

# Drayton CE Junior School

October 2019

# Newsletter

As our first half term draws to a close I do hope that you have all been able to meet with your child's class teacher(s) to get an understanding of how well they have settled into their new year group, as well as the progress they are making.

During the last few of weeks, I have particularly enjoyed hearing the children read out the reports they have written about the various football matches the school have been involved with. I have been able to catch a couple of games this term and am always so impressed with the positive approach, sporting behaviour and team work the children show when representing the school. I sometimes think that some of our well paid professionals could learn a thing or two from them! We are very lucky to have so many teams in the school and I would like to thank the staff who give up their time in order for them to run.

Of course it's not just football which the children get the opportunity to take part in. Despite having only been back half a term we have seen the Year 5 children experience sailing, our cross country team have been in action, some children have visited the UEA Sportspark and we've had a visit from a martial arts tutor. This is all in addition to the before school exercise sessions which are always very popular.

On top of this it is always interesting to hear about all the out of school activities- sporting or not- the children take part in. Remember if your child has achieved something out of school, which they would like to share with the others, they are always welcome to tell us in Friday's celebration assembly, or if they don't feel comfortable coming up to the front I'm happy to speak on their behalf.

Finally, can I thank all of you who made a donation to Norwich Foodbank, as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. All donations were greatly received.

I hope all the children have a happy half term and that the weather isn't as wet as it has been in recent weeks. One of my children arrives back from a school trip to Barcelona on Friday so I'm looking forward to spending some time with her and hearing all about it, having never been.

## PE so far this year...

We are off to a flying start as usual, with lots of football matches being played and sporting events happening during the school day.

Lots of the events we attend during the school day are organised by the West Norwich & Dereham School Sports Partnership. Look them up online or follow them on Twitter @WNDSSP to view photographs from the day.

If you have a child who enjoys running, did you know that at 9am every Sunday there is a 2km junior parkrun held at Eaton Park and also at Lea Bridges Park? There are always several familiar faces running at these well organised events. Parents are able to run the course with their children. If you register beforehand then your child's weekly time will be emailed to you.

## Sickness

Please remember if your child is absent from school due to being sick or has diarrhoea they must to remain off school for 48 hours following the last bout of illness.

### **Year 5 Macmillan Coffee Morning**

On the 27th September, Year 5 held a Macmillan Coffee Morning and raised £598.29. Macmillan helps people with cancer. We all did our bit like cleaning the tables, selling cakes and washing up. Lots of us brought cakes in that we had made or bought. There were sponge cakes, mini cup-cakes, brownies; all different types of cakes. We all did our best trying to get to know the parents. We had lots of fun and did games like 'Dunk The Biscuit in The Tea' and 'Balance 20p on a Lemon'. Overall it was an amazing thing to do for charity.

Ruby Jennings and Grace Clare (5S)

### **Y5 Whitlingham Trip**

On Tuesday 8th October, Year 5 went to Whitlingham for a water sports day. We had a great time and did lots of activities, but we all got wet! There were 4 changing rooms where we got changed and kept our lunch. There was also a walk around the lake. We all got to do two or three activities each and they all included boats. We did sailing, canoeing and kayaking. When sailing we had to put the rudder on the boat because that is the thing that steers it left, right or straight ahead. On the canoes we learnt how to fully paddle. We practised by playing on the canoes whilst out on the water. We had a great day!

Travis Tallowin and Jake Farrell (5S)

### **Dinner money online payments**

We are pleased to be able to accept dinner money payments directly to our bank account. If you would like to pay online please email Mrs Frankland via [office@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk) with your child/children's names and class she will contact you with payment instructions.

If you are paying weekly, we would be grateful if you could ensure that online payments are made by a Tuesday to enable us to process the payments.

### **Parking**

Many thanks to all parents and carers who show consideration to our neighbours when parking their cars at drop off and collection.

Unfortunately, I'm still receiving ongoing complaints about a very small number of parents who are blocking the driveways of residents on Belmonte Crescent, consequently blocking access in and out of their homes. Once again, could we please show consideration for those who live near the school. Many thanks.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **October**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup>-Fri 25<sup>th</sup>

Half term

Wed 30<sup>th</sup>

Y3 Norwich Castle trip (more information to follow)

#### **November**

Tue 5<sup>th</sup>

Flu immunisations all year groups

Wed 6<sup>th</sup>

Individual school photos

Fri 8<sup>th</sup>

Y6 Maths cafe

Tue 12<sup>th</sup>

Y6 Height and weight

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>

Y2 Parent Open Mornings

#### **December**

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>

School Christmas Lunch

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>

Y3 performance to parents at 6pm

Wed 11<sup>th</sup>

Y3 performance to parents at 9.30am

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Carol Service at St Margaret's Church at 7pm

Sun 15<sup>th</sup>

Carols by Candlelight at St Margaret's Church at 6.30pm

Wed 18<sup>th</sup>

Last day of term – Carol Service for school only (morning)

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