

Drayton CE Junior School

NEWSLETTER Spring 7 2023

Please go to: www.draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk

Dear Parents/Carers.

From everyone at Drayton Juniors, we wish you all a very Happy Easter break. It may have been a shorter term, but we have certainly packed in a lot of activities and learning. Thank you to the awesome Year 4 team who led another successful residential to Hilltop. Despite all the weathers that were thrown at them, all of the children thrived during their many exploits! We've also enjoyed World Book Day, Y3 Greek Day, Samba and Flute performances, Cross Country, a multitude of Football matches, as well as Red Nose Day where the children's leadership and organisation skills resulted in a very successful fundraiser – raising over £550! Thank you to our amazing community, our children, our staff team, our governors and our families, who have made all of this possible, providing great memories for the children. Time for some R&R now before term restarts on Tuesday 18th April. Best wishes, Mrs Read



What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?



DJS Information Update



SCHOOL OFFICE: The start of the school day can be an incredibly busy time in the office. Mrs Terrington & Mrs Hastings work very hard to address issues and answer questions, however please be aware that dinners need to be ordered by 10am and if this does not happen then we run the risk of having a school full of very hungry children. Whilst the vast majority of parents are respectful and polite towards the office team, this term we have unfortunately had incidents of rudeness directed towards them which has been very upsetting and will not be tolerated. I kindly request that all adults model the behaviour we want our children to follow and that all staff are treated with respect and kindness. We are fortunate to have a very friendly, supportive community; thank you to those parents/carers who have supported the office team when they have witnessed inappropriate behaviour towards them. Your support has been appreciated.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE: Thank you to everyone who has completed the recent online questionnaire. Your feedback is incredibly helpful as we explore ways to enhance the DJS home school relationship. Year Group Reading Cafes will be returning in the summer term, as well as more opportunities to visit school. Currently we are planning our forthcoming coronation celebration, which will hopefully includes sharing songs with parents/carers. https://forms.gle/XUHdZC8kXgf23WCK6

STAFFING: Next term we are all very excited to be joined by Mrs Yates (currently Miss Sabbar) who is getting married during the Easter break. From all at DJS, we wish her and her future husband a very special wedding day, followed by a lifetime of health and happiness. Thank you to all who have passed their good wishes to the happy couple. Photos to follow...we hope!

LOCAL ATHLETICS OPPORTUNITY: See poster opposite.

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/athleticsnorfolk/877040?fbclid =lwAR37Jk9l4eczBEjTTbvbYgKuj2-w5SO_aaCFScjgpr9hu6uoz5-RHcNEEYM





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)

RED NOSE DAY: School Council organised a brilliant Red Nose Day for Comic Relief this term, raising over £550 for this worthwhile charity. School Council Member Jack presented a really informative assembly on the day, giving us all more details about how the funds help people in need. Well done Jack! Children also organised a joke competition as well as art contest. Their hard work was rewarded with a lot of happy children whilst raising an incredible amount of money. A job very well done!

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: What a really special occasion our recent Mother's Day/Special Person gift shop was for the children and adults involved! Thank you to the Friends for organising a really great initiative. Their time and efforts were definitely appreciated – my own mum loved her cuddly rabbit and chocolate bar. Next term Friends cake sales are returning, with Year 6 donation being requested on 21 st April. Once again this will be a morning cake sale meaning children will need to bring in 50p/£1 if they wish to purchase a cake.

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

Fri 31 st	Last day of Term; p.m Y5/6 Cross Country@Langley Prep School; 5S/5L Bikeability
April	
3 rd - 17 th	EASTER HOLIDAY
Mon 17 th	Staff INSET (school closed to pupils)
Tues 18 th	Term starts; Bikeability Group 3
Wed 19th	Bikeability Group 3
Fri 21 st	Friends' Y6 Cake Sale a.m – Y6 cake donations required please
Mon 24 th	Y4 Roman Soldier visit
Fri 28 th	Achievement Assembly with Ian Forster – Forster Cup of Kindness launch
May	
Tues 2 nd	Journeys of Learning Coronation Assembly Y3/4 & Y5/6
Thurs 4 th	p.m Whole School Coronation Celebration event
Sun 7 th	DJS choir performance 4pm as part of Drayton's Coronation Celebration
Mon 8 th	School Closed – King's Coronation
w/c Tues 9 th	KS2 SATS Week (Y6)
Mon 15 th	Y6 First Aid workshops
Thur 18 th	Y4/5/6 Frisbee Festival @THS 10-2
Fri 19 th	Y3 Cake Sale a.m – Friends' Y3 cake donations required please; Friends Y5/6 Disco 6-7:30
w/c Mon 22 nd	DJS Pool Party – 50 years old!
Mon 22 nd	School Photographer in
Wed 24 th	p.m Y5 Cultural Music event at Norwich Theatre Royal
Fri 26 th	End of Term
29 th – 2 nd	HALF TERM WEEK

June	
w/c 5 th June	Y4 Multiplication Check
Mon 5 th	Term starts
Thur 8 th	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket 10-2 @ Manor Park
Fri 9 th	Y6 Reading Café for parents/carers
12 th - 14 th	Y6 residential @Eaton Vale
Thur 15 th	Y3/4 Tennis 10-1 @Easton
Fri 16 th	a.m Y4 Reading Café for parents/carers ; Year 5 STEAM day@THS
Wed 21 st	Bishop's Champion lunch at Norwich Cathedral 12-2pm
Thur 22 nd	10-1pm Y6 PE transition@THS
Fri 23 rd	Friends' Y3/4 Disco
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
28 th – 30 th	Y6 Transition Days@ Aylsham High School
Fri 30 th	Friends Y3/4 Disco 6-7:30 TBC
July	
Wed 5 th	Y6 Transition Day 1@THS
Thur 6th	Y6 Transition Day 2@THS; Y2 Transition@DJS – parents to bring children to school 9:15am & collect 2:45; Y5 Trip to Pleasurewood Hills
Thur 13 th	Panathalon(SEND)@THS
Fri 14 th	Y5 STEAM day@THS
Mon 17 th	Annual Reports sent home
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
INSET 2023/24	