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Dear Parents/Carers,

What an action packed few weeks it's been at Drayton Juniors! Year 4 enjoyed a very successful residential at Hilltops last week with great activities and brilliant weather. Everyone spoke very highly about the children's can do attitude during their time there which is just fantastic. A big thank you to the staff who gave up their own time to make this experience possible for the children. All classes also enjoyed a Frida Kahlo themed Art Day the previous week, along with World Book Day and a brilliant book swap initiative led by Mrs Jacobs. Thank you. Added to this, Year 5 & Year 6 have enjoyed football matches against other schools and both the boys and girls Y5/6 Cross Country teams have made us very proud with their team success. Congratulations to the girls who came overall 1st and the boys who came 2nd; exceptional achievements for both teams who should be very proud of themselves – I know I am. Very best wishes, Mrs Alison Read



What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?





DJS Information Update

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.

STAFF UPDATE: Unfortunately Mrs Helen Hone continues to not be in school for health reasons. We are very grateful to Mrs Claire Kerin who continues to be doing a great job teaching 3H in her absence. (A letter to 3H parents/carers was emailed on 16.3.2022.) When more information is available, this will be shared asap. We wish Mrs Hone a speedy recovery.

Sadly, after 8 years working at Drayton Juniors, Mrs Vicki Butler will be leaving us at the end of this term. A big thank you to her for all of her hard work supporting so many children over the years. She will be missed by the staff team, however we know that Mrs Butler has new exciting ventures ahead. Good luck and keep in touch.

SCHOOL VACANCIES: Please follow the link below for details about current TA vacancies at DJS:

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/learning-support-assistant-2-posts-3/?fromSearchPage=true>

SCHOOL COUNCIL MESSAGE: Non-school uniform day is tomorrow (Friday 18th March) with an optional superhero theme. A voluntary donation of £1 will go towards Comic Relief. Break time cake sales will also take place tomorrow – donations of cakes very much needed and appreciated for this worthwhile cause.

In a fortnight's time 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 30th -31st March.

PE KITS: Please be reminded that 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/>

COVID UPDATE: We continue to closely monitor Covid cases across the school so thank you to those who have kept the school office informed. Please be aware that unfortunately we have experienced increased cases across the teaching team. With the availability of supply teachers very low, we have needed to be flexible and are incredibly grateful to those members of staff who have worked additional days/hours to ensure that no classes have needed to move to remote learning for operational reasons.

From April 1st:

- Strict cleaning and careful hygiene routines to continue;
- Regular LFD 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;
- Close contacts are no longer required to isolate or take daily tests.

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: After school Year 5 Cake Sale date to be confirmed – watch this space. Summer Term fundraising events are currently being planned.

QUIET AREA: Finally we have a date for the installation of our Quiet Area close to the Year 6 classrooms. This will take place on Tuesday 19th April in readiness for the start of term on Wednesday 20th April. What a lovely surprise for the children to come back to!

DATES LIST 2021/22

March	
Fri 18 th	Non-uniform day; cake sale – donations required
Tues 29 th	Y5 football match home to Ashleigh
Wed 30 th – Thu 31 st	Easter Egg donations for BREAK charity
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
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	

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it needed. This guide focuses on one of many types which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS
Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to strip them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES
Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the recipient can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS
WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours, in India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users discussing hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING
Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'reply' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS
To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message. Other people could have the same number, so you need to be sure you're talking to the right person. WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So, if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING
The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE
Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING
If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS
Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP
If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once, if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

THINK ABOUT LOCATION
If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to share their location with one of their friends while they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of live location options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES
If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

CHECK THE FACTS
You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the message, then tapping the 'check facts' icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can search Google and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

Meet Our Expert
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