

Drayton CE Junior School

February 2020

News letter

In recent weeks we have been using a lot of our staff meeting time as a time to review our curriculum planning and check how we are building on skills previously taught. As soon as this is complete we will be updating the information on our website.

Whilst this is proving to be a really useful task, I know that I see our wide curriculum in evidence constantly with children bringing in robots, dressing as evacuees, learning how aliens can tell us about Darwinism, tasting the variety of food the children cook, hearing the music, seeing the children off as they compete in various sporting events and this is without mentioning the wonderful experience the Year 4 children will have at this week's residential visit to Hilltops. Sadly, I'm unable to join them this year but in the past I have always enjoyed spending time out there with the children, who come alive in such an environment, and it is frequently some of the quietest children in school who show the most enthusiasm! As always, I would like to thank the staff who give up time away from their own families in order for the trip to take place.

On the subject of success, I would like to pass on my congratulations to all the children who represented the school at the recent Norfolk schools' swimming gala where we were overall winners- see below. Looks like the effort we put into keeping the pool open has paid off!

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Burt to the school. Mrs Burt has been appointed as a Learning Support Assistant, based mainly in Year 6 this year. Mrs Burt replaces Mrs Sharp who has left the school for a job outside of education and I wish her well.

Go climb for Immy

At the end of term Ruby Jennings, in 5S, will be climbing the highest mountain in England – Scafell Pike – for the second time! Ruby is taking on this challenge in order to raise funds for Immy Roe. I'm sure this will be much more of a challenge than eating crackers and I wish her all the very best.

If you wish to find out more and sponsor Ruby then please follow the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/goclimbforimmy>

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2020

This year we have a number of different events to help celebrate World Book Day at Drayton Junior School. We are hosting a week long, **Scholastic Book Fair** from Thursday 5th March to Wednesday 11th March where children will be able to spend their £1 World Book Day vouchers.

During this week we will also be launching our “2020” challenge – 20 books to read in 2020!

And finally, we are asking children to decorate a POTATO as a book character of their choice to bring in to school on World Book Day. We have some visitors from Bertram Books who will be judging the competition and prizes will be awarded to the lucky winners, so get your thinking caps on over half term.

Swimming Gala

On Monday 3rd February some children from each year travelled to Dereham to compete in the West Norwich & Dereham Swimming Gala. Eleven schools took part, therefore there were two heats. Everyone swam their best with Layla, Harry, Elina, Oskar, Ashton, Ava, Zachary and Lily winning their races. It was enough for Drayton to be crowned the winners. Well done everyone who took part. Thank you to Mrs Boyes, Mrs Silvester, Mrs Brown and Mrs Wright for taking us.
By Amber Silvester 6G

Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school so please do not send children in with any snacks or lunches containing nuts in any form. We thank you for your cooperation on this.

Collecting children

I have noticed that at the end of the day there can be large groups of parents waiting on the pavement around the Vawdry Road gate. This can result in parents, and children, spilling into the road as they are met.
If you would rather meet your child on the playground, where there is more space, then please feel free to do so.

Handing washing

In recent assemblies I have been reminding the children of the importance of washing their hands after they have been to the toilet and before handling food etc. We have also put some new posters up around the food hall and in the toilets to remind them further and to show them what effective handwashing looks like.
In order to reduce the spread of any infections we would be grateful if you could talk with your child about remembering to wash their hands at certain times of the day, if you haven't already done so.
Thank you.

Diary Dates

March

Mon 4th – 8th

Wed 4th

Thurs 5th – Wed 11th

Thurs 5th

Thurs 12th

Fri 13th

Fri 13th

Wed 18th

Hilltop residential Y4

Cross Country Finals at Holkham Hall

Book Fair at school

World Book Day – decorate a potato for World Book Day!

Year 6 SATS and Brancaster residential information evening 5pm

Samba Band Performance at Music Festival CNS 6pm

Sports Relief – Non Uniform Day

Choir Performing at CASMA concert 7pm

April

Wed 29th

Year 4 performance at school 9.30am & 6.30pm (more details to follow)