

Drayton CE Junior School

October 2018

News letter

As the first half term draws to a close, I can certainly say that we have hit the ground running this academic year. Not only have there been a number of trips, themed days, visitors and a coffee morning but also it has been invigorating to see how many children have been going along to the many additional clubs the school run (see below). I have managed to watch some of our football teams in action and it would be fair to say that we have had a "mixed" start to the season.

One particular highlight of recent weeks was seeing the work the children produced as part of our celebration of World Peace Day. The children had some touching and insightful ideas as to what peace means to them, showing an impressive depth of understanding. Some of the work produced was passed on to Saint Margaret's church, for them to display and share with the wider community.

On the subject of our local church, on Friday 12th October Reverend Marc Palmer came into school to lead our Harvest Service. I would like to thank all of you who brought in a contribution, for Norwich Foodbank, as our way of celebrating the harvest with others.

Looking ahead, I hope you have managed to put a date in your diaries for our now annual Maths Cafes, which will be running following the half term holiday. These are always well attended and the children thoroughly enjoying spending some time "teaching" parents/carers the maths skills they have been learning in class.

I hope all the children have a restful half term break, which is a little longer this year due to staff training days. At the weekend I will be visiting family in Bristol, before returning to spend a day at Pleasurewood Hills where hopefully I will have as much fun as our year 5 children did when they visited last term!

Diary Dates

October

Thurs 18th – Friday 26th

Half term

Wed 31st

School individual photos

Wed 31st

Macbeth performance –Norwich Playhouse Theatre (7-10pm)

November

Thurs 1st

WNDSSP cross country at Taverham Hall

Thurs 1st

Parent consultation for 6W (rescheduled from 11th Oct)

Mon 5th

Y6 height and weight

Fri 9th

Y6 Maths cafe

Fri 9th

Y3 Norwich castle (more information to follow)

Fri 16th

Year 6 cross country at Falcon Junior

Mon 19th – Thurs 22nd

Y2 Parent Open Mornings

Fri 23rd

Y5 Maths cafe

December

Mon 3rd

Swim gala (Dereham)

Fri 7th

Cross Country (Eaton Park)

Tues 11th

Y3 performance (evening)

Wed 12th

Y3 performance (afternoon)

Thurs 13th

Carol service at St Margaret's Church (7pm)

Fri 14th

Carol service at St Margaret's Church (for pupils only)

January

Fri 11th

Y3 Maths cafe

Friday 18th

Y4 Maths café

Please note: more information will follow re performances etc. nearer the time.

Lunchtime and after school clubs

We have a wide variety of clubs running at the school, for the children to enjoy. Should your child express an interest in going along to one, then a full list is on the hall door. If you could remind your child to have a look there they will find out all they need to know regarding time, day, place and teacher

General Data Protection Regulations

Please can you make sure you have returned the slip giving us permission to take your child's photograph, if you have yet to do so. Under new regulations your child will not be able to have their school photograph taken without it, as permission can no longer be implied, and we would hate for you and your child to be disappointed.

Year 5 Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28th September we held our annual Year 5 Macmillan Coffee Morning. As usual this was well supported, with an abundance of delicious cakes bought in by the children and plenty of family and friends who came to school to enjoy them with the children!

This year games prizes were donated by The Cuppie Hut and were won by Noah and Rhianna – Well done to them.

Thanks to you all, as the final total was an astounding £445.21.

Year 5 Whitlingham trip

On Wednesday 9th October Year 5 went to Whitlingham Adventure Centre for a day on the Broads. We were on the water all day and the instructors had a hard job handling the balls of energy inside us! The activities were canoeing, kayaking, Opie sailing, fun boats and Katakana. We all did 2 activities in groups and some people fell in the water but luckily it was a hot day so they dried off quickly!

After all the activities, it was time to have lunch and say goodbye.

We really enjoyed our trip to Whitlingham and are grateful to everyone at the Centre who made it such a great day!

By Amber Silvester & Gabriella Martinez

Shakespeare for Schools Festival

Some of the children have been taking part in a Shakespeare for Schools Festival. They have been studying Macbeth and have even been to the playhouse to take part in an acting workshop. All of their hard work will come to a finale on October 31st when they will be putting on a performance of Macbeth in front of a paying audience. If you would like to come and watch our fantastic actors, tickets are available direct from the Norwich Playhouse.