



# Drayton CE Junior School

## NEWSLETTER Autumn 1 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following last night's sad announcement of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, our community's thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time. During this morning's Collective Worship we came together as a school to talk about the death of her Majesty, addressing the news, observing a minute's silence to reflect on this historic moment. As we all come to terms with what happened, we know that some children will be affected by this in particular. We will keep the school routine as normal as possible as well as allowing the children opportunities to talk to if they want to.

As a period of public mourning begins over the next ten days, school remains open with the expectation that the day of the Queen's funeral will be a public holiday and therefore schools will be closed. Once we know more we will let you know. Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions.

If you need any further advice on how to support your child, you may wish to access one of the bereavement charities such as [Winston's Wish - giving hope to grieving children \(winstonswish.org\)](http://winstonswish.org), [Child Bereavement UK](http://ChildBereavementUK.org) or [Nelson's Journey | Child Bereavement Help for Norfolk | \(nelsonsjourney.org.uk\)](http://nelsonsjourney.org.uk).

Newsround have also produced a special programme exploring the Queen's extraordinary life which you may wish to share with your child. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/61665004> If your child needs extra support, please let us know.

Our thoughts and prayers and sincere condolences are with the Queen's loved ones at this difficult time.  
*Best wishes, Mrs Read*

## ***What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?***

**WELCOME TO YEAR 3:** A new school year brings a new group of Year 3 pupils to Drayton Juniors. We are all very proud of how quickly the children are getting used to new routines, settling in quickly and smoothly. For parents/carers wishing to speak with their child's class teacher in person, then after school is always best and much easier. If you would prefer to email information/query, please send it to: [admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk) and the email will be forwarded to your child's teacher. We will be arranging a special service at St Margaret's Church this term as a special welcome for our new children.

**NEW PUPILS:** Special welcome to a number of new children who have joined us in other year groups. It can be tricky joining a year group on your own but please do rest assured that children at Drayton are very good at making new friends and being very friendly and welcoming.

**Y5/6 FOOTBALL:** Welcome to Mr Craig Lambourne who joins our After School Football training team.

**SCHOOL GARDEN:** Produce is plentiful thanks to Mrs Plane and all her budding pupil gardeners. It's time to harvest the potatoes apparently as well as think about planting some Spring bulbs.

**TAVERHAM HIGH:** This week it was good to receive a positive email from Taverham High praising the children from Drayton Juniors who have joined them this September. We continue to work hard to develop transition arrangements so it is reassuring to know that the children have settled in quickly.

**FIRST AID:** During last week's INSET First Aid update training took place for a significant number of school staff. It would be brilliant to extend learning about first aid to the children so please do get in touch if you have any contacts that could help us arrange this.



## *DJS Information Update*

**SICKNESS REPORTING:** If your child is not in school please ensure that you inform the school office before 9:30am providing the reason for their absence. If possible, please call 01603 867504 to report your child's sickness/absence rather than email. You can leave a message on the school answerphone. When the office is very busy at the start of the day, the reading of emails can be delayed. Your support is much appreciated. For safeguarding reasons, any missing children

**END OF DAY COLLECTION:** Please remind your child/ren that if the adult collecting them from school is not there, then they should make their way to the school office or speak to the adult on the playground at the end of the day. Although other parents/adults may be tempted to help by looking after the child/ren themselves, this can lead to confusion and worry.

\*Only adults listed by parents as authorised contacts on the forms in the office are able to collect children from school. If you wish to add names to your child's authorised adult list then please contact the school office.

**PE KITS:** Children should wear PE kits to school on PE days. (All classes have had information shared about their PE days this week.) With colder weather around the corner, tracksuit bottoms over shorts may be needed.

**FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR:** Are you keen to help the school provide additional resources/opportunities to support the children's learning experience? Do you want to get to know other parents/carers? Just a few hours can make a massive difference and it can be good fun too.

The Friends of Drayton Junior are keen to get new fundraising projects off the ground and really need the help of other parents/carers to make this possible. If you are interested please contact the school office [admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk) with your contact details and The Friends will be in touch.

**COMMUNITY GOVERNORS:** If you know of a member of the community keen to contribute to the governance of Drayton CE Junior School then please contact [office@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk) Governors bring vital skills and perspective to a governing body, supporting the school's growth and development, providing both support and challenge.

**INTERNET SAFETY INFORMATION:** Diary date for 2023 when we have The Two Johns booked to visit us in school to provide important Internet Safety support for children, parents/carers and staff on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023. More information to follow but maybe take a look at their website in the meantime.

<https://esafetytraining.org/>

### DATES LIST 2022/23

September	
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup>	ASC Y5/6 Football starts 3:15-4:30
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival, St Margaret's Church – DJS group to attend

Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	Collective Worship with Rev Mark
<b>October</b>	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Height & Weight
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country League@Sprowston Junior
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening 3:20 – 6:00pm
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening 5:00 – 7:30pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	End of Term
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM WEEK

More dates to follow in the next newsletter.

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