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Dear Parents/Carers,  
Wishing everyone a very happy Half Term break. It has been a super busy start to the school year with a whole host of sporting events taking place, from the restart of the Y5/6 Cross Country season at Sprowston Juniors, Y4 Active Kids to Y5/6 Tag Rugby and a whole host of football matches. Well done to everybody involved, being outdoors and staying active does us the world of good so hopefully some chilled Autumn walks or bike rides for lots of us this holiday time. I'll be heading to Brighton for some sea air for a few days, with no doubt a few dog walks over Blickling. Whatever you do, have fun. *Best wishes, Mrs Read*



## What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?



**YEAR 3 WELCOME SERVICE:** Last Friday morning Year 3 walked down the hill to St Margaret's Church for a special 'Welcome Service' led by Revd Marc. It was great to be joined by some parents/carers who seemed to enjoy the children's singing in the church as much as the DJS Y3 teaching team. It was really good to share 'The Good Samaritan' stained glass window with the children, explaining how our CARE values are so important to all of us at the school. We all look forward to returning to the church in next term.

**INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR:** This term Mrs Leigh has been working closely with our neighbours at Badgers Wood Care Home, taking children across the home to enjoy some collaborative singing with some of the residents. We really do love how music is a great way to bring people together, lifting everyone's spirits. Looking ahead, some intergenerational reading/book sharing is being planned, giving the children a chance to share their favourites, at the same time as exploring some classics from the past.

**Y5/6 FOOTBALL:** Football has really come to life at DJS this term with some fantastic Thursday AS training with Mr Lambourne and Mr Arden, lunchtime practice with Mrs Finch, followed by a multitude of matches where all teams have performed brilliantly. Yesterday's final ASC of this half term included a mini tournament between teams, with the 'Blue Raptors' coming out on top! Thank you to all involved in making these matches possible, from the coaches to the admin team, and of course the children and their families.

**LIBRARY:** All library books are very nearly logged onto the electronic library system...just a little more time. Special thank you to two of DJS's governors, Mrs Williams & Mrs Lister, who spent a day cataloguing books for us; we really do appreciate your help and support.

**HOUSE POINT SYSTEM:** Well done to the Romans who were victorious this half term, collecting the most house points and winning a reward at the start of next term: a non school uniform on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, wearing something red, the Roman House colour (please don't spend any money on this). Great work from the new Y6 House Captains who are leading and organising their Houses superbly.

**LONDON MARATHON 2022:** Thank you to all that donated to the Crohn's & Colitis charity as part of Mrs Read's London Marathon challenge. It was an absolutely amazing experience, all 26.2 miles of it – job done!

**COMING UP:** The team from Book Bugs & Dragon Tales in Norwich will be visiting DJS on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to deliver some entertaining storytime/book making sessions with classes, followed by a Book Fair after school on the same day. Also, from November 20<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December, to celebrate the World Cup, all classes will take part in fun activities learning all about the countries of the teams they will be supporting.



## ***DJS Information Update***

**CURRICULUM MAPS:** All parents/carers should have received a year group specific curriculum map for their child detailing what they will be learning next half term. Maybe you can do some pre-reading or plan a visit during half term linked with their new topic. The map is also available on the school website, along with last term's curriculum map.

**SCHOOL HOURS:** The current government White Paper is proposing that all schools must provide 32.5 hours of education from September 2023, meaning that an additional 10 minutes needs to be added to the school day. Consultation between local schools is already taking place in order that any changes to start/finish times support our mutual families. At present the whistle being blown at 8:45am (as opposed to 8:50am) and the school day ending 5 minutes later, at 3:15pm, is being considered. If parents/carers wish to provide feedback/comment, then please email [admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk). Thank you.

**PARKING:** Unfortunately parking before and after school has created problems for our local residents, with driveways and Bellomonte Crescent being illegally blocked. Whilst the numerous roadworks around the school are not helping the situation, please help us to keep children safe by parking sensibly as well as respecting public highway laws. Our local community is very important to us and we really do not wish for any local resident to be upset by illegal parking at drop off/collection times. Local police are aware of this situation.

**PAYMENTS:** Thank you from the office team for dinner payments being made promptly since September. Online payments are much preferred if possible as they incur less costs to the school.  
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**TOYS:** Please be reminded that children should not be bringing toys/cards from home into school. This can create unnecessary arguments as precious items can easily become lost and damaged. Your support here is very much appreciated. Thank you.

