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Drayton CE Junior School

NEWSLETTER Autumn 6 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a chilly start to the week so please ensure that everyone wraps up warm. This week we are exploring Advent in our Collective Worship, sharing our exciting preparations for the festive season, thinking about how we can stay patient and support each other. The school Christmas Tree is already in the hall awaiting its decorations and we cannot wait to participate in the Drayton Christmas lights switch on this week. It is good to have lots to look forward this year.

Best wishes, Mrs Read



What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?

FOODBANK VISITOR: Last Monday Iain Turner from Norwich Foodbank came to speak to the children in both assemblies. Having sent a large collection of food to Foodbank after Harvest assembly at Drayton Juniors, we were keen for the children to learn how their contributions will be used to make a difference to those less fortunate. Iain provided lots of information about the valuable work that this charity does to support families in need, including how they tailor food boxes to meet different dietary needs. It was interesting to learn how Foodbank's support goes well beyond providing food to eat, as well as how supermarkets work with Foodbank to ensure that nothing is wasted. Thank you to Iain for his time.

CHILDREN IN NEED: On Friday 19th November School Council organised a brilliant day for Children in Need, raising an amazing total of £551.01. Children were invited to come into school in non-school uniform with many wearing very snazzy spotty attire. Everyone enjoyed a very tasty cake sale at break time which raised £164.17 in itself. Finally, a group of Year 6 pupils sold friendship bands over lunchtime, contributing even more money to the CIN pot. Well done and thank you to all who organised and contributed – you really did make a difference!



ECO-COUNCIL: It has been brilliant to see a return to Eco-Council at Drayton Juniors with lots of very eager, enthusiastic members. Thank you to Mrs Brosche for leading this. Eco-Council met last week and began making plans on what actions they would like to take to improve sustainability and care for the environment. Teaching staff have been quizzed and we cannot wait to hear what is coming up!



HOST A CURATE: We are excited to be hosting a curate at Drayton Juniors next half term. Last Wednesday Mrs Read had the chance to meet him and begin planning his 4 day placement in the school which take place at the end of January/start of February. He is currently based in Sprowston, Norwich.



DJS Information Update

COVID UPDATE: Following on from the government's announcement on Sunday 28th November, staff and visitors to the school have returned to wearing masks in communal areas. Social distancing, ventilating rooms, hand washing and increased cleaning routines remain in place.

The difficult decision has also been made to not invite Year 3 parents into school to watch the children's Christmas production. Whilst we desperately want to be able to share a live performance with parents/carers, in the current circumstances it is universally felt that now is not the right time. Instead, a

recording of the Year 3 performance will be shared for families to enjoy at home. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, it is not what any of us wanted.

ABSENCE REPORTING: Please call the school office on 01603 867504 on every day of absence if your child is away due to sickness. The safety of all children in the school is our priority and this includes knowing where children are each day if they are not in school. Your support is very much appreciated. Mrs Terrington and Mrs Hastings are required to submit lunch orders by 9:45am, however at present they are spending a lot of time first thing in the day calling the parents of children who are not at school.

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: We are very pleased to share the news that Mrs Alison Williams has been successfully appointed to continue her role as parent governor. Her continued support is valued and appreciated along with that of Mrs Christina Lister, another parent governor at the school.

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR:

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

November	
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December	
Wed 1 st	Flu Team in school; Drayton Christmas Lights switch on – Year 5 & DJS choir to attend
Tue 7 th	Year 3 dress rehearsals
Wed 8 th	Year 3 trip to Norwich Castle Museum
Thu 9 th	Year 3 Christmas performance recorded to share with parents
Fri 10 th	Year 3 trip to Norwich Castle Museum
Tues 14 th	1.30pm Choir and ukulele band to Badgers Wood Care Home

Wed 15 th	Christmas jumper/dress up day – wear red, green, tinsel; Christmas dinner
Thu 16 th	10:30 Christmas Carols Service rehearsal; Jack & the Beanstalk pantomime (virtual); 7:00pm Christmas church (2 family members only to attend per child taking part – masks to be worn in church)
Fri 17 th	Christmas Church Service – 9:30am Y3/4 classes; 10:45am Y5/6 classes End of Term
Sun 19 th	Carols by Candlelight (small choir to perform. Your child will receive a letter if involved)
20 th Dec – 5 th Jan	
January	
Thur 6 th	Spring Term begins
February	
14 th – 18 th	Half Term Week
March	
w/c Monday 7 th	Year 4 Hilltop Residential (2 nights per group) TBC
April	
Mon 4 th – Tues 19 th	Easter Holiday
Wed 20 th	Term starts
May	
w/c Monday 9 th	Year 6 KS2 SATS Week
Mon 16 th – Wed 18 th	Year 6 Residential TBC
Mon 30 th – Fri 3 rd	Half Term
June	
w/c Mon 6 th	Year 4 Times Table Check (3 weeks)
Mon 27 th	City Sports 15:30-18:00 TBC

Tues 28 th	City Sports 13:00-17:30 TBC
Thu 30 th	City Sports 13:30-17:30 TBC
July	

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