

Drayton CE Junior School

November 2018

Newsletter

On 31st October I had the pleasure of sitting in the audience, at Norwich Playhouse Theatre, watching the Shakespeare play Macbeth being performed by a group of children from this school. I was completely bowled over by their performance and impressed by how well they had the audience hanging on their every word. There was no scenery or excessive props, just the children, their voices and stage presence. Not only did this make me immensely proud but also reminded me of how children never cease to amaze me in how they will rise to a challenge, given the opportunity. I would like to thank Mrs Brooks, Mrs Lambourne, Mrs Woolsey and Ms Leigh for all the effort they put into creating such a memorable and wonderful experience.

On the subject of being proud of the children at Drayton Junior School, I feel I must mention an email I received from a member of the local community recently. This was sent to inform me of all the hard work Liam Rothwell (5L) puts into keeping the local area litter free. Not only does Liam take part in community litter picks, around the pond area in Little Woods, but can also be found out with a friend picking litter near Badger's Brook. He does this without expecting any reward, choosing instead to quietly get on with it. I'm sure you will agree that he is a real local hero!

Another group of people who have been helping in the local community are the NatWest Community Investment team who have recently spent two days in school painting a new mural on the swimming pool. I would like to thank Mrs Chick (parent) and the rest of the team for all their hard work, in wet and cold conditions, which has given the pool a much needed freshen up.

Finally, it will soon be "that time of year" again and the school will be as busy as it always is during the lead into Christmas. Please see below the dates for all the various events that will be taking place in December and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Diary Dates

November

Fri 30th

Non-Uniform day – donations for Christmas Fayre tombola (chocolate, drinks, unwanted gifts)

December

Mon 3rd

Swim gala (Dereham)

Fri 7th

Friends Christmas Fayre 3.30-5.00pm

Fri 7th

Cross Country (Eaton Park)

Tues 11th

Y3 performance (evening)

Wed 12th

Y3 performance (morning)

Thurs 13th

School Christmas dinner

Thurs 13th

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

Fri 14th

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

Tues 18th

Last day of term

January

Thurs 3rd

School opens

Fri 11th

Y3 Maths cafe

Friday 18th

Y4 Maths café

Christmas Fayre

Come and join us for the Christmas Fayre. Friday 7th December 3.30-5.00pm. This is one of the main fundraisers for the Friends. There will be lots of stalls and games including 'Santa's Lucky Dip'. Refreshments including hot sausage rolls, cakes and mince pies, hot and cold drinks will be available.

As many of you will recall, we were unable to run this event last year, due to a lack of volunteers, so please do come along and support the school in any way you can.

Non uniform day on Friday 30th November in aid of the tombola. Please send in cakes, drinks alcoholic and non-alcoholic, unwanted gifts.

Donations for the cake stall will be gratefully received,(please bring to school on Friday 7th December in the morning).

Born Free Foundation

Please can you save your used stamps and bring them into school. There is a box for them outside the main office. We will send them to the Born Free Foundation to help them save the animals in the wild.

From

Nicole, Michael, Luca, & Lauren in 4L

Mid-morning snacks

We have noticed that a small number of children are coming into school eating sugary and high fat morning snacks on a regular basis. Unfortunately, we don't receive the additional funding infant schools get to provide fruit daily and certainly don't want to go down the road of "policing" every item of food a child brings in. However, we would welcome your support in reinforcing the message we give the children -as part of our food technology curriculum- which is that a piece of fruit etc. is the most appropriate mid- morning snack, rather than a chocolate bar or biscuits.

Goodbye

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Pain who has been at the school for nearly 20 years! We will hold a special Goodbye Assembly for her on Friday and on behalf of all the staff and governors, at the school, I would like to thank Mrs Pain for all the support she has given to so many children over the years. Her calm and warm manner will be much missed.

Whilst Mrs Pain will be enjoying having more free time on her hands I feel this won't be the last we see of her as she has offered to come back and cover for us if required.