



# Drayton CE Junior School

## NEWSLETTER Autumn 5 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

With the dark nights and leaves on the ground, there's no doubt that winter is drawing in. There is always something special and rather magical about the autumn colours at this time of the year. Reminders about staying safe and seen at night on the roads don't go amiss on those dark streets, especially with so many of us wearing dark coats. Before we know it, Christmas will be around the corner. Our school choir cannot wait to join everyone for the switching on of the Drayton Christmas lights on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The children's festive card designs have been ordered, the virtual pantomime has been booked and arrangements have been made for Christmas celebrations to take place in school and in church. We are eager to include parents/carers as much as possible in these celebrations, be it live or recorded, depending on Covid rates nearer the time. Our prime goal is that the children at Drayton Juniors enjoy a memory making run up to Christmas, staying safe and well. Please bear with us before final decisions are made.

Best wishes, Mrs Read



## What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?

**REMEMBRANCE:** Throughout last week's Collective Worship we focused on Remembrance commemorations, exploring the significance of the poppy. All classes learnt about the meaning of Remembrance in different ways, creating some beautiful art work and writing some touching thoughts and prayers. A special thank you to all who purchased items from The British Legion fundraising box. The money really does make such a difference. We were privileged and proud to participate in St Margaret's Remembrance service on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, laying a wreath on behalf of all at Drayton CE Juniors. It was a special experience for the Year 6 children who attended the service, representing the school superbly. They all appreciated the opportunity to meet former soldiers, getting the chance to look at an array of different, very lovingly polished war medals. Thank you Reverend Marc for the invite, it was an absolute honour to join everyone.



**CROSS COUNTRY:** Well done to all children who competed in Friday afternoon's races held at Falcon Junior School. Your energy and support for each other has been commended by the organisers.



**PARENTS' EVENINGS:** Over two nights this term Class Teachers led meetings with parents/carers, mostly online, with few technical issues thankfully. As much as we all prefer face to face conversations, virtual meetings are necessary currently, however we continue to be flexible where we can. As you can imagine, setting up the meetings was no easy task so thank you to Mrs Hastings for working so hard to do this. Our next parents' evenings are in March, however if you do have a question or a concern about your child's learning before then, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. This can be done via the school office or speaking to teachers outside on the playground at the end of the day.



**FOOTBALL:** During Friday's Achievement Assembly the girls' football team presented an informative report about their matches played against neighbouring school. Congratulations for coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, playing well as a team whilst representing the school brilliantly. It is so good to have these opportunities available again.

**CHILDREN IN NEED:** On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November School Council, led by Miss Sabbar, are inviting children to come to school in non-school uniform, maybe wearing something spotty or Pudsey themed, in return for a donation to Children in Need. (Their suggestion is a £1 donation.) School Council are also arranging a cake sale on the day so please send your child into school with some silver coins.



Finally, a group of Year 6s will be running their own stall during the school day selling homemade keychains (50p), bracelets (£1) and friendship bracelets (£2), all in aid of Children in Need. It is commendable that this plan came from the children so all support is really appreciated as our young leaders work together to make a positive difference to the lives of others less fortunate.



## DJS Information Update

**COVID UPDATE:** Currently there are 4 confirmed cases and 4 cases awaiting results across a school of 340 pupils. Thank you to those parents/carers who have kept the school office informed of LFT/PCR test results. We are conscious that Facebook posts can be alarming for parents, sometimes making it appear as if there are more cases than there are, so please do contact the school if you have any concerns. Whilst we cannot provide names of children with positive tests, please rest assured that we endeavour to contact the parents of children who have been a close contact in class so that they can look out for symptoms. Since last Tuesday 4L returned to working in a bubble due to an 'outbreak' of 3 cases in the class. This will come to an end on Friday. During this time the staff and children in 4L have been absolutely brilliant so a massive thank you to them.

