniform policy.

### School Crossing

Our current school crossing patrol supervisor (lollipop man!) will be leaving us at the end of this term as he will be moving to Devon. **Please note there will be no patrol from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July.**

Should you know of anyone who may be interested in taking up the post please contact Ian Webb at [ian.webb@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:ian.webb@norfolk.gov.uk) or call 07798 668062

Full training will be given.

### Collective Worship

In our daily act of collective worship this half term we have used the themes of global families and world leaders. During this time we have considered topics such as: Relationships – comparisons with those less fortunate in other countries, Appreciating our parents, King Solomon, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King and the qualities Jesus displayed that made him a great leader.

### Stamp Collecting – Born Free

Circle of Friends 51

Kairo, Anya, Chloe G, Dexter, Niall, Archie & Mrs Gill

As a group we are collecting used stamps for the Born Free Foundation to raise money for them to keep wildlife in the wild.

Near the office there is a box to collect the stamps in.

Let's all work together to collect as many as we can.

Thank you

### Sports Day

This year the weather was fine for both sports days although we got worried when there was a shower just before upper school sports day began. All children competed in 7 events. Our favourites were the shuttle run and the long jump, but sack was really fun too. In the lower school sports day Romans came first and in the Upper school Saxons won. Overall, Romans came first, Saxons came second, Vikings came third and Normans fourth.

The tug of war was exciting and very close. Overall, Romans won with 15 points, Vikings were just 1 point behind, Normans were third and Saxons fourth. In the lower school tug of war the teachers beat the parents but the parents got their revenge against the upper school teachers! The children tried to beat the teachers too but sadly the teachers were stronger.

### Brancaster

Year 6 went to National Trust's Brancaster Residential trip on the 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June. Brancaster was absolutely spectacular! We had an amazing time doing various activities such as: building and racing rafts; getting lost in orienteering; losing shoes in coastal safari; getting wet in kayaking and crabbing humungous crabs. We stayed in Dial house, where we did non-stop chatting and slept safe and sound. We had delicious meals everyday cooked by an amazing cook, Denise. Whilst we weren't doing activities, we were playing and chilling in the Common room. Brancaster was a clear highlight to everyone's year. It was so much fun, we want to do it all again!

### Hautbois

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, Year 3 travelled to Hautbois for an adventurous day out by the river. Despite having a gloomy weather forecast, the sun shone all day. There was an excellent outdoor obstacle course and everyone had fun racing down the hill on grass sledges. The best activities were pond dipping and canoeing, it was great fun. Teachers, parents and children alike had a great day out learning about life by the river. Some of us even managed to get soaked!!!

### Time and Tide

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, Year 4 visited the Time and Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth to take part in a Roman Activity Day. The year-group was split into four groups and introduced to some Romans and a Saxon. They were told that the Romans were preparing to leave Britain and that the Saxons were getting ready to invade. Each group did four activities over the day. One activity was visiting Titus, the Centurion, who taught the children how to be a Roman Soldier, complete with sword and shield! Another was Lady Livia, a rich Roman who had lots of slaves to look after her and do all kinds of disgusting jobs. The children also met Ale, a slave, who wanted to stay in England as she thought being under Saxon rule would be easier; she had so much work to do! Hiding underneath the building was a Saxon spy; he told the story of Beowulf and how he was preparing to invade. Everyone had a really enjoyable day and learnt a lot. At the end the children had to choose which person to follow; not many were keen to stay as Roman slaves!

### Tesco Scheme

We are delighted that the 'Save Our Pool' campaign has been chosen as one of the charities for Tesco's Bags of Help scheme between July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>. Every time you shop at any of the Drayton, Taverham or Hethersett Tesco stores you will receive a blue token to post in a box in the store entrance. Each of the three chosen charities receives a cash donation, but the one with the most tokens receives £4000. We are sure that many of you visit these stores, so please make sure you get your blue token and post it in the box to help 'Save Our Pool'. We need to continue to fund raise to make the pool sustainable for current and future generations.