

Drayton CE Junior School

January 2020

Newsletter

As we say goodbye to January it is hard to believe that in a couple of weeks we will be half way through the school year.

I hope you have all been able to successfully use the new online booking system, to make your appointment for the up and coming parent consultations which begin next week. The aim of this is to make it easier for all and move away from relying on the children to come home with appointment times on slips of paper that get left in the bottom of bags or lost at home, if you are anything like my family!

The online booking system is an example of the many ways in which the internet can have a positive impact upon our lives, by making things easier. The opposite of this is the problems we see in school where children are accessing the internet unsupervised.

Across the school we have seen a growth in the number of children talking about issues they are far too young to fully comprehend and I can only put this down to how they are accessing this adult world via the internet. Therefore, it is vital that we all take a responsible approach towards our child's online behaviour, have a clear understanding of what they are able to access and provide sufficient supervision whilst they are online.

On the subject of supervision, if you collect your child from school at the end of the day could I please remind you to give us a call should you be worried that you are not going to make it in time for pick up. Even if you do make it, it is far better for your child to come and wait in the foyer than go out and become anxious that no one is there to collect them. I hope you all have a good weekend.

Emergency closure

It's the time of year where head teachers keep a close eye on weather forecasts. Being forced to close the school is a never a decision that is taken lightly, as I'm only too aware of the problems it causes, and I will do all I can to remain open.

However, should heavy snow be forecast, please do check Twitter, Norfolk School closures list (<http://www.disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk>), radio Norfolk or your texts, for those signed up, for up to date information.

Collective Worship theme - Peace

Our theme this half term, in assembly, has been Peace. This has involved thinking about peaceful places, being a peace maker and celebrating those who have promoted peace throughout the world. **Please find attached an ideas sheet for those of you who wish to explore this value at home.**

Diary Dates

February

Thurs 6th Parent Consultations (booking available online)

Mon 10th Parent Consultations (booking available online)

Tues 11th Year 5 Viking and Saxon Day

Fri 14th Year 4 World War II Day

March

Mon 4th – 8th Hilltop residential Y4

Thurs 12th Year 6 SATS and Brancaster residential information evening 5pm (letter to follow next week)

Fri 13th Samba Band Performance at Music Festival CNS 6pm

Wed 18th Choir Performing at CASMA concert 7pm

Wed 25th Year 4 performance at school 9.30am & 6.30pm (details to follow)