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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we said Happy 50th Birthday to Drayton Junior's swimming pool, with a massive thank you to the community who saved it six years ago. Our pupils are very lucky to have the pool & it's been good to reflect on how much swimming here has changed over the years.

Both Mr Silvester & Mrs Gill (former pupils) have kindly shared their memories which can be seen on the display board outside 5L. Thank you to them. In other news, Year 5 enjoyed an action packed return to Reading Cafes last Friday which was well attended by parents, a group of Year 4s performed brilliantly at the KS2 Frisbee Festival, the choir joined Rev Marc at St Margaret's on Sunday 14th May, Year 5 sang at Norwich Theatre Royal's 'Connecting Cultures' music event and Year 6 enjoyed a well deserved party at the end of SATs week.

Thank you to all who visited for our Open Afternoon after school on Thursday; Hope you enjoyed looking through your children's books, looking at displays and talking with staff.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy Half Term break, Mrs Read

What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?



DJS Information Update



STAFFING: After over 17 years of dedication teaching many, many Drayton pupils to swim, Mrs Boyes will be retiring at the end of this academic year. We will all miss her a lot and wish her a very happy and healthy retirement when it arrives. Mrs Boyes will most certainly be a hard act to follow. Interviews for a new swimming teacher will take place next term. Please see advert link below with a closing date of June 5th.
<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/swimming-instructor/?fromSearchPage=true>

TRAFFIC: Last week PC Peyton visited Drayton Juniors to discuss parking and congestion issues around the local neighbourhood during drop off and pick up times. Keeping the children safe remains our priority. Please be reminded that it is illegal to park/stop with the engine running on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school gates. With warmer, drier days ahead, if you are able to walk or make use of the school's new bike shelter, then this could make a big difference to roads around the area. School Council & Eco-Council have been tasked with finding ways to reduce traffic around the school so Watch this space!



WHATSAPP: Online bullying via WhatsApp has become a growing concern at Drayton Juniors amongst older pupils. Words and images can be exchanged easily and it is crucial that these are age appropriate and do not target individuals. Please be reminded that this app requires a minimum age of 16. If you have decided together with your child that they can use it, then it is important that you support them to do so safely. Regular checks and open dialogue will help to ensure that pupils are not exposed to inappropriate material and know what to do if this does happen.

ATTENDANCE: Whole School 94.97%

Please be reminded that all requests for holiday/time out of school for children should be made in writing to Mrs Read via the office (admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk). If there are special circumstances then it is always useful to share them. Families that have already been issued with 2 fixed penalties should be aware that if a third holiday is taken during the school year then the Local Authority may decide to prosecute under Section 444 (1A) of the Education Act 1996.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS 2023/24: Following last term's parent questionnaire, parent consultations will return to taking place in school during the Autumn Term, giving parents/carers a chance to meet their child's teacher at the start of the academic year. The spring consultations will be online, however in person appointments will be available upon request. Please do remember that should you have a concern or query at any point during the school year, class teachers are happy to make appointments to meet with you after school. Just call or message the office to arrange: 01603 867504 /admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk

FOODBANK: Over the holiday period the Foodbank office, warehouse and Witard Road Baptist Church will be closed on Monday 29th of May. They will return to usual service on Tuesday 30th of May.



Did you know that Foodbank can help with Home energy top-up for Gas and Electricity?

The home energy payments are an emergency payment to help with gas and/or electricity. They can be given up to 3 times in 6 months, but only once in a calendar month. Payments are £30 which can either be split onto gas and electricity or used in full on gas or electricity. Norwich Foodbank aim to action the payments within 48hrs Monday to Friday.

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)

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: Thank you to the Friends, staff and volunteers for the Y5/6 disco last Friday. We have the Y3/4 disco coming up next term on Friday 16th June, as well as the Father's Day/Special Person Shop on the same day. Following the great success of the Mother's Day/Special Person shop, we're really looking forward to the children having the opportunity to choose a gift and say thank you. Details about how to sign up will follow shortly.

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

29 th – 2 nd	HALF TERM WEEK
June	
w/c 5th June	Y4 Multiplication Check Week
Mon 5th	Term starts
Thur 8th	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket 10-2 @ Manor Park (selected pupils will bring home a letter); Y5 Collective Worship working party with Mrs Ward (6 Y5 pupils)
Fri 9th	Year 6 Reading Café from 8:50 parents/carers –refreshments in the hall before visiting classrooms 9:10-10am
12th – 14th	Y6 residential @Eaton Vale
Wed 14th	Y5 Collective Worship group delivery with Mrs Ward
Thur 15th	Y3/4 Tennis 10-1 @Easton (8 children will receive letters to bring home)
Fri 16th	Year 4 Reading Café from 8:50 parents/carers –refreshments in the hall before visiting classrooms 9:10-10am; Cath Howe author visit Year 5 & Year 6 a.m (see flyer); Friends Y3/4 disco 6-7:30; Friends Father's Day/Special Person Shop in the hall p.m
Tues 20th	Y3 Banham Zoo trip; Y6 Gressenhall trip
Wed 21st	Bishop's Champion lunch at Norwich Cathedral 11:30-2pm (Y6 pupil)
Thur 22nd	10-1pm Y6 PE transition@THS
w/c Mon 26th	City Sports Week: Mon 3:30 – 5:30 Field events; Tues 1-5:30 Track Heats; Thur 1:30-5:30 Track Finals
Mon 26th	Y4 Gressenhall Trip; City Sports (Field) 3:30-5:30
28th – 30th	Y6 Transition Days@ Aylsham High School
Thur 29th	Y4 Norfolk Show visit – Norfolk Music Service event – free tickets & travel ; Y2 Drayton Infants at DJS with Y5 for RE morning; City Sports Finals for qualifiers 1:30-5:30
Fri 30th	Year 3 Reading Café from 8:50 parents/carers –refreshments in the hall before visiting classrooms 9:10-10am; Governor Monitoring Day
July	
Wed 5th	Y6 Transition Day 1 @THS; Y2 Parent/Carer meeting 6pm
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

Mon 10 th	Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Day 11-12:30 (parents/carers welcome)
Tues 11 th	Year 3 & Year 4 Sports Day 11-12:30 (parents/carers welcome); Summer Music Concert 3:30-4:15pm
Thur 13 th	Panathalon(SEND)@THS
Fri 14 th	Y5 STEAM day@THS
Mon 17 th	Annual Reports sent home; Reserve Y5/6 Sports Day
Tues 18 th	Y3/4 Reserve Sports 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
INSET 2023/24	Term will start for the children on Wednesday 6th September 2023