



Drayton CE Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,
Warmer weather has brought increased smiles and outdoor learning opportunities, with summer trips being booked, outdoor picnics and concerts arranged and increased enjoyment in playtimes. Our quiet area is slowly taking shape. Thanks to Mrs Plane gardening opportunities have been provided for some year groups, with vegetables being planted. We just need to wait and see how they grow, hopefully reaping an abundant crop this summer. If you'd like to help with gardening at Drayton Juniors, please do get in touch. Being outdoors, working in the fresh air with others, offers so many benefits for all ages.
Very best wishes, Mrs Alison Read



What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?

ECO-COUNCIL RECYCLING: Since the start of the year Eco-Council have organised litter picking across the school, weighing litter collected each week. Together, they have come up with a plan to recycle soft plastics, this includes: cling film, crisp packets, biscuit wrappers, bar wrappers and fruit and vegetable wrappers. New soft plastic recycling bins are now in place around the school, with Eco-Council explaining their purpose in assembly. Please do use them, helping to reduce waste and take greater care of the environment. Well done Mrs Brosche and Eco-Council!



MARATHON DES SABLES VISITOR: In assembly on Thursday 5th May we learnt all about the challenge of completing the Marathon Des Sables 250k 6 day ultra challenge in the Sahara Desert from our visitor, Mr Radley Fenn. Back in March Radley successfully came 132/850 competitors who completed the race. Some children (and Ms Cope!) had the opportunity to try on the rather heavy rucksack he carried while running. (He had to carry all of his food provisions, sleeping bag, coat, toilet roll, etc...for the entire 250k.) Radley was asked really interesting questions by the children, who also loved seeing the photos of the animals he came across in the desert. Thank you for visiting Radley, please come again to tell us all about your next epic challenge, whatever that is.



DT MAZE COMPETITION: Well done to all who created amazing mazes over the Easter break – they were absolutely brilliant and we were astounded by the number of entries. Thank you for working so hard on your designs. Mrs Brooks did a superb job sharing them with the children in assembly, as well as presenting prizes.



YEAR 5 FRIENDS CAKE SALE: Thank you to all who contributed and bought cakes at the after school cake sale on Friday 22nd April. A fantastic £120 was raised by The Friends, valuable funds that will be used to subsidise trips and purchase resources that benefit the children at Drayton Juniors. Please do look out for information about the Friends' Disco coming up soon (Friday 10th June). We are all really looking forward to opportunities such as these returning after so long.



DJS Information Update

SICKNESS REPORTING: Thank you from Mrs Terrington and Mrs Hastings to all parents/carers who have called the school to let us know about absences. This has been much appreciated and saved the office team lots of time.

KS2 SATS WEEK w/c 9th May: As a school we know that learning is so much more than KS2 SATS, and we are all incredibly proud of Year 6's progress and achievements this year and beyond. After all of the disruption of the last 3 years, we know that the children cannot have worked any harder than they have. They have been flexible and adaptable, they have persevered and demonstrated enormous resilience, overcoming many new and different challenges. Whatever SATs week brings, the staff at Drayton Juniors will be there to support the children, enabling them to stay positive and try their very best. It is an opportunity for the children to shine, demonstrating just how much they have learnt and how much they have achieved. In the afternoons all Y6 classes will have a ball making rockets – the launcher is ready and raring for take off! I think the Year 6 teachers are rather excited about Rocket Week!

Remember

SATs don't measure sports,
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart,
SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons
You were put on this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are only a tiny glimpse
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,
With a pencil in your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
Remember you're the best!

Year 6 Weekend Homework

- Watch a comedy & laugh until your face hurts
- Go for a walk or play outdoors
- Visit or talk with a friend/family member who you haven't spoken to in a while
- Eat your favourite food
- Play a game with friends
- Sleep lots
- Plan something fun for next weekend
- Relax and have fun

Please remember that smart watches should not be worn to school at this time. Also, please be aware that the government is keen for all children to participate in these national assessments, therefore if a child is absent on the day of a test, there are arrangements in place to enable them to take the test when they do return to school.

