



Drayton CE Junior School

NEWSLETTER Autumn 1 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers,

After a glorious summer, the rain has returned and with that wet playtimes and the need to wear layers, and definitely a coat to school every day. Autumn does bring fun opportunities for outdoor art work - 3S were very happy creating patterns with nature – and the Cross Country season is soon to start. Please see the extensive list of dates at the end of this newsletter – it's looking like it's going to be another good year of learning with opportunities for our community to come together. More Christmas dates are still to be added so please keep checking emails as the school calendar returns to 'normal.'

Best wishes, Mrs Read



What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?

YEAR 5 PLANETARIUM: Launching off Year 5's 'Stargazers' topic was a visit from Auriga Astronomy. From inside the Planetarium's dome the children loved exploring the Solar System. Thank you for organising their visit Mrs Lambourne, it really was an out of this world experience!

HARVEST SERVICE: On Sunday 25th September the DJS choir worked their magic once more, delighting the congregation with their beautiful singing, even incorporating a few calypso moves. Well done to all involved and thank you for inviting us Revd Marc. It was fabulous to see so many Year 3s in the choir – Where to next?!

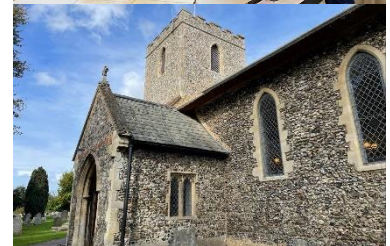
YEAR 4 SINGING COMPETITION: Continuing the singing theme, last week we were excited to learn that Year 4's song entry recorded earlier this term was a winner in the Jigsaw PSHE 'The Voice' competition. Just brilliant Y4!

MARTIAL ARTS: Thank you to Danny Jordan from Martial Arts East for leading Martial Arts taster sessions with all classes last week and this week. It has been great for the children to experience a different physical activity, involving flexibility and fitness as well as self-restraint and discipline. Well done everybody!

FOOD TECHNOLOGY: This term groups of Year 3 have started to be busy in the school kitchen baking bread rolls last week, filling the corridors with delicious smells, with vegetable soup on the menu for this week. Well done Mrs Plane, the Y3s have loved their cooking and it's even better to share at home. Thank you for sending in your containers & donations.

YEAR 6: On Thursday 15th September a group of Year 6 visited St Margaret's Church with Mrs Read to write a message in the Book of Condolence. Revd Marc spent some time with the children, sharing thoughts and ideas about what to write in the book, resulting in a beautiful message that came from the heart. Well done Y6s, you did the school proud.

ECO-SCHOOL AWARD: Congratulations to our industrious Eco-Council 2021/22, led by Mrs Brosche, who successfully achieved the Eco-Schools Green Award. This is brilliant achievement to be very proud of, a real testament to their hard work and commitment. Your litter collecting and recycling project had a really good impact.





DJS Information Update

HARVEST ASSEMBLY/FOODBANK COLLECTION: Once again, this year's Harvest Collection will be for Foodbank in Taverham supporting local families. Please see below a list of suggested items, along with a reminder that Foodbank do not accept fresh food and all donations should have 3 months left on their expiry date. Collection will be on Friday 27th September and all donations should go to the hall.

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.

Thank you, your kindness is very much appreciated, especially during these times of increased costs.



PAYMENTS: Online payments are much preferred at Drayton Juniors if at all possible. The school incurs additional costs when handling cash payments, therefore it would be appreciated if we can avoid these. For online payments parents will need:

Sort code: **20-62-61** Account number: **80607754** Account name: **Norfolk County Council**

Unique Reference: (please contact the school office for this reference)

PE KITS: Children have been looking great in their school PE kits this year. Thank you for your support. If you are experiencing difficulties sourcing or paying for uniform, please be reminded that we have a stock of secondhand, good quality items so please speak to the office staff. We are here to help where we can.

VACANCY: Currently we have two vacancies for lunchtime supervisors to join our hardworking team starting after October half term. (Members of our current team also fulfil teaching assistant positions in the school so if this is a role that you are also interested in please do let us know.) Whilst the SMSA positions are Monday – Friday, part-time options will also be considered.

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/lunchbreak-supervisor-9/?fromSearchPage=true>

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: Last week the Friends of Drayton Juniors began planning fundraising events for the year (see calendar below), keen to raise valuable funds to enhance learning experiences for the children. July's Friends' Summer Social was a great success, not only providing a brilliant community event, but also raising money to support the school. Current fundraising projects include buying a new sound system for the hall, to support school productions, assemblies, etc..., as well as continuing to subsidise the ever increasing costs of school visits and visitors. If you are interested in joining The Friends and supporting fundraising for the children, please contact the school office 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 Governors bring vital skills and perspective to a governing body, supporting the school's growth and development, providing both support and challenge.

