



# Drayton CE Junior School

## NEWSLETTER Summer 1 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We're already three weeks into the summer term and it feels like time is whizzing by at great speed. Sunny weather has made all the difference to playtimes, especially with the children still in their class bubbles. Before half term it's hoped that we can move to year group bubbles, meaning children will have more space to play outdoors as well as more friends to play with. Obviously everything is dependent on government guidance going forward, along with continued handwashing/sanitising, social distancing and face mask wearing. Thank you for your continued support; it really does mean a lot. I think we are all looking forward to returning to trips and visitors enhancing the curriculum for the children. In the meantime, it's clear that that everyone has been working incredibly hard; the displays around the school are impressive, really showcasing excellent learning - Well done! Best wishes, Mrs Read



## What has been happening at Drayton Junior?

**YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY 12<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April:** Great cycling by Year 5 has been taking place on the playground since the start of the summer term. These sessions offer potentially life saving road safety lessons for the children so thank you to all who have made the effort to bring their bikes to school. It was particularly lovely on Friday when the Bikeability instructors praised the children's impeccable behaviour and good manners. Keep up the brilliant work – even if lifting your bikes up/down the steps can be a bit tricky!



**TACKLING LONELINESS:** Last Tuesday's Norwich Evening News finally reported on our community collaboration with The Norwich Together Alliance and Age UK Norwich. This incredibly worthwhile scheme aimed at tackling loneliness involved 50 isolated people receiving a handwritten postcard throughout asking if they would like to be pen pals – a great way to bring young and old together, putting smiles on faces. A special thank you to Pentaco who donated the cost of the printing and postage of the postcards. Well done everybody!



**YEAR 6 TITANIC ADVENTURES:** Excellent an informative Titanic posters can be found across the Year 6 classes showing great learning and teamwork. It is impressive how well everyone can now draw the imposing ship as well as employ great empathy with the passengers and crew in their writing. It really is quite eye opening how life on deck was so different for those on board.



**COLLECTIVE WORKSHOP THEME:** Team work – Respect for others

**FRIDAY CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:** Congratulations and well done to everyone who has received a certificate and award in recent weeks. Friday is definitely the highlight of the week for Mr Richards and myself as we get to stamp cards and children have the chance to share their work. Year 6 did a super job last Friday sharing their Titanic inspired pie charts plus helping us all to recognise the difference between formal and informal speech. Zoom assemblies can be challenging but this was certainly interactive.



## MRS SILVESTER'S CHARITY SKYDIVE!!

Did you know that East Anglian Air Ambulance receives no regular government funding and completely relies on the community they serve to keep them flying and saving lives across East Anglia? For a rural county like Norfolk this is an essential service.



On July 10th Mrs Silvester will be jumping out of an aircraft at 13,000 feet and plunging down to earth at speeds of over 120 mph to raise money for this amazing charity. To help her raise as much money as I can we will be having a non-school uniform day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – any donation will be greatly received.



## junior parkrun

Eaton Park 2km junior parkrun takes place at 9am every Sunday morning. It's a fun event for children which is run by a friendly, enthusiastic group of volunteers who support and cheer you round. Mrs Finch and Mrs Silvester are there most weekends with their children and it is always lovely to see some familiar faces (usually whizzing past!). Register before you go to receive your barcode.

**SCHOOL DROP OFF IN THE MORNINGS:** We have had reports of unsupervised children at the school gates at 8.15am throwing stones and standing very near the road. As there is no supervision from school staff in the mornings until 8.40am, please ensure that your child does not arrive at the school gates excessively early before their start time, upper school 8.45am, lower school 8.55am.



## *DJS Information Update*

**CLEANER VACANCY:** From 7<sup>th</sup> June a vacancy has arisen for a cleaner to join the team after school on Wednesday and Thursday each week. For more details, please see Educator Solutions Job site.

**NUT FREE SCHOOL:** We have children in the school who are allergic to nuts, therefore to keep them safe it is imperative that all food on site does not contain nuts. Thank you for your support.

**SNACKS:** Healthy snacks please eg. fruit, small cereal bar, etc..., foods that provide energy and don't take up too much time to be eaten. We want the children to make the most of playtimes, running around and enjoying time playing and talking with their friends.

## DATES LIST SUMMER 2021

<b>May</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bank Holiday (no school)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Individual school photos
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Gressenhall trip (subject to government guidance)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Non uniform day in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance / Last day of term
w/c 31 <sup>st</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half term Break
<b>June</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Term starts; Assessment week: Reading and Maths
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment week: SPAG
<b>July</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm Year 3 parent/carer transition meeting (zoom)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	End of year reports go home
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Pleasurewood Hills (subject to government guidance)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	High school transition days
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Reports clinic for parents/carers (online)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term/school year