**VACANCIES:** Drayton Juniors is advertising for a Learning Support Assistant Vacancy:

[https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/learning-support-assistant-72/?fromSearchPage=true&utm\\_campaign=google\\_jobs\\_apply&utm\\_source=google\\_jobs\\_apply&utm\\_medium=organic](https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/learning-support-assistant-72/?fromSearchPage=true&utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic)

Plus a Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy:

[https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/lunchbreak-supervisor-13/?fromSearchPage=true&utm\\_campaign=google\\_jobs\\_apply&utm\\_source=google\\_jobs\\_apply&utm\\_medium=organic](https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/lunchbreak-supervisor-13/?fromSearchPage=true&utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic)

**FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR:** Thank you to all Year 4 children and their families that supported today's Friends Cake Sale. It is also very pleasing to receive emails from Community at Heart Lottery who are stating that thanks to your support the school is on track to raise £728 from the project this year. Please contact the school office [admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk) with your contact details if you wish to become involved in The Friends fundraising. There is more information on the school website.

### **DATES 2022/23**

<b>October</b>	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Y4 Cake Sale 11am/11:15am – cake/cookie donations please - 50p/£1 per item; End of Term
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM WEEK
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>st</sup>	Return to school; AS Football Match DJS v Colman (away)
<b>November</b>	
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Girls' Football Tournament@
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Book Fair – Book Bugs & Dragon Tales (see flyer email); Y3/4 Girls' Football Group & Y5/6 Girls' Football Group activity 10-1
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Roman House Team only – REWARD: Non-school uniform day – wear an item of red (please don't spend any money on this)
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations with SENCO, Mrs Angela Lamb (online)
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Writes Individual Photographs
w/c 14 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying Week/Road Safety Week
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	3B & 3S trip to Norwich Castle - 'Ancient Egypt' workshop; Y4 singing workshop with Jigsaw PSHE visitor
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	3I trip to Norwich Castle (as above); Y4 singing workshop with Jigsaw PSHE visitor
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 singing workshop with Jigsaw PSHE visitor
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need – Wear Spots & Stripes in return for a charity donation; Y5/6 Cross Country League @Falcon Junior School; DJS Friends Quiz & Chips 7-9pm (BYO)

Thur 24 <sup>th</sup>	Final ASC Y5/6 Football
<b>December</b>	
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup>	3:15 – 4:30 OPEN EVENING for prospective Year 2 parents/carers, a chance to visit the school, look around the classes and speak to teachers TBC – individual appointments available upon request (please email admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk; Drayton Christmas Lights Switch On, 5pm – Year 5 & DJS Choir invited to perform
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5 Cake Sale 11am/11:15am – cake/cookie donations please - 50p/£1 per item (Please do not send money to the school office); Y5/6 Cross Country League @Eaton Park
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Well-Being Café for parents/carers, 9-10am, refreshments provided, more information to follow
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Christmas Performance for parents/carers 6pm
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Christmas Performance for parents/carers 9:30am; Whole School RE Day; Christmas Jumper Day raising funds for Save the Children
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Norwich Puppet Theatre 'The Pied Piper' Y3/4 & Y5/6 performance
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Carol Service at St Margaret's for the choir, musicians and their parents/carers @ 11am
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Church Service at St Margaret's Y3/4 9:30, Y5/6 11:00; End of Term – Christmas Holidays begin
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Carols by Candlelight at St Margaret's Church, 6:30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
<b>January</b>	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Term starts
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup>	The Two Johns – E-Safety Y3/4 11:00, Y5/6 1:30; Parents/carers 6:30pm E-Safety for Parents@DJS
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friends Y5/6 Disco 6-7:30 TBC
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	DJS choir@St Margaret's Church Candlemas Service, 10:30am – invitation for grandparents to attend
<b>February</b>	
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Sports Competition @UEA Sportspark, 10-4, spectators welcome
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friends Y3/4 Disco 6-7:30 TBC
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Cross Country League @ Horsford
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Term starts
<b>March</b>	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Friends Family Easter Bingo & Chips 6-8pm
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of Term; p.m Y5/6 Cross Country@Langley Prep School

<b>April</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	EASTER HOLIDAY
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Staff INSET
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Term starts
<b>May</b>	
w/c Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATS Week (Y6)
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y4/5/6 Frisbee Festival @THS 10-2
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friends Y5/6 Disco 6-7:30 TBC
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term
29 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	HALF TERM WEEK
<b>June</b>	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Term starts
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket 10-2 @ Horsford
12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 residential @Eaton Vale TBC
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Tennis 10-1 @Easton
w/c Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Friends Y3/4 Disco 6-7:30 TBC
<b>July</b>	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	RE Day
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Leavers' Service at St Margaret's Church 11:00, parents/carers welcome
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term; End of School Year