

# Drayton CE Junior School

November 2019

# Newsletter

In our assemblies this half term we have been considering the Fruits of the Spirit and how these look in everyday life. One of these is kindness and, in light of this, I have been so impressed by the support the children and staff have shown for the Imogen Roe and the Go Crackers for Immy campaign.

Not only did they raise over £800, through a non-uniform day and staff cracker eating challenge, but other children have given up their own time to raise some more money by holding craft and Hammer beads' sales.

Furthermore, a group of parents, led by Mrs Smith and with the help of some more children, organised today's cake sale which proved very popular and helped to raised even more funds.

I would like to thank all those who showed such kindness and support for Immy and her family.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Bodycombe who has recently volunteered to give up her time so that the children can attend an Eco club. A large number of the children have expressed an interest in becoming involved with the club and with climate change very much on the agenda, at the moment, it is encouraging to know that the children want to think about the steps they can take in order to reduce global warming. Politicians take note!

Finally, Christmas seems to have really crept up on me this year (this may be due to my children being that little bit older now!). This is always a special and busy time of year at the school, with a number of events taking place during the coming weeks.

Please have a look at the diary dates below so you keep up to date as to what is happening and when.

## **Indoor Sportshall Athletics event.**

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November we took two teams to an indoor athletics event held at the UEA. Our year 5/6 team went in the morning and the year 4 team went in the afternoon. Each team competed against thirteen other schools in a variety of events, such as speed bounce, standing triple jump, standing high jump, chest push and lots of team relays and obstacle races.

Team spirit was good and everybody had a brilliant experience. Some excellent performances from some of the runners and a winning javelin throw! A special certificate for determination was given to Riley and Adam – well done.

Each team managed a very good score and both managed to secure 8<sup>th</sup> place.

## **Intergenerational Choir with Badgers Wood**

On October 30<sup>th</sup> 5S from Drayton Junior School started singing with the people in Badgers Wood. We all loved to see them. On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November we travelled to the Forum. We sang Christmas carols with some of the people from Badgers Wood. Callum played the bells in Jingle Bells and Jingle Bell Rock. Maisie, Kyle, Travis, Harry and Ruby sang a solo in Once In Royal David's City. We sang five Christmas carols in total. The Christmas tree this year was decorated with dinosaurs and it is called the Elliot tree. We also saw the biggest dinosaur – which walked around the Forum. It was green. All our families came and watched. After that we got drinks, cookies and mince pies. At the end of the day we made good friends with the residents that we will treasure for life.

By Maisie and Callum (5S)

### **Year 3 Castle Visit**

We went to the Castle Museum to learn about Egypt. We looked at old Egyptian necklaces and eyes of Horus. We made our own necklace. We learnt that they cut open a body with obsidian to take out the bits inside. We got to look at a mummified cat and a tomb. It was fun.

By Mikey and Dan 3H

### **Lost Property**

We have lots of Lost Property so please come in AFTER school to have a look through the box in the Hall as anything without a name will be disposed of. Please make sure that all items that come into school have your child's name and class. Thank you.

### **Child Absence**

Just a reminder that if your child is not able to attend school, please contact the office and leave a message on our absence line with your child's name, class and reason for absence, please ensure that if your child is off for more than one day you call each day.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **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.**

#### **January**

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Maths Café
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Maths Café
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Ultimate Alien Roadshow
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Maths Cafe