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Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week it is the start of Refugee Week across the UK, with the theme of 'Healing' for 2022. In assembly we have started exploring what it means to be a refugee, celebrating the contribution of refugees to the UK as well as developing greater understanding. At Easter Mr Fleming travelled to Poland transporting aid to Ukrainians in need. At the time a Year 3 pupil wrote a letter sharing how they thought Drayton Juniors could make a difference. Following on from this, DJS is now part of Norfolk's School of Sanctuary 'A Day of Welcome' and on Friday this week we will be collecting money for Norfolk's 'Welcome Wheels.' Everyone can wear blue and yellow to raise awareness of Ukraine if they wish. In this way it is hoped that we can all make a positive difference to the lives of Ukrainian refugees who have come to Norwich. Very best wishes, Mrs Alison Read



What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?



PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: What a fantastic array of Platinum Jubilee events we all enjoyed at the end of last half term, continuing into half term! Thank you to all involved, especially Mrs Leigh, Miss Sabbar and School Council; your hard work was definitely worthwhile and appreciated by many. In school, year groups researched different decades of the Queen's reign (displayed at the beacon lighting); learnt about the Queen's Christian faith and its impact on her life; designed and created their own crowns, all culminating in a splendidly sunny parade at the whole school picnic. The children loved sharing their jubilee songs with parents on the playground, with the choir performing brilliantly at Drayton's beacon lighting on Thursday 2nd June, then at St Margaret's Platinum service. Special thank you to Taverham Nursery who donated a Platinum rose bush to be planted in the school garden.

ROMANS: On Friday 13th June all three Year 4 classes enjoyed marching around the playground as Roman soldiers, led superbly by a 'live' visiting Roman soldier. Roman armour was worn too as everyone had the chance to practise a spot of Roman style fighting with shields and swords. The skills of marching in unison as a class calling 'Sin Dex' was mastered brilliantly. Well done Y4

NEW BENCHES: Thank you to The Friends of Drayton Juniors for funding the new benches on the grass areas outside 4L, 5L & 5S. No sooner were they put together by Mr Smith, then children were using on them! We could really do with another bench or two in this area to support outdoor learning so any support at PTA fundraising events is very much appreciated. The recent Year 4 cake sale and school disco raised vital funds that will go towards equipment as well as subsidising trips and events in school. Please do get in touch if you wish to get involved with PTA events.

TENNIS: Last Thursday Mrs Bond and a group of Year 3 children enjoyed a morning of tennis at Taverham High School. Well done for the great behaviour from all, super enthusiasm and excellent tennis skills. Thank you for the opportunity THS!

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION: During the w/c 4th July children from each class will be spending some time looking at modern architecture and learning about some of the architects who are responsible for designing some of our most iconic buildings. Mrs Brooks' photography competition linked to this has the theme of 'Looking Up.' All entries will be displayed in school and the winners will be announced on Wednesday 15th June. Entries can be emailed to the school office: admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk

CRUCIAL CREW: At the end of last half term Year 6 enjoyed a morning of learning about emergency situations at Crucial Crew in Norwich. Aimed at 10 to 11-year-old children, Crucial Crew is a multi-agency safety education event. This involves the staging of theatrical safety sets for students to learn about safety by experiencing risk in a safe controlled environment. It is a really worthwhile trip for Year 6 as part of their preparation for transition to high school.

THRIGBY HALL: (As reported by 31 pupils – thank you for the great recount – sounds like a lot of fun was had!)

On Thursday the 26th of May 2022 the whole of Year 3 went on a school trip to Thrigby Hall Wildlife Park. We finally arrived at Thrigby Hall after an hour. As soon as we put our bags down we heard the hairy monkeys howling. Mrs Innes led us to the leopards where we got to see them from above their cage. As soon as we saw the red pandas we went rushing over to them. There was a playground to play on. We had so much fun, it was amazing. After break we went to the swamp. We saw a python there which was very big and frightening. Then we went to see the crocodile. It was staring at us but then it swam away. Then we went over a bridge and saw the crocodile asleep but when they heard us they opened their eyes which was really scary! When we reached the porcupine enclosure we looked through the glass and saw them snuggling together. They were much bigger than we thought. After lunch we went to see the cute meerkats and then the tigers. We walked right above where one of the tigers was having a rest! We then went to see some wildcats and some incredible birds. A mother duck was looking after her 7 ducklings – they were so cute! We had an amazing day. It was so good to be able to go on a school trip again!

COMING UP: On Friday 17th June, DJS will be participating in the **NORFOLK SCHOOLS FUNDRAISING FOR A DAY OF WELCOME 2022**. This year the funds raised, will go to the Welcome Wheels project.

