



Drayton CE Junior School

NEWSLETTER Autumn 3 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers,
Achievement Assembly today was a very happy sea of spots and stripes, along with many pairs of Pudsey ears. Thank you to everyone who supported and donated towards our fundraising for Children in Need 2022, especially during a time when many families are struggling. Children at Drayton continue to make us all incredibly proud with their positive energy and enthusiasm for activities – School Council's ability to run a very busy cake stall was rather impressive! With just four weeks until the end of term, no doubt music from the Year 4's Christmas production will soon be filling the corridors. It is just the best time to work in a school. *Best wishes, Mrs Read*



What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?

SCHOOL CROSSING CELEBRATION: Congratulations to Mrs Linda Plane who received her well-deserved 20 year award at the recent Fire Services Awards evening. What a fantastic achievement for such a dedicated and valuable member of the Crossing Patrol Team! We are all very proud of you Linda, as well as incredibly grateful for keeping everyone safe. Thank you, and thank you for all of the gardening and cooking opportunities you support us with at DJS too!



YEAR 4 JIGSAW MUSIC MAKERS: Earlier this week there was much excitement in Year 3 as the very talented, very enthusiastic Ryan (from Jigsaw, PSHE provider) worked with groups of Year 4 children to create a piece of music that the company will use on their website. Having won this opportunity earlier this year from entering the Jigsaw singing competition, it gave everyone a real life on a rainy week to have so much fun together making music. The finished project should be available to share in January when editing has been completed by Jigsaw.



BOOK FAIR: The team from Book Bugs & Dragon Tales in Norwich visited DJS on Wednesday 2nd November to deliver some entertaining storytime/book making sessions with classes, followed by a Book Fair after school on the same day. Thank you to Mrs Hone for organising this. All classes enjoyed exploring the many new and exciting texts, selecting a new book for each class. Reading has really come alive this term, with our many Reading Ambassadors taking an active role in the library, with the new electronic scanning system working really well and the library is becoming a buzzing hub of activity for all.





NORWICH CASTLE TRIP: As part of their 'Ancient Egypt' History study, all Year 3 classes visited Norwich Castle earlier this week. Using artefacts they learnt all about mummification, whilst also taking part in an ethical discussion about excavating Egyptian burial sites. Very happy children returned to DJS wearing the Egyptian Jewellery they made. Thank you to Mrs Bond for organising what was clearly a great day of learning.

STONE AGE DAY: On Tuesday Year 4 enjoyed an active day of hands on learning during their 'Stone Age Day.' This included building stone age shelters out of natural materials; cave art using charcoal and chalk, as well as working in teams creating an edible Stone Henge. Your classroom display look great Year 4!

ENRICHMENT: This week it has been brilliant work with other schools to provide valuable enrichment activities for Year 5. Our Year 5 classes have all enjoyed 'A Game of Sprouts' Maths lesson today with Mr Everett from Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form Outreach. On Tuesday they also enjoyed IT workshops delivered by colleagues from Taverham High School, working with Aviva. Thank you to everyone involved in organised such great STEM learning activities for the children, helping them to understand how skills in the classroom can be applied in so many different ways.

SCIENCE CAPITAL: Do you work in the world of Science? Could your profession support learning at DJS? If so, Mrs Woolsey would love to hear from you. As a school, we are keen to provide our pupils with a rich 'Science Capital' building on their understanding of the role of Science in the world.

WORLD CUP COMPETITION: Thanks to Miss Parker who (with her Geography Subject Leader head on) has organised a World Cup competition for classes. On Wednesday all classes and staff were allocated their teams, keeping their fingers crossed that their team wins. Everyone has been given research to complete by Miss Parker, using the World Cup as a great opportunity to widen our knowledge of the world.

CHILDREN IN NEED: Finally, what a splendid job School Council have done to organise a buzzing Children in Need day today. Over £265 has been raised from the cake sale alone, with more raised from the well supported Art Competition. Congratulations to the prize winners announced in Achievement assembly this morning. A huge well done to our School Council, led by Mrs Jacobs, as well as Year 3 who donated lots of scrummy cakes. We were also lucky enough to receive donations of cakes from Tesco's in Drayton – A Big thank you to them too! Top job everyone, you should be very proud of yourselves.



