



# Drayton CE Junior School

## NEWSLETTER SPRING 10 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a good half term break despite the incredibly unpredictable weather of late. My weekend visit to York saw snow! Unfortunately a school fence was blown down during the weekend so if anyone can help with the repair/replacement then please don't hesitate to contact the school office. Thankfully the Y5s who visited Norwich on Wednesday were blessed with blue skies and sunshine. It was great to experience children from different schools coming together again, enjoying competing and being entertained by a mathematical magician!

Very best wishes, Mrs Alison Read



## What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?

**Y4 WW2 DAY:** There was an infectious buzz of excitement throughout the corridors last term as Year 4 celebrated their topic, 'A Child's War' with a themed day. The children created wonderful skyline silhouettes of the Blitz, made their own miniature Anderson shelters, listened to 1940's hits and dove for cover under the tables as the air raid sirens blasted. A massive thank you to all parents/carers for their support as the children's outfits looked amazing and all came well prepared with resources for their activities.

**Y5 MATHS CHALLENGE:** Congratulations to our Year 5 pairs who performed brilliantly at this Wednesday's Mathematical Challenge competition morning held at the Norwich School, achieving a joint 9<sup>th</sup> place out of 27. The range of activities included dominoes, tangrams, broken calculators and time measurements. In total there were six rounds, lasting eight minutes each. The children represented the school incredibly well, staying focused and working well together, achieving an impressive result. "It was very educational and we all had fun!" "I really thought it was amazing and really fun!" Y6 on Friday....

**Y6 GIRLS' FOOTBALL:** Super well done to the Y5/6 Girls' football team who played against Horsford after school on Wednesday this week, winning 4-0. It was a great game, demonstrating good teamwork and sportsmanship.

**Y5/6 CROSS COUNTRY:** Good luck to our Y5/6 cross country runners who are off to Horsford this afternoon. Let's hope that they are wind assisted!

**LUNCHTIME CLUBS:** Starting next week Mr Arden's lunchtime clubs will be as follows: Monday – Y3/4 Boys' football; Tuesday – Y3/4 Girls' football; Wednesday – Y5 Boys' football; Thursday – Y6 Boys' football. All children wishing to join in these fun lunchtime clubs will need a change of clothing & footwear – we need to keep the mud outside!

**FORTHCOMING MATCHES:** Please see the dates list. Thank you Mr Arden.

**ECO-COUNCIL:** At DJS, staff and children care about environmental issues and have a strong desire to actively engage in protecting our planet. As a result, we have signed up for the Eco-Schools programme; a seven step framework that



many schools, nurseries and colleges use to introduce, manage and complete environment actions in their community. Once each of the seven steps has been worked through, the school can apply for Eco-Schools Green Flag.

To work through the programme, The Eco-Council was formed and consists of representatives from each class and is led by Mrs Brosche. The school Eco – Council have come up with three actions for this year.

- Litter (encouraging litter to be put in bins)
- Waste (improving recycling)
- Transport (promoting walking and greener ways to travel to school)

To start with, the school Eco-council have organised a litter picking rota around school and are promoting putting litter in bins. Eco Council also held a poster competition to encourage 'putting litter in bins'.

**FRIENDS YEAR 6 CAKE SALE:** A massive thank you to Year 6 & their families for providing so many tasty treats for the cake sale at the end of term – it proved to be very popular indeed! Thank you to all the volunteers and children who helped to sell them. Over £200 was raised which is just fantastic! This money will go towards supporting your children's learning in school. Thank you for your support.

**PLAY LEADER TRAINING:** On Thursday this week a group of children began their Play Leader/Buddy training with Miss Sabbar, following her own training earlier in the term. It's the start of an exciting venture where children will be equipped to support other children on the playground. More information to follow.

**WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> March!** We are asking children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. These characters could be related to a specific text read at school or just a general book character. We would love to see homemade costumes and do not expect parents to go to the expense of buying new outfits. Don't forget to bring your quality used book in for the book swap!

