

# Drayton CE Junior School

December 2018

# News letter

This time of the year is always a special time in school, with so much happening. A couple of weeks ago I had the pleasure of joining some of our year 5 children who this half term have been singing in an Intergenerational Choir, with the residents of Badger's Wood Residential home. It was wonderful to see the two generations coming together, through song, and it even got a feature on Anglia news. Last week I also thoroughly enjoyed watching the Year 3 performance of "Yo, ho, ho It's a pirate Christmas". All the children took to the stage with real enthusiasm and certainly looked the part. I would like to thank all the staff who gave up their time to prepare the performance and parents who provided costumes. On Thursday and Friday, we held our two carol services at St Margaret's Church. This was a really festive event with the children singing, playing instruments and giving readings, which all helped to put us in the Christmas mood. To finish the term, our school choir performed with the Norwich Philharmonic, at St Andrew's Hall, on the 18<sup>th</sup> December to paying members of the public. This was a highly memorable experience for those taking part and provided a fitting end to the term. We will be back in school on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January but in the meantime I hope you all have a wonderful holiday. I'm looking forward to spending time with my family whilst trying to stop the cat from climbing up the tree, causing it to topple over, on a daily basis! **Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.**

## Christmas Fayre

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December the Friends of Drayton Junior School held a Christmas fayre. I'm pleased to tell you they managed to raise an incredible £1500 for the school. Thank you to all those who were able to come along to the fayre and to all the children who ran stalls, which made £350 alone! I would also like to give a special thanks to Mrs Taylor and all the members of the Friends for the hard work they put into organising such a fun and festive community event. Without their support none of it would have been possible.

## Sporting success!

We have recently had plenty of sporting success to celebrate. On 3<sup>rd</sup> December we took part in the West Norfolk Schools Sport Partnership swimming gala, where we competed with 11 other schools. After coming first in 9 races, and runner up in 3, we have been awarded first place overall. So it looks like all the work that went into reopening the swimming pool is paying off! On November 1st our team went to a very wet and muddy Taverham Hall school to compete in a cross country race. There were 22 schools taking part and overall we came an impressive 3rd. 23 children took part. Lexie Heather did incredibly well and won her race. She has qualified for the Norfolk finals in March. 9 other children qualified for the finals: Kai Darwin (who came 2nd), George Bond (who came 6th), Evie Burgis (6th), Evie Brockington (7th), Sophie Nicholls (8th) William Hunter (9th), Saskia Hannant (3rd), Harry Lambourne (4th) and Lewis Rose (5th). In addition to this, our girls football team go into the mid-season break joint top of the table. I would like to thank Mrs Boyes, Mrs Bond and Mr Richards for giving their time to ensure that the children get to take part in these extra-curricular events. Regardless of where they finish, I would like to say how all the children, who represent the school in sporting events, never give anything less than 100% and always display great sportsmanship.