DJS Information Update

ABSENCE REPORTING: Thank you to everyone who diligently keeps the office informed about absences. This greatly supports the school office, especially first thing in the morning when they need to order lunches by 10am. In recent weeks it has taken considerable time and effort to ascertain several children's whereabouts, resulting in a home visit on one occasion. Therefore, please be reminded that for safeguarding purposes all absences must be reported to Mrs Terrington/Mrs Hastings by 9:30am. Outside agency involvement may need to be contacted if the school is unable to locate absent children, following safeguarding procedures in place.

FILLING THE GAP: Over the last two years, Taverham Evangelical Church has been running the 'Filling the Gap' project, supporting local families in need. Previously they have provided food parcels for families in receipt of FSM, however organisers understand that there are probably many other families who need some support. 'Filling the Gap' are able to provide immediate food parcels, or can refer families to Norwich Food who also offer fuel vouchers and can signpost to other agencies. They can also make referrals to the Soul Supermarket where people can buy groceries and other household items for £3.00 per bag.

If you would like to access this support please contact Rachel Ward (our Chair of Governors) via email: admin@tec-church.com – Please write 'Filling the Gap' in the subject box. The school is also able to refer families. This can be done via the school office where consent forms and information sharing will need to be agreed. All information received is confidential.

FOODBANK COLLECTION: As a community working together, support for those in need is only possible thanks to the kindness of others. With this in mind, on Wednesday 14th December we will have a Foodbank collection at Drayton Juniors, with items being donated brought into school hall from Friday 9th December. Having completed an inventory of items in their stockroom, Taverham Foodbank have informed us that they would be very grateful to receive the following:

Dried Rice tinned veg(garden peas, carrots, potatoes, sweet corn) Tinned ham or similar
Hot chocolate Marshmallows Coffee Jam Tinned fruit Custard Jelly Shower gel Liquid soap
Toilet rolls Toothpaste Christmas sweet biscuits Christmas savoury biscuits
Mince pies (use by date must be no earlier than 28 Dec)
Other cakes (use by date must be no earlier than 28 Dec)

MOBILE PHONES: For Safeguarding reasons, children should not be bringing mobile phones to school, storing them in their bags, however for some families we understand that your child needs access to a mobile phone when they leave school at the end of the day. In these circumstances, they should take their mobile phone to the office when they arrive at school and then collect it from there at the end of the school day. Teaching staff will remove any mobile phones from children if they are using them during the school day and the school will notify parents/carers to collect them from the school office.

PAYMENTS: Please continue to pay dinner payments promptly.
Online payments are much preferred if possible as they incur less costs to the school.
Sort code: **20-62-61** Account number: **80607754** Account name: **NCC Drayton CE VC Junior School**
Unique Reference: (please contact the school office for this reference)

VACANCIES: Drayton Juniors is advertising for a Cleaner:
<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/cleaner-215/?fromSearchPage=true>

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: Thank you to all Year 3 children and their families that supported today's Children in Need Cake Sale, as well as those that bought cakes. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated by us all. Don't forget that it's the Friends' Quiz & Chips tonight – Time for some healthy competition between everyone with some tasty chips to feast on for energy?!

Please contact the school office 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

November	
Fri 18 th	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)
Wed 23 rd	Flu immunization 2 nd visit p.m;
Thur 24 th	Final ASC Y5/6 Football; Deadline for ordering Children's Christmas School Dinner

December	
Thur 1 st	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 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 nd	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 th	Well-Being Café for parents/carers, 9-10am, refreshments provided, more information to follow
Thur 8 th	Year 4 Christmas Performance for parents/carers 6pm
Fri 9 th	Year 4 Christmas Performance for parents/carers 9:30am; Whole School RE Day; Christmas Jumper Day raising funds for Save the Children
Mon 12 th	Norwich Puppet Theatre in school performance of 'The Pied Piper' Y3/4 & Y5/6; Donations to Foodbank to the hall from 12 th until 14 th December.
Wed 14 th	Christmas Carol Service at St Margaret's for the choir, musicians and their parents/carers @ 11am; Christmas Foodbank Collection; Christmas Dinner
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 E-Safety for Parents@DJS
Fri 20 th	Friends Y5/6 Disco 6-7:30 TBC
Sun 29 th	DJS choir@St Margaret's Church Candlemas Service, 10:30am – invitation for grandparents to attend
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; p.m Y5/6 Cross Country@Langley Prep School
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