

Drayton CE Junior School

May 2017

Newsletter

We have had a wonderful end to this half term enjoying the year 4 performance this week. The theme of this was a "scrapbook" of the different topics studied, so far, this year. All the year 4 children put their heart and soul into the performance which provided a highly entertaining showcase for the wide curriculum they have enjoyed. It really was a smooth production with the confident singing being a particular highlight. I would like to thank all the year 4 staff and children for the effort they put into making it such a memorable performance.

This half term has also seen the year 6 children complete their end of key stage 2 SATs. Whilst things were a little more settled this time, following last year's chaos, the test papers were still just as demanding. Both staff and children put considerable effort into preparing for the tests and were well supported throughout the week, which ended with the traditional launching of the rockets!

As you will know this term has seen us switch our school lunch providers to Vertas. Feedback (pardon the pun!) so far has been positive despite a few teething problems and I have passed all comments onto the new providers.

Once again there has been an incident outside of the school although on this occasion it has nothing to do with parking. Recently there was a very near miss as a child ran out in front of a car. Thankfully nobody was injured but the incident left all involved extremely shaken. Please could you remind your child to walk to the crossing patrol supervisor when crossing School Road and not be tempted to take a short cut as he is there to ensure the children get across the road safely, not to call an ambulance because they have been hit.

I hope you all have a great bank holiday weekend. I will be attending a niece's wedding in Bristol and am looking forward to spending the day catching up with family members before embarrassing my children on the dance floor in the evening!

Mrs Poll

This week Mrs Poll will be leaving the school to begin a life of retirement. Mrs Poll has been with us for 17 years and in that time supported a countless number of children. I would like to thank her for all her commitment to the school and hope she enjoyed the tributes she has received from staff and children this week. I would like to wish her a peaceful retirement although, as a fan of heavy metal music, I don't think Mrs Poll has that in mind!

Collective Worship

As a Church of England school, our daily act of collective worship is central to us and this term our theme has been "Acting locally, thinking globally". As part of this theme we have considered water and food shortages around the world, the impact climate change has on developing countries and the part we can play in supporting those who have been forced to leave their homes due to war.

Where appropriate resources are available we will send home activity sheets, linked to our collective worship theme, for you to complete with your child should you wish. Attached are some fascinating facts around how the world would look if it were a village.

Diary Dates

May

Mon 29th-Fri 2nd Half Term

June

Mon 5th School open

Tues 6th Quik Cricket (Yr5 & 6)

Friday 9th Y3 Hautbois Trip

Mon 12th - 16th Brancaster Residential Trip (Y6)

Fri 16th Y4 Time and Tide Museum Trip

Tues 20th Sports Day and Tug of War (Y3 & 4)

Thurs 22nd Sports Day and Tug of War (Y5 & 6)

Fri 23rd Reserve day for Sports Day (in case of bad weather)

Wed 21st Summer Concert

Fri 30th Friends Summer Social

July

Mon 3rd, 4th & 6th City Sports

Fri 7th Transition day for Y2 and Y6 (visiting DJS and THS)

Mon 10th New Intake evening 7pm

Tues 18th Y6 Leaver's Performance

Wed 19th Y6 Leaver's Performance

Fri 21st School closes for the Summer (3.10pm)

Friends

Date for your diary - Friday 30th June - 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm Summer Social. Come and join us for music (including the Samba band), BBQ, ice cream, drinks and hopefully sunshine!

If you can help in any way please contact the school office.

Swimming Pool

We were delighted that our recent Sponsored Walk raised over £3000 for the swimming pool appeal. Thank you to everyone who raised money and also the team who organised the event. We have also recently received significant donations from Bishop Herbert Lodge (£500) and an individual donation of £2000. This brings our fundraising total to just over £50,000, which means that we are now able to begin work on replacing the pool roof. Thank you to everyone for all your support - whilst we will continue to fundraise to make the pool sustainable, we are very happy to have reached this key point.

Year 6 Rockets.

During SATS week we enjoyed designing and creating rockets in pairs. Emily Bird and Eleanor Klumper's rocket (the fat cat) went the furthest (26 metres). The overall winner of the best design was Paige Wilson-Read and Olivia Pearce's rocket (the rainbow humming bird). Even though it was rainy we still loved it!

By Grace Mills and Lauren Cooke

Year 6's Trip to Gressenhall Workhouse

On Wednesday 16th May Year 6 went on a school trip to Gressenhall. When we got there we walked through a door and got into the barrier that surrounds the inside. Then we walked our way into the Chapel to get seated and introduced to some of the people. After we got introduced we were told that we were going to solve the case of the missing candlesticks that have gone missing.

First all 6F got taken to the farmhouse. Here we went to visit the washer Alice at the scullery. It was lots of fun getting to know about the scullery and to try out some of the equipment that they used in those days, such as the dolly and mangle. We also went into the kitchen and made drop scones on the range.

Next we got taken to see the farm, after that we had a lesson in a Victorian Schoolroom and then we got to see what life was like in the workhouse.

Finally all the classes went into the chapel and we started to find the person who stole the candlesticks. The person that stole them was the lady who owned the farm.

By Mollie Elvin 6F