**JUBILEE ART COMPETITION:** On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years on the throne. To mark this occasion our **Spring Art competition** has a royal theme inviting children to use their art skills and imagination to design a Royal Platinum Jubilee celebration outfit or crown for the queen to wear. Maybe think about the last 70 years and images that you may wish to include in the design. You can draw, paint or collage, or use any other medium you choose.

**There will be special prizes!!!** Closing date 1<sup>st</sup> March. **Thank you for the entries received so far!**



## ***DJS Information Update***

**STAFF UPDATE:** Welcome back Mrs Howell, we have all missed you!

Sadly Mrs Hone continues to be unwell. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs Kerin continues to be amazing and is teaching 3H in Mrs Hone's absence. When we have more news, 3H parents/carers will be informed straight away. Unfortunately this does mean the 3H parents' evenings will need to be postponed to a later date. Please accept our sincere apologies. If 3H parents/carers have urgent concerns/queries, please give the office a call and either Mrs Read or Ms Cope will be in contact at the earliest opportunity. Thank you for your support.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MESSAGE:** There will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 18th March. There is a superheroes theme so children can dress up as a superhero if they wish. Voluntary donation of £1 for wearing non-school uniform. We will have a cake sale - please can we request donations of cake to be made too please.

Secondly, School Council will be having an Easter egg collection for Break charity and for the local food banks. If children would like to donate an Easter egg then please can these be brought into school between 30<sup>th</sup> -31st March.

**COVID UPDATE:** New government guidance for schools was released yesterday afternoon. This states that schools should continue to ventilate spaces, adhere to appropriate cleaning regimes and continue strict hand hygiene practice. The additional changes have been included:

- Regular testing is no longer required by school staff and pupils;
- Access to Lateral Flow Device tests is restricted;
- Children should not attend school if they have symptoms of Covid-19 due to the potential risk to others;
- Close contacts are no longer required to isolate or take daily tests.

Local schools are working together to interpret the guidance to provide consistency and clarity where possible in this every changing landscape.

**SICKNESS REPORTING:** Please call the office daily by 9:30am at the very latest. For safeguarding reasons the office has to account for the whereabouts of all children. Time is being spent texting/emailing/calling parents/carers as safeguarding is rightly prioritised first thing in the morning at register time. Unfortunately, in some instances the school has not been able to confirm the whereabouts of children until late in the morning when a welfare call by the police may have been triggered. Please help us by keeping the school office informed promptly.

**DINNER MONEY PAYMENT:** Thank you to those who have paid outstanding dinner money as well as those paying for dinners at the start of the week. Should payment be a problem please do contact the school to see if any support can be provided. Family circumstances can change and this may mean that government support may be available. This may include free schools meals as well as other educational support for your child/ren.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

**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>

**FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR:** Did you receive any gifts this Christmas that could be donated to the PTA for future fundraising events? The PTA are keen to receive good quality unwanted gifts that can be used as prizes going forward. Your unwanted gifts will be very gratefully received and should be sent to the school office. Thank you



Also, please support the school by playing the lottery! [www.CommunityAtHeartLottery.com](http://www.CommunityAtHeartLottery.com) and search for Drayton CE school. Flyer came home with your child today!

## **DATES LIST 2021/22**

February	
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term Week
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Horsford
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultations 3:30 – 6.00
w/c 28 <sup>th</sup>	Art day for all classes based on the work of Frida Kahlo

<b>March</b>	
<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Y5&6 Girls football @DIS
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5 boys football away@Firside
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent consultations 5:00-7:00;  3:15 – 3:45p.m WII Dance Afterschool Club starts Y3&4  <b>World Book Day</b>
w/c Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Hilltop Residential (2 nights per group)
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 football match away@Eaton
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day; cake sale – donations required
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 football match home to Ashleigh
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Egg donations for BREAK charity
<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 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wrates Group Photos
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	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>	22 <sup>nd</sup> July – last day of school year
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Please see the Norfolk County Council 2021/22 School Calendar for further detail