CROHN'S & COLITIS UK
FUNDRAISING

LONDON MARATHON: Finally, on Sunday 1st October Mrs Read will be hoping to complete the London Marathon, raising valuable money for Crohn's & Colitis UK, a charity that is very close to her heart. All donations support this important charity that does so much for those with this chronic disease. Thank you to all who from DJS who have donated already. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alison-read13?fbclid=IwAR03VcoyWnV3pxFYnSDXltbwuarYkbyR-dZ1mM16ZOo6ZPXp46bdDMR1tR0>

DATES 2022/23

September	
Tues 27 th	Harvest Collective Worship with Rev Mark – Foodbank donations to go to the hall – collection on Friday (see email)
Thur 29 th	Y3/4 Active Kids Group session @THS 10-1
October	
Wed 5 th	Y6 Height & Weight (NHS)
Thur 13 th	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Group session @THS 10-1; Taverham High School Open Evening
Fri 14 th	Y3 Welcome Service at St Margaret's Church, Drayton 11a.m – parents/carers welcome to join too; Y5/6 Cross Country League @Sprowston Junior School
Mon 17 th	Parents' Evening 3:20 – 6:00pm (online)
Thu 20 th	Parents' Evening 5:00 – 7:30pm (online)
Fri 21st Oct	Y4 Cake Sale 11am/11:15am – cake/cookie donations please - 50p/£1 per item; End of Term
24 th – 28 th	HALF TERM WEEK
Sun 30 th	Norfolk Gazelles 2k children's canter at Norwich Showground 9am – Would be great to see some of our talented DJS runners on the course, earning themselves a medal for their efforts.
Mon 31 st	Return to school
November	
Wed 2 nd	Y3/4 Girls' Football Group & Y5/6 Girls' Football Group activity 10-1
Mon 7 th	Parent Consultations with SENCO, Mrs Angela Lamb (online)
Mon 14 th	3B & 3S trip to Norwich Castle - 'Ancient Egypt' workshop TBC
Tues 15 th	3I trip to Norwich Castle (as above) TBC
Fri 18 th	Y5/6 Cross Country League @Falcon Junior School; DJS Friends Quiz & Chips 7-9pm (BYO)
December	
Fri 2 nd	Y5 Cake Sale 11am/11:15am – cake/cookie donations please - 50p/£1 per item; Y5/6 Cross Country League @Eaton Park
Fri 9 th	Whole School RE Day; Christmas Jumper Day raising funds for Save the Children
Wed 14 th	Christmas Carol Service at St Margaret's for the choir, musicians and their parents/carers @ 11am
Fri 16 th	Christmas Church Service at St Margaret's Y3/4 9:30, Y5/6 11:00; End of Term – Christmas Holidays begin
Sun 18 th	Carols by Candlelight at St Margaret's Church, 6:30pm
19 th – 3 rd	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

January	
Wed 4 th	Term starts
Thur 5 th	The Two Johns – E-Safety Y3/4 11:00, Y5/6 1:30; Parents/carers 6:30pm
Fri 20 th	Friends Y5/6 Disco 6-7:30 TBC
February	
Thur 2 nd	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Sports Competition @UEA Sportspark, 10-4, spectators welcome
Fri 3 rd	Friends Y3/4 Disco 6-7:30 TBC
Fri 10 th	End of Term
Fri 24 th	Y5/6 Cross Country League @ Horsford
13 th – 17 th	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon 20 th	Term starts
March	
Fri 24 th	Friends Family Easter Bingo & Chips 6-8pm
Fri 31 st	Last day of Term
April	
3 rd – 17 th	EASTER HOLIDAY
Mon 17 th	Staff INSET
Tues 18 th	Term starts
May	
w/c Mon 8 th	KS2 SATS Week (Y6)
Thur 18 th	Y4/5/6 Frisbee Festival @THS 10-2
Fri 19 th	Friends Y5/6 Disco 6-7:30 TBC
Fri 26 th	End of Term
29 th – 2 nd	HALF TERM WEEK
June	
Mon 5 th	Term starts
Thur 8 th	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket 10-2 @ Horsford
12 th – 14 th	Y6 residential @Eaton Vale TBC
Thur 15 th	Y3/4 Tennis 10-1 @Easton

w/c Mon 26 th	City Sports Week: Mon 3:30 – 5:30 Field events; Tues 1-5:30 Track Heats; Thur 1:30-5:30 Track Finals
Fri 30 th	Friends Y3/4 Disco 6-7:30 TBC
July	
Mon 3 rd	RE Day
Wed 19 th	Y6 Leavers' Service at St Margaret's Church 11:00, parents/carers welcome
Fri 21 st	End of Term; End of School Year