



# Drayton CE Junior School

## NEWSLETTER Summer 5 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We made it! A huge well done and thank you to each and every one of you who has kept the Drayton Junior ship sailing smoothly throughout the challenges faced this year. We have learnt and valued the skills of perseverance, teamwork and flexibility more than ever and, as a community, continued to provide the children with the best care and education possible. It certainly hasn't been easy to navigate through the sea of ever changing risk assessments and guidance, however laughter and smiles continue to make Drayton what it is – a great place to learn and play, where people truly care about each other. Rest well this summer, stay safe, stay happy and most of all have plenty of fun.



Best wishes, Mrs Read

## What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?

**Y4 HILLTOP RESIDENTIAL:** Well done to all Year 4 and the staff team who attended and supported this term's residential at Hilltop Residential Centre, with a special thank you to Mrs Lovett. It was brilliant to watch the children challenging themselves in so many different ways, growing in confidence during the week. What a shame that the heavens opened just at pick up time!

**SPONSORED WALK FUNDRAISER:** An amazing £4360 has been raised so far thanks to the incredibly kind donations following this term's sponsored walk. We cannot thank you enough. All money will go towards our soon to be refurbished library which is being completed next week!

**Y5 & Y6 PLEASUREWOOD HILLS:** Plenty of fun and laughter was had by all Y5/6 at Pleasurewood Hills last week. Behaviour from everyone was impeccable and praised by staff. Special thanks to Mrs Lambourne who arranged this 'military operation' of a trip.

**SPORTS WEEK 2021:** Last week the children all enjoyed Sports Week. They learnt about the importance of looking after their mind as well as their body through lessons exploring the importance of sleep, healthy eating and the impact exercise has on our general wellbeing. During the week each class took part in a variety of sports day events, competing as house teams in their class bubble. The afternoon PE lesson welcomed the return of our traditional and much loved Tug of War event. Points were totalled at the end of each day and the final scores were incredibly close! The children all put in so much effort and much fun was had by all! A special Well Done to Romans, who have their ribbon on the cup for the next year.



Position	House Team	Total points
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Romans</b>	142
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Normans</b>	136
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Saxons</b>	122
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Vikings</b>	114

**Y6 ROCKETS:** To celebrate the end of a super Year 6, the children have enjoyed designing, making and launching our traditional Water Rockets. This year we had some fantastic, very creative designs and lots of great fliers! This year the certificate for the greatest distance flown went to a rocket that flew an outstanding 28.3 metres!



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**YEAR 6 PRODUCTION:** The Year 6 children and staff had a wonderful time rehearsing and recording the end of year production entitled 'Wow, What A Year!' There was some amazing singing and acting from the children and the final edited production was enjoyed by the entire school this week. A huge 'Thank You' to all of the adults involved in the production of this and a special Thanks must go to Ms Leigh for all of her work on the songs and Miss Worsley for recording and editing the entire show! We hope you enjoy watching it as much as we enjoyed making it!



**YEAR 6 DISCO & CHIPS:** Thank you to everyone that supported last night's Year 6 Disco & Chips celebration evening, including the Friends of Drayton Junior who funded the food. What a ball they all had!



## ***DJS Information Update***

### **SEPTEMBER START/FINISH TIMES:**

- Gates open at 8:40am for all children with a member of staff outside supervising; children to wait on the playground for the whistle to blow at 8:50am; **8:55am** registration; by 9:00am gates locked. Anyone arriving after this time should enter via the school office.
- On the first day of term all teachers will be on the playground to direct their class. Please use the most convenient gate to enter the school.
- The school day will finish at **3:10pm** for all classes. Parents of children in Year 3 & Year 4 wishing to meet their child after school may do so on Vawdrey Road playground waiting around the perimeter and avoiding classroom entrances. Further details to follow before term starts in Sept.
- Any parents/carers wishing to speak to a member of staff should ideally make an appointment. Settling the children first thing has to be our priority.

**PE KITS:** From September children should continue to wear their PE kits to school on the days that they have PE. PE days on each class timetable will be shared at the start of the new academic year.

**CONTACT DETAILS:** Should your mobile number change over the summer holidays then please remember to keep the school office informed. At all times the school should have two contact numbers in the event of an emergency.

**ABSENCE REPORTING:** Thank you to everyone who diligently keeps the office informed about absences. This greatly supports the school office. On a couple of occasions recently it has taken time to ascertain a child's whereabouts therefore please be reminded that for safeguarding purposes all absences must be reported to Mrs Terrington/Mrs Hastings by 9:30am. Outside agency involvement may need to be contacted if the school is unable to locate absent children, following safeguarding procedures in place.

**END OF REPORTS:** Thank you to parents/carers who completed and returned the report feedback slips. Your kind words have been well and truly appreciated by the team.

**DOGS:** Unfortunately the school has repeatedly had to clear up dog mess from the staff car park on recent occasions, something that isn't nice for anyone. Most dog owners are responsible, making it a real shame that this has happened, especially on a site with children. Please remain vigilant and let the office know if you have any information.

**CAR PARK:** Earlier in term a member of staff's car was unfortunately hit when it was parked in the car park. If you have any information about this incident please speak to the office. Thank you.

**TABLES AVAILABLE:** Last few tables remaining in the hall. Should you need a table or two, maybe for a shed or greenhouse, then just contact the school office to arrange collection.

**GOODBYES:** Finally, it's that time to bid a sad goodbye to our lovely Year 6 as they head off to the next exciting stage of their education. Dream big, fly high and keep in touch – you will have a ball! Mr Richards, our Deputy heads off to headship at Swanton Morley Primary (12 years) as Mr Tyson begins his well earned retirement (7 years). Added to this, Mrs Coleman and Miss Worsley will be very much missed as LSAs as both begin teacher training in September. Finally, both Aileen and Anita, our longstanding, hardworking school cleaners begin a well earned retirement after many years of dedicated service to the school. We thank each and every one of the team for being fabulous colleagues and wish them all good luck and good fortune in their individual paths ahead.

## DATES LIST 2021/22

<b>September</b>	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Term starts
<b>October</b>	
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
<b>December</b>	
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

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