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Drayton CE Junior School

NEWSLETTER Spring 5 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to think that it's already February (where did January disappear?!)
School life has been rather hectic and every time I've sat down to write a newsletter, another more urgent task has appeared. Thankfully the industrious school office team have worked their magic and emailed information out. With school unfortunately being closed today, I did want to thank you for your continued support. We are living through uncertain times where keeping children safe whilst providing the best education for your children continues to be our priority. We very much look forward to welcoming them everyone back into school tomorrow. Best wishes, Mrs Read



What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?

THE TWO JOHNS: At DJS we recognise that staying safe online is incredibly important in today's world, therefore we invited Essex based 'The Two Johns' into school at the start of January to update staff and governor E-safety training, as well as deliver internet safety workshops for all pupils and parents. (Thank you to those who attended.) All of our eyes were well and truly opened by the children's vast online knowledge. The Two Johns provided some great strategies to keep children safe online – it's well worth following them online (links are available on the school website) – however their central message was for us all to maintain an open, honest dialogue with children, making time to connect with their interests; children need to trust adults and feel able to speak to them if they are worried, without fear of being punished for doing so.

<https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

YEAR 6 SCIENCE VISITOR: On Thursday 12th January Year 6 were joined by Dr Mandy, who provided excellent workshops to enhance their learning about evolution and adaptation. Practical experiences such as these make learning more memorable and enjoyable for the children. It was fabulous to observe Year 6 collaborate so well together, asking some great scientific questions. Thank you Mrs Woolsey for organising Dr Mandy's visit to DJS.

HISTORY TIMELINE MURAL: We have all loved welcoming the very talented artists Sunny & Pea into the school this week as they started to create our History timeline. All of the historical images are connected to our DJS curriculum (Thank you Mrs Bond), meaning that it not only looks beautiful, but is also going to be a great learning resource. Sunny & Pea have praised the children's enthusiasm, answering many of their inquisitive questions. Their temporary occupation in the school has also given us all a unique insight into the work of artists and how they develop a work of art over time. We will of course share photographs of the finished product, but in the meantime you are very welcome to visit school.

HOUSE COMPETITION: Well done to our House Captains who organised a competition to design a logo for each House. We had four very worthy winners whose designs will soon be on display on the House board.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY: Friday's Achievement Assembly continues to be a highlight of the week. Last week was no exception, with Norfolk County Athletic medals being shared by a Y6 pupil representing the county in Athletics. What a brilliant achievement to be celebrated- Well done M!



GRANDPARENTS' CANDLEMAS SERVICE: A special thank you to the DJS choir, Mrs Leigh and Mrs Lambourne for singing at St Margaret's Candlemas Service last Sunday where grandparents were invited to join in the celebrations. It certainly sounds like the church was packed! Revd Marc shared that it was very special event where maybe a tear or two may have been shed listening to the children's beautiful singing. Thank you for your support at the weekend.



DJS Information Update

STAFFING: Following interviews at the start of January, it has been a pleasure to welcome Mrs Lyn Sawyer and Mrs Dorothy Rowe to the DJS team. After half term our teaching support team will expand further, with Mrs Hayley Marshal and Ms Aly Clarke joining the team. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the induction of new members of staff, making them very welcome.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS: If your child currently does not qualify for Free School Meals but your family circumstances have changed, then it may be worth making an online application using the following link: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk> Pupils in receipt of FSM also receive additional funding for educational purposes, including reduced costs for residential trips. It is well worth spending a few minutes making a Free School Meal application.

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)

FILLING THE GAP: Taverham Evangelical Church's 'Filling the Gap' project, supports local families in need. They 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 done via the school office where consent forms and information sharing will need to be agreed. All information received is confidential.

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: Thank you to all involved organising and supporting the Y5/6 disco on Friday 20th January. Time for the Y3/4s to put their dancing shoes on this Friday! Hope you can join us.

If you wish to become involved in The Friends fundraising please contact the school office admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk with your contact details. More information is on the school website.

DATES 2022/23

February	
Thur 2 nd	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Sports Competition @UEA Sportspark, 10-4, spectators welcome; ASC football starts
Fri 3 rd	Non-school uniform wearing House Colours – 50p/£1 donation towards School Council Playground equipment project; Friends Y3/4 Disco 6-7:30
Wed 8 th	After secondhand uniform on the playground (Donations towards School Fund)
Fri 10 th	End of Term

13 th – 17 th	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon 20 th	Term starts
Tues 21 st	Y6 Boys' Football match away@Old Catton
Wed 22 nd	Year 5 Maths Challenge@Norwich School a.m; Girls' football match away@Colman; Y5 Boys' football home – White Woman Lane (cup)
Thur 23 rd	Parents' Evening 3:30-6:00 - online, in person appointment available upon request
Fri 24 th	Year 6 Maths Challenge@Norwich School a.m
Tues 28 th	Parents' Evening 5:00 -7:30 – online, in person appointment available upon request ; Y5 Boys' football away@Avenue
March	
Wed 1 st	2 nd proposed Teacher Industrial Action – Information to be shared regarding any class/school closure by 23.2.2023
w/c 6th	Y4 Hilltop Residential – Mon-Wed (4P, ½ 4B) Wed-Fri 4H, ½ 4B)
Mon 6 th	Y6 Boys' football home - Poringland
Tues 14 th	Y6 Boys' football home - Eaton
Wed 15 th	Y5 Boys' Football home – Whiet Woman Lane
Fri 17 th	Comic Relief Fundraiser – further details to follow
Mon 20 th	After school Girls' football match against St Williams (home)
Tues 21 st	Y5 Boys' Football – away - Eaton
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	
Mon 8 th	School Closed – King's Coronation
w/c Tues 9 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
w/c Mon 22 nd	DJS Pool Party – 50 years old!

Mon 22 nd	School Photographer in
Wed 24 th	Y5 Cultural Music event p.m 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
Thur 15 th	Y3/4 Tennis 10-1 @Easton
Fri 16 th	Year 5 STEAM day@THS
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