**BOOK TOKEN COLLECTION:** The EDP's Books for Schools initiative is well underway. All schools which participate will win £100 worth of books, while the school that collects the most will win £1,000 worth. Two runners-up will be given £500 worth. For more information follow the link below.

<https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/education/books-for-schools-2021-tokens-launched-8410464>



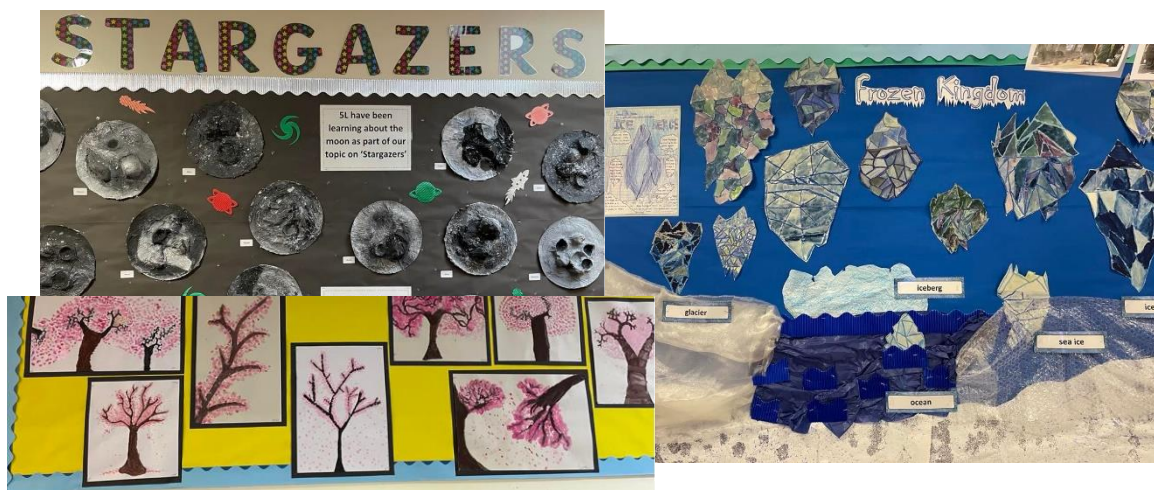
**PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION:** Information to follow this week via email.

**FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR:** Thank you to all that have ordered Christmas cards this year. All profits from this fundraiser will be used to support your children's learning at DJS, specifically outdoor learning projects.

Also, the Friends have subscribed to this local fundraiser and the special link is below:

<https://www.spreebook.com/Norwich/fundraiser/Drayton-Junior-School/779>

Please take a look and help us to raise funds to support additional provision at the school. Currently we are exploring ways to develop the school grounds for more outdoor learning opportunities.





## **DATES LIST 2021/22**

<b>November</b>	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need – Non- school uniform/wear spotty clothes; cake sale; Keychain & bracelet sale
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Foodbank visitor in assemblies
<b>December</b>	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Flu Team in school;  Drayton Christmas Lights switch on – DJS choir to attend
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 dress rehearsal
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Norwich Castle Museum;  Year 3 Christmas performance to parents times to be confirmed
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Christmas performance to parents times to be confirmed
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Norwich Castle Museum
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas jumper/dress up day;  Christmas dinner
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 Christmas Carols Service rehearsal; Jack & the Beanstalk pantomime (virtual);  19:00 Christmas church service (parents attend)
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am Whole School Christmas Church Service  End of Term
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas Break  Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Carols by Candlelight at the church (musicians and choir to perform)
<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
<b>March</b>	

w/c Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Hilltop Residential (2 nights per group) TBC
<b>April</b>	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holiday
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Term starts
<b>May</b>	
w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 KS2 SATS Week
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential TBC
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Half Term
<b>June</b>	
w/c Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Times Table Check (3 weeks)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	City Sports 15:30-18:00 TBC
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	City Sports 13:00-17:30 TBC
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	City Sports 13:30-17:30 TBC
<b>July</b>	

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