Welcome Wheels is a collaborative project between three charities in Norwich that work with asylum seekers, refugees and isolated migrants (New Routes Integration, Norwich International Youth Project and English+) and the social enterprise Bicycle Links CIC. Together, they provide free bikes and safety equipment to newly arrived refugee families and individuals in Norwich. A bike is a simple solution to many of the challenges facing asylum seekers and



refugees: it provides the means to get around the city cheaply, it provides free exercise and keeps people active and healthy, and for some people, it can even help them find work!

We are inviting the children to wear non-school uniform on Friday – wearing blue and yellow, in support of those refugees who have arrived from Ukraine. A voluntary donation will be collected during registration.



DJS Information Update

STAFF VACANCY: After half term we have a vacancy for a Lunchbreak Supervisor to join the DJS team. Please just follow the link if you are interested - <https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/lunchbreak-supervisor/?fromSearchPage=true> – Occasionally additional hours are available supporting swimming and other activities in the school.

YEAR 3 JUBILEE FUNDRAISER: Winners to be announced on Friday 20th June.

FOODBANK APPEAL: Thank you to all who donated items at the end of last term. Your generosity is appreciated. Our next collection will be from Monday 20th June – Wednesday 22nd June. All donations are for the Taverham, Thorpe Marriott and Drayton Foodbank Help Group. Donations can be left in the school hall and will then be collected by Foodbank volunteers. The following items have been requested:

Dry Foods = Rice, Pasta, Cereals, Sugar, Crackers, Dried Instant Noodles, Cup'a'Soup

Treats = Biscuits, Cakes, Sweets, Chocolate

Tinned Foods = Meat of any kind (Meatballs, Hot Dogs, Mince, Ham, Corned Beef etc.), Tuna Fish, Spaghetti Hoops/Rings, Ravioli, Soup, Baked Beans, Baked Beans with Sausages, Rice Pudding, Fruit (peaches, fruit cocktail, pears etc), Tomatoes, Peas, Carrots, Potatoes.

Drinks = Tea, Coffee, Orange Squash or Blackcurrant Squash

Toiletries = Shower Gel, Soap, Toothpaste

Cleaning products = washing up liquid, bleach, toilet cleaner, bathroom cleaner, kitchen cleaner, Toilet rolls.

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR:

Have you joined the 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. A number of events have been planned for the summer term, including a welcome return to the Summer Social on Friday 1st July. Historically it is a really enjoyable occasion, as well as great fundraiser for the school.

Thank you to all who supported the disco on Friday night.



START COLLECTING TOKENS TODAY

SPORTS EQUIPMENT: Please help us to collect tokens to be in with a chance of winning £20,000 to spend on sports equipment. The token box can be found in the School Reception Area or maybe send them into school with your child in an envelope.

Each day tokens will be in the Eastern Daily Press (two on Saturday), Norwich Evening News (two on Saturday) and weekly in the North Norfolk News, Dereham Times, Fakenham Times, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Lowestoft Journal and Great Yarmouth Mercury. The two schools with the most tokens (as an average per pupil) will win the main two prizes meaning that all schools have a chance, both big and small.

DATES LIST 2021/22

June	
Mon 13 th	Y6@Gressenhall (Victorians)
Tues 14 th	Taverham High School visit to DJS p.m
Thu 16 th	'Year 5 Scrapbook' performances, one performance for parents/carers per class
Fri 17 th	Day of Welcome (School of Sanctuary) – wear Yellow & Blue, colours of Ukraine
Mon 20 th	Norwich Guide Dogs assembly visitor; Foodbank donations can be brought to school Monday – Wednesday
Thu 23 rd	DJS mini swimming gala with Taverham Juniors and Queen's Hill (10:30 – 12:30) Letters for participants will go home tomorrow
Mon 27 th	City Sports 15:30-18:00 TBC
Tues 28 th	City Sports 13:00-17:30 TBC
Wed 29 th	Y2s visit DJS for sports with Y3
Thu 30 th	City Sports 13:30-17:30 TBC
July	
Fri 1 st	FRIENDS' Summer Social evening 6:30 -8:30 HELP NEEDED
Mon 4 th	RE Day; Y3 trip to Hautbois Activity Centre (cancelled due to no coach availability)
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 in the hall for parents
Thu 14 th	p.m Ukulele band playing with Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain
Fri 15 th	End of year reports go home; Year 6 Disco & Chips
Mon 18 th	Foodbank donations can be brought to school Monday – Wednesday
Wed 20 th	a.m Y6 Leavers' Service@St Margaret's Church
Fri 22 nd	End of Term – Summer Holidays Begin
2022/23	Terms starts Tuesday 6th September

Please see the Norfolk County Council 2022/23 School Calendar for further details.