



# Drayton CE Junior School

## NEWSLETTER Autumn 3 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Three weeks into the new school year and school life at Drayton Juniors is buzzing! Well done to our new Year 3 children who have all settled into new routines beautifully and a big welcome to families who are new to our school community. If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff or contact Mrs Terrington or Mrs Hastings in the school office. We have really appreciated using the school hall for lunch and Collective Worship; there is always plenty of conversation and interesting chat, building relationships and learning all about each other. We do love it when news from home is shared in school, especially about special events and adventures. We can all learn so much from each other. Best wishes, Mrs Read



## What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?

**LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT:** Towards the end of the summer term new shelving was fitted into our newly refurbished library making it a much lighter, welcoming space with books more accessible for the children. Norfolk Children's Book Centre then spent considerable time diligently sorting through the books, filling the shelves with lots of lovely new ones. The children have loved visiting the library over the last 3 weeks, enjoying the calm space to sit and read. A special thank you to everyone who supported last term's sponsored walk - £3500 of the money raised contributed to the new stock in the library. Next we will be recruiting some Y6 librarians.



**YEAR 5 PLANETARIUM:** On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September it was great to have the Planetarium return to Drayton for Year 5's day of space exploration. Each class entered the dome to gaze at the stars, learning all about the different planets and space exploration in the past. Thank you to Mrs Lambourne for arranging the visit; it really did bring the solar system to life for us all.



**YEAR 4 STONE AGE DAY:** On Wednesday Year 4 classes enjoyed their Stone Age day with plenty of outdoor learning in the sunshine, working in teams to build dens from natural materials. Indoors, children could be found laying on their backs on the floor under their desks creating their very own cave paintings. Chalks were used to draw different Stone Age creatures – they all look super displayed together! Well done Year 4.



**YEAR 3 ROCK CAKES:** 3H have led the way with some Food Technology this week, making some tasty rock cakes as part of their topic work.



**YEAR 6 LEMONADE MAKING:** Thank you for my Mexican lemon drink 6G!



**HOUSE POINTS:** The House Point system has been changed slightly this year, with points awarded being totalled each week.

Position	House Team	Total points
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Romans</b>	2043
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Saxons</b>	1930
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Vikings</b>	1824
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Normans</b>	1721



## ***DJS Information Update***

**SICKNESS REPORTING:** Thank you to those who have reported their child's absence before 9:30am since the start of term. The season of coughs and colds is definitely upon us. If possible, please call the school office to report your child's sickness/absence rather than email. You can leave a message on the school answerphone. This week there have been some technical issues with the receipt of emails and at times, when the office is very busy at the start of the day, the reading of emails can be delayed until the office is quiet. Your support is much appreciated.

**END OF DAY COLLECTION:** Please remind your child/ren that if the adult collecting them from school is not there, then they should make their way to the school office or speak to the adult on the playground at the end of the day. Although other parents/adults may be tempted to help by looking after the child/ren themselves, this can lead to confusion and worry.

\*Only adults listed by parents as authorised contacts on the forms in the office are able to collect children from school. If you wish to add names to your child's authorised adult list then please contact the school office.

**PE KITS:** Children wearing PE kits to school on PE days is working really well. Thank you for your support. With colder weather around the corner, tracksuit bottoms over shorts may be needed. Please be reminded that PE continues to be part of the school uniform with no branded football tops being worn.

**POKEMON CARDS:** We all know how much some children love their Pokemon cards, however they should not be coming into school due to arguments/behaviour concerns around them. This is a real shame, however this has been a necessary decision to make. Your support is appreciated. Any cards being played with in school will be confiscated and returned to children/parents/carers at the end of the school day.

**FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR:** Are you keen to help the school provide additional resources/opportunities to support the children's learning experience? Do you want to get to know other parents/carers? Just a few hours can make a massive difference and it can be good fun too.

The Friends of Drayton Junior are keen to get new fundraising projects off the ground and really need the help of other parents/carers to make this possible. If you are interested please contact the school office [admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk) with your contact details and The Friends will be in touch.

**COMMUNITY GOVERNORS:** If you know of a member of the community keen to contribute to the governance of Drayton CE Junior School then please contact [office@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk). Governors bring vital skills and perspective to a governing body, supporting the school's growth and development, providing both support and challenge.

**WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT:** We are excited to begin the redevelopment of the school's website this term. An initial meeting has taken place with the website designer who has informed us that we will have the first design shared with us in the next few weeks. We are keen for information for parents to be easily accessible whilst also showcasing the children's learning with the school's Twitter page more regularly in use on the homepage. If you are a budding professional photographer then we would love to hear from you. Hopefully it won't be long before this new website is up and running.

## DATES LIST 2021/22

<b>October</b>	
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Height & Weight
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisation
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening Online Booking available from 18:00
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	School Games Cross Country
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	Harvest Festival – Foodbank Donation Collection
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	End of Term
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM WEEK
<b>November</b>	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Return to school
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening (online) 15:30 -18:00
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening (online) 17:00-19:00
<b>December</b>	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Flu immunisation
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Norwich Castle Museum
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Norwich Castle Museum
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas Break
<b>January</b>	
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Term begins
<b>February</b>	
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term Week
<b>March</b>	
w/c Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Hilltop Residential (2 nights per group) TBC

<b>April</b>	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holiday
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Term starts
<b>May</b>	
w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 KS2 SATS Week
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential TBC
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Half Term
<b>June</b>	
w/c Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Times Table Check (3 weeks)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	City Sports 15:30-18:00 TBC
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	City Sports 13:00-17:30 TBC
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	City Sports 13:30-17:30 TBC
<b>July</b>	

Please see the Norfolk County Council 2021/22 School Calendar for further details.