

# **Drayton CE Junior School**

## **NEWSLETTER SPRING 16 2022**

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### Dear Parents/Carers.

It is very nearly a 'Happy Summer Holidays' to you all; a time to reflect on all that has been achieved during the last year, rest and enjoy time with family and friends and plan and prepare for September with the new opportunities that lay ahead. This summer term it has been great to return to increased normality in school, with performances to parents in the hall returning, along with sports days, high school visits and more opportunities to meet as a community. It's hard to remember how different things were last July. Thank you to everyone who has been there for the children this year; so many memorable experiences have been provided. Wishing you all a very happy, healthy summer break having fun. Very best wishes, Mrs Alison Read



# What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?



YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK: At the start of this half term all children in Year 4 completed the new Multiplication Check. This is a statutory online test, with children answering 25 times table questions in a limited time period. Everyone in Year 4 deserves a big congratulations for the impressive times table progress made during the year. Although there is no pass mark, overall the average score was 20.4 with many children achieving 100%. Well done and thank you for your support. Regular practice has had a great impact on children's speed and accuracy. Also, Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) has been a fun way for the children to test their tables knowledge while competing against the clock and with friends. We hope they have been proud of their TTRS certificates. Keep practising your tables over the Summer Holidays – they will really help in Y5!

YEAR 6 SATS: In May, Year 6 completed the KS2 SATS in Reading, Maths and SPAG (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation). Outcomes were shared just a couple of weeks ago and we could not be more proud of their achievements, especially in light of all that has happened in recent years. Reading Expected or above 74% (National 74%); Maths Expected or above 77% (National 71%); SPAG Expected or above 72% (National 72%). Writing is teacher assessed and this year DJS was selected by the Local Authority to have its writing assessments moderated at the start of this half term. A huge thank you and well done to the Year 6 teachers who led this process with external moderators, receiving validation and well deserved praise for the Year 6 writing evidence shared. What a team of fabulous children and teaching staff!

**DRAYTON SUMMER FAYRE:** If you attended Drayton's Summer Fayre on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, you hopefully enjoyed listening to children from DJS singing a few tunes to a very smiley audience. It was a super community event, also supported by a small but rather awesome group of Year 5 pupils who expertly ran a stall. Thank you to them for volunteering their time, thank you to the choir and thank you to Mrs Leigh who was the mastermind behind it all.

CITY SPORTS: Norwich City Sports 2022 was yet another highlight of the year! All competitors represented the school brilliantly, putting their all into their individual performances, whilst demonstrating fabulous teamwork too. The children's pride and enjoyment was evident from the looks on their faces, especially during the Awards Ceremony when DJS received the Girls' Shield and Relay Cup, as well as being awarded the Overall Winners Cup. Absolutely fantastic teamwork, with a DJS pupil setting another City Sports record – Year 5 150m – beating the previous record set by a former DJS pupil!

**YEAR 3 FLUTES:** Our Year 3 children have been super fortunate this term to receive expert flute tuition as part of their music lessons. Thank you to Norfolk Music Hub for this fantastic learning opportunity.

**SOUNDS DISCOVERY BREAKFAST:** Thank you to Mrs Harrison who provided a scrumptious end of Sounds Discovery breakfast celebration for her Y3 group. What a rather scrumptious treat to reward all of your hard work! Keep reading over the Summer everybody, little and often, varying what you're reading.

**YEAR 6 GRESSENHALL:** Earlier this half term Year 6 enjoyed a lovely day of practical history learning at Gressenhall Museum. They all looked great in their costumes and were buzzing about the activities they had the chance to try their hands at during their time there - Don't think any wanted to stay in the Victorian eral

**YEAR 5 PLEASUREWOOD HILLS:** Linked to their Science learning about Forces and the mechanics of fairground rides, Year 5 had the opportunity to spend a day at Pleasurewood Hills on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The sun certainly shone for them with tons of fun had by all...including the teachers!

**YEAR 4 FRISBEES:** A special Thank you to Taverham High School who provided a Year 4 Frisbee sporting opportunity for a group of Year 4 children last Thursday. Mrs Bond led the group who enjoyed trying a different activity, as well as having the chance to be supported by the Young Sports Leaders from the high school. Opportunities to work together are appreciated by us all, and really support transition.

**SOUL SPACE:** Over the summer term Mr Fleming has prepared and set up two pop up 'Soul Spaces' in the school and outside, providing a valuable place for children to reflect and enjoy some quiet time. These will be further developed next year, with resources soon to be available from the Diocese. Thank you Mr Fleming, your time and efforts have really been appreciated. Wonder where the next one will pop up!

**UKULELE BAND:** Last Thursday Mrs Leigh took the Ukulele Band to the Theatre in the Woods in Holt, where they performed with the Ukulele Band of Great Britain. What a fantastic opportunity for this talented bunch of musicians! It was particularly good because the event was aired live so classes in school were able to watch the performances too, and even caught a glimpse of a few familiar DJS faces on the screen!

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY AND PERFORMANCES: Finally, WELL DONE & THANK YOU to

everyone who collaborated on both the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Year 6 'Time After Time' performances. What a talented and rather lovely group of Year 6 who will most definitely be missed! It has been a privilege to see them grow in confidence and blossom, ready for the next stage of their learning journey. On behalf of the DJS team, good luck and keep in touch.

A special thank you to Mrs Woollsey who expertly wrote the poignant and funny 'Time After Time' script, weaving in some great retro tunes with Mrs Leigh leading the music brilliantly. Teamwork is everything at DJS and together all of the pupils and Year 6 team have created special memories for the children as they move on. September brings new opportunities, new friendships, new challenges – go shine at high school!



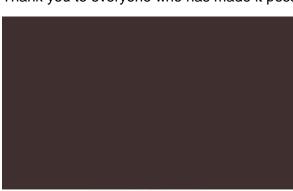


# FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR:

Great Summer Term fundraising: Year 6 Hoodies £159.50; Summer Social £1156.13; Disco £637.06

Thank you to everyone who has made it possible to provide such great events for the children and families

2022/23



so generously. Without all of you, the cost of trips and events would not have been reduced; without you the children wouldn't have more seating outside; without you children's learning and opportunities would not have been enhanced. Please do consider joining the small yet mighty Friends of DJS - many hands do make lighter work and make an even bigger difference to children!

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## Thank you to all who have supported the Friends of DJS – you are amazing!

## KIDS EAT FOR FREE **OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022**

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

## ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

#### DUNELM

a drink for every £4 spent in the instore cafe.

VO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on

## **BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

One free mini main, two snacks and Kids eat free with an adult main

#### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

#### CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

#### MORE TO COME!!

M&S. TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

If you enjoy running, why not sign up for the children's chip timed 2km run at

**Autumn Half Term:** 24th - 28th October

**Christmas Holiday:** 

19th Dec - 4th January

**February Half Term:** 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

Easter Holiday: 3rd -17<sup>th</sup> April

May Half Term: 29th May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Last day: 21st July



Terms starts on Tuesday 6th September