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Dear Parents/Carers,
Hope you have all enjoyed a lovely Easter break, making the most of the glorious bank holiday weather. The bluebells are coming out at Blickling which is always a pretty special time of the year to visit this beautiful place so close to us all. We are all really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow. We enjoyed an action packed March with plenty of sporting and music success and enjoyment, so let's make the most of the opportunities that the summer will no doubt bring our way. See you in the morning!
Very best wishes, Mrs Alison Read



What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?



RED NOSE DAY: £524.90 raised!!! Well done to Miss Sabbar and School Council, as well as everybody else who supported this brilliant fundraising day for a great cause. Also, thank you for the Easter Egg donations donated at the end of last term for Foodbank. Your support and kindness is very much appreciated by us all, especially at a time when so many families may be struggling. (Please see the Foodbank request in the Information section of this newsletter.)

RE DAY: Our last day of the Spring Term was RE day, organised superbly by Mrs Howell. All classes explored the question 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' considering the meaning of salvation. Returning to St Margaret's Church with the children for collective worship was an incredibly special experience for many. The singing by the Year 6 choir was superb, as was the singing by the school in such a beautiful setting. Thank you Reverend Marc for welcoming us, and thank you also for leading Collective Worship in school on Thursday 31st March – we always love it when you visit so please come again soon.

COMING UP: Drayton Parish Council 'The Queen's Platinum Jubilee' competition – 'If I was King or Queen for the day...' competition (see attached entry form) Entries by Friday 13th May.



DJS Information Update

COVID UPDATE: 'Living with COVID-19 and the way forward' - The Government has set out its [next steps for living with COVID](#) and [the end of routine testing in schools, colleges and childcare settings](#). To summarise, for parents and children attending school, the changes mean that:

- Children with mild symptoms of a respiratory infection such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school.
- Children who have experienced diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school for two days after symptoms have gone. (No change here.)
- If children do have access to test and do test positive for Covid-19 then they should isolate for 3 days (or longer if you are still poorly/have a high temperature). More detail is available on GOV.UK.
- Children who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal. There is no need to isolate.
- LFD Asymptomatic test kits will no longer be freely available and schools cannot order test kits. PCR tests for symptomatic people are no longer freely available.

Whilst we are entering a new phase where Covid 19 is to be treated like a 'normal' illness on the whole, please rest assured that as a school we will continue to ensure good ventilation in the building, encourage good hygiene routines, with hand washing and/or hand sanitiser being used regularly, plus tissues being put straight into the bin, etc... Last term staff absence due to Covid 19 was higher than it has been previously and we are keen to do all that we can to ensure that everyone in our community stays healthy, enabling teachers to be teaching and children learning.

FOODBANK APPEAL: To support the Taverham, Thorpe Marriott and Drayton Foodbank Help Group, we are proposing agreeing monthly school donation/collection dates for items to be donated and collected by their volunteers from Drayton Juniors. Any support or feedback regarding this proposal would be appreciated. Supporting families is important to us, however a monthly collection may be too frequent.

STAFF UPDATE: During this term we are pleased to be welcoming three new Learning Support Assistants to DJS, all bringing a wealth of experience and expertise to support children at our school. Mrs Rachel Goodall (who has worked at the school previously) starts at Drayton Juniors tomorrow and I am sure that children, staff and parents alike will all welcome her warmly into our school community.

JEWELLERY/PE KITS: Please be reminded that children the wearing of jewellery is discouraged as it can easily be lost or cause injury to the wearer or other children. Children with pierced ears are only permitted to wear one pair of studs. These must be removed for all swimming activities and PE. Also, the school's PE kit includes a plain sweatshirt as well as blue/white t-shirt. No football kits please. School hoodies are available from our uniform retailers – free delivery to the school.

<https://www.draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk/parents-community/uniform/>

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: An after school Year 5 Cake Sale will take place on Friday 22nd April (next week). If Year 5 pupils could bring in donations from Thursday 21st April, that would be amazing. They can be left in the school hall and if any Y5 pupils wish to help with the cake sale then please let their teachers know. Thank you.

GOVERNOR VACANCY: Drayton's Governing Body has a vacancy for a governor, preferably one with financial expertise, to further enhance the skillset of the current governing body. Training is provided, as is the opportunity to make a positive difference to the lives of young people. This is not exclusively a parent

governor role so is open to all adults. If you know of someone who may wish to support their community then please let them know about this vacancy. Contact the school for further information. Thank you.

DATES LIST 2021/22

April	
Wed 20 th	Term starts for children
Thur 21 st	Y5 cake donations
Fri 22 nd	Year 5 Friends Cake Sale 3:10pm
May	
w/c Monday 9 th	Year 6 KS2 SATS Week
Mon 16 th – Wed 18 th	Year 6 Residential
Mon 30 th – Fri 3 rd	Half Term
Thur 2 nd	From 6:30 Drayton Parish Council celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Beacon lighting ceremony 9:15pm
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.