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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Coronation Sing on the playground at the end of the day yesterday, after a fun red, white and blue afternoon picnic, along with music, dancing and crown parades. Everyone made a great effort with their outfits and there was certainly a very happy atmosphere which we hope the children will remember. We hope you can join us in Drayton on Sunday afternoon to continue the celebrations at 'The King's Coronation Picnic.' Our children will be performing at 4pm. As the summer term progresses, visits and visitors are being organised, along with a return to Reading Cafes for each year group, so please do check the dates list. So far this term Year 4 enjoyed an awesome Roman Day, with plenty of hands on experiences and marching with their very own Roman soldier. We look forward to finding out what Year 5's forthcoming Tudor day will entail...Sporting opportunities continue, although sadly it was the Girls' football team's final match of the year on April 19th against Ashleigh Primary – they marked this with a well deserved win! Well done to them. In other news, our KS2 Cross Country runners represented the school splendidly, achieving 4th place overall as well as great team support for each other. Finally, a thank you to Mr Ian Forster who donated Drayton's new (and very beautiful) Cup of Kindness, along with a year's worth of certificates. This very touching gesture 18 months after an unknown pupil from DJS, one playtime, saw an upset Mr Forster by an ambulance on Vawdrey Road. As Mr Forster worried about his father, the child said three very special words when kindness was needed - 'Are you ok?'- what better way to illustrate our being a school that C.A.R.E.S. Nominations for the Cup of Kindness to me please.



Best wishes, Mrs Read

What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?



DJS Information Update



FOODBANK: Thanks to Foodbank organisers, Drayton Juniors can now make referrals to Foodbank for families attending the school. We are able to issue e-vouchers as well as support signposting for families that require support. All information shared is confidential. Please speak to Mrs Read, Mrs Lamb or Mrs Hastings (front office) for further information.



FILLING THE GAP SUPPORT: Mrs Rachel Ward (Chair of Governors) would like to make you aware of Taverham Evangelical Church's Filling the Gap Project, which supports families in our community who may need a bit of help at this difficult time. Some of you will have met the team when they delivered food boxes around the community. If you, or someone you know are finding things a bit difficult at the moment, then please contact Mrs Ward on the email address below. They can supply emergency food boxes and sign post you to other supportive agencies. They can also refer you to the Soul Supermarket, where you will be able to buy groceries at a significantly reduced price, as well as receive other practical support. Filling the Gap is there to help you, so please don't hesitate to ask.

Rachel Ward Family worker – email: admin@tec-church.com – 07788 287388 – www.tec-church.com

PARKING/DROP OFF: Unfortunately an increasing number of cars are stopping on the double yellow lines around school, or stopping in front of the school gates at the start and end of the school day. This is a busy place where children are regularly crossing the road, therefore any vehicles illegally stopping here are creating a risk. Please help us to keep the children safe by parking legally & stopping in safe places. Better to be a few minutes late than put a child's life at risk.



HOLIDAY REQUESTS: 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. It should be noted that when fines are issued for holidays, the money remains with the local authority not the school.

TRIM TRAIL: Before school children should not be on the trim trail (or playing ball games) and all children using the trim trail after school must be supervised by an adult, especially so for younger children who do not attend Drayton Juniors. We want to keep everyone safe.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE: Once again, thank you to everyone who completed the recent questionnaire. Your responses have been really useful as we plan ahead. Just a couple of points to share:

- Dates will be set this term for parents/carers to drop in after school to look at children's work, etc...
- Parents/carers are very welcome to make an appointment to meet with class teachers outside of parents' evenings to discuss their child's learning. Just email/call to make an appointment.
- Paper copies of letters, newsletters, etc...are available upon request.
- After school is the best time to speak with a teacher. Y3-Y5 teachers can usually be found on the playground at the end of the school day. (Mrs Read and Ms Cope are outside from 8:40am and after school too should you wish to speak with them.)

STAFFING: Sadly, after nearly ten years at DJS, Mrs Helen Knights will be leaving us this month to pursue an exciting career opportunity. She will be greatly missed by us all, however we all wish her every success in her future adventures and hope she stays in touch. This does mean that we are currently advertising for a new Teaching Assistant to join us. Please see below:

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/learning-support-assistant-96/?fromSearchPage=true>

SNAPCHAT: When 'The Two Johns' visited us in January this year to deliver Online Safety sessions, they shared information about Snapchat with both staff, parents and children. Last week a parent shared their concerns about continued use of the app therefore please be reminded of the possible risks of Snapchat for your child if parental controls are not in place:

- Children could be at risk of viewing harmful or upsetting video content and images.
- The Snapchat Map shares child's location with other users on the app.
- Your child could receive unwanted contact from adults or other young people using the app.

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:

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

May	
Tues 2 nd	
Fri 5 th	Journeys of Learning Coronation Assembly Y3/4 & Y5/6
Sun 7th	DJS choir performance 4pm as part of Drayton's Coronation Celebration
Mon 8th	School Closed – King's Coronation BANK HOLIDAY
w/c Tues 9 th	Y6 KS2 SATS Week (Y6) Tuesday: SPAG; Wednesday