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Drayton CE Junior School

NEWSLETTER Summer 3 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Half Term has finally arrived so let's hope that the sunshine joins it too! In recent weeks it has been great to watch the children return to playing together in year group bubbles, with more space and friendships opportunities available. From talking to the children, I know just how much they have appreciated this having missed some of their friends. Everyone has adjusted beautifully which proves just how adaptable children can be. After the break we will be moving to weekly year group music sessions for some year groups – we may even be able to have 'live' whole school assemblies from September! Returning to school trips couldn't come soon enough for us all; the Year 6 children's excitement and enjoyment during this week's trip to Gressenhall clearly demonstrates the importance of these experiences. Thank you so much for your support with these – Year 6 looked amazing in their Victorian outfits...and that includes the teachers!



Wishing everyone a very happy, healthy and enjoyable half term break.

Best wishes, Mrs Read

What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?

YEAR 6 GRESSENHALL TRIP: Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful day at Gressenhall Workhouse and Farm Museum. They all dressed up as Victorians and experienced some Victorian schooling, worked on a Victorian farm and tasted some Victorian drop scones. They met some interesting characters and even helped solve a mystery!



YEAR 5 TUDOR TOPIC: In this week's Achievement Assembly we all enjoyed 5S sharing their 'Top 10 of Tudor characters' – No surprise that Henry VIII was Number 1! Well done to 5L whose paper mache Tudor houses look brilliant, especially when all lined together like a Tudor street. We also learnt about Humanism from 5H, with some really interesting dilemmas to consider – What should you do? What would you do? Opportunities to come together and share are certainly missed and Friday's assembly is fast becoming the highlight of the week. Well done Year 5!

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT: After lots of research and planning by Mrs Silvester, it's exciting that this weekend the playground markings are due to be updated and added to in readiness for the children's return to school after half term. We hope that they love them! Teachers have tried to include markings that will support outdoor learning, with a compass, clock and new snakes and ladders incorporated into the design – there's even a 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' in the design. Thank you to Mrs Silvester for working so hard to bring this all together so quickly.

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM FUNDRAISER: Today we raised £376 with all proceeds towards the Air Ambulance Service. Thank you for your support. Finding new, Covid safe ways to raise funds are needed so if you have a great idea please do share.



DJS Information Update

DEPUTY HEAD APPOINTMENT/SENCO: Following interviews last week, I am delighted to let you know that from September 2021 Ms Esther Cope will be the new Deputy Headteacher at Drayton Junior School. As a member of the Senior Leadership Team, as well as 5L Class Teacher (0.4) and Assessment Lead, she already knows the school incredibly well. Unlike Mr Richards (Deputy), Ms Cope will not become the new SENCO when Mr Richard leaves in July; instead, Mrs Angela Lamb (4L Class Teacher) will be taking over the role of SENCO from September 2021. Congratulations to both members of the team as they take on their new roles. Exciting times ahead for us all as we continue to drive the school forward to serve the children.

RETIREMENT: Sadly, Drayton Juniors will be losing Mr Tyson at the end of this academic year as he will be retiring after 7 years as a valuable member of staff. We know just how much he will be missed. A new teacher has been appointed, with more information to follow after half term.

SEPTEMBER CLASSES: Following a year of class bubbles with children kept together for extended periods of time, it has been decided that all classes will be mixed from September 2021.

Early next half term all children will be given the opportunity to choose up to 3 friends that they would like to be with in their new class, with the guarantee that they will be with at least one/two of their friends (the likelihood is that they will be with many more!) Should parents/carers wish to make any class requests then please email admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk. (No separate letter to parents will be sent home.) It is hoped that organising classes will be a smooth, positive process, enabling the three classes in each year group to be balanced, with greater opportunities for children to extend their friendships and grow in confidence. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding this process.

DATES LIST SUMMER 2021

May	
w/c 31 st May – 4 th June	Half term Break

June	
Monday 7 th	Term starts; Assessment week: Reading and Maths
Monday 14 th	Assessment week: SPAG; Y3 Trip to Hautbois
Monday 21 st	Hilltop Parent Meeting 15:45 Zoom
Monday 28 th	City Sports 15:30-16:30
Tuesday 29 th	City Sports 13:00 – 16:00
July	
Monday 5 th	6:30pm Year 3 parent/carer transition meeting (zoom)
Tuesday 6 th	End of year reports go home
Thursday 8 th & Friday 9 th	High school transition days
Tuesday 13 th	Reports clinic for parents/carers (online)
Wednesday 14 th	Y5 & Y6 Pleasurewood Hills Trip (subject to government guidance)
Friday 16 th	Y5/6 Michael Morpurgo 'Boy Giant' Reading & Interview
Wednesday 21 st	End of Term/school year