STAFF UPDATE: Sadly, Mrs Francesca Neill departed from her Premises Manager post this week to take up an administrative post with a local charity. Everyone at Drayton wishes her all the very best of luck in her new role and thanks her for her hard work over the last year.

On another sad note, after 11+ years at Drayton Juniors, Mrs Michelle Taylor will soon be pursuing her dream career within the ambulance service. Big congratulations to her! She will be leaving Drayton Juniors after half term, so it's not quite goodbye yet. As both a parent and Teaching Assistant, Mrs Taylor has

contributed a huge amount to life at Drayton Juniors, something we are all incredibly grateful for. Let's all hope that she can fit in a bit more food technology before she leaves us – it makes the school smell divine!

This week we have welcomed Mrs Kathryn Fulcher to the staff team. For the summer term, Mrs Fulcher will primarily be based in 5H as a Learning Support Assistant, however she will also work across all year groups two afternoons a week leading nurture based group support alongside Mrs Kirsten Lane. Her previous experience leading ELSA (

VACANCY: Currently the school has a vacancy for a part-time administration post, 10 hours a week, to work with the highly experienced office team at Drayton Juniors. Whilst the previous postholder worked on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we are able to offer flexibility regarding days and hours for the right candidate. If you interested then please follow this link for further information about the post:

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/school-business-administrator/?fromSearchPage=true>

FOODBANK APPEAL: To support the Taverham, Thorpe Marriott and Drayton Foodbank Help Group, during the week commencing Monday 23rd May food donations can be left at the school. These will then be collected by Foodbank volunteers. More information to follow shortly.

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: Thank you to those who purchased the SPREE books earlier in the year. With summer upon us, there are some great money saving vouchers included in the SPREE books. You may be able to save yourself some money on a family day out whilst also raising valuable funds for the school. <https://www.spreebook.com/Norwich/fundraiser/Drayton-Junior-School/779>

Please be aware that there is a general Facebook group called 'Parents of Drayton Junior School' where school events and information about fundraising, etc... is shared. Anyone can join, and it is the place where announcements are made. The Friends provide valuable support for the school, using funds raised to enhance learning experiences for the children at Drayton Juniors. More volunteers are always appreciated so please do contact them if you have any great ideas or want to help out in any way. 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

May	
w/c Monday 9 th	Year 6 KS2 SATS Week
Mon 16 th – Wed 18 th	Year 6 Residential at Eaton Vale
Thu 19 th	Y3 Hoot with Me! (owl visit)
Fri 20 th	Friends Y4 Cake Sale
Mon 23 rd	Class Photographs; Foodbank donations can be brought to school this week
Thu 26 th	Y3 Thrigby Hall

Fri 27 th	Whole school Jubilee Celebration: wear red, white & blue; jubilee picnic
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	
Sun 5 th	10:30 St Margaret's Jubilee Service
w/c Mon 6 th	Year 4 Times Table Check (3 weeks)
Fri 10 th	Y4 Roman visitor in school FRIENDS' DISCO 6 – 7:30
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	
Fri 1 st	FRIENDS' Summer Social evening
Wed 6 th	New Year 3 Information Evening in school; 3:15 – 4:15 Open Classrooms for parents/carers to visit school to look at children's work, displays, etc...
Thu 7 th	Y5 Pleasurewood Hills; New Year 3s transition day; Y6 high school transition day
Fri 8 th	Y6 high school transition day; FRIENDS Y3 cake sale after school
Mon 11 th & Tues 12 th	Sports Days TBC – more information to follow
Tues 12 th	3:30pm Samba band, choir and instrumentalists performing

	outside for summer concert/picnic
Thu 14 th	p.m Ukulele band playing with Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain
Fri 15 th	End of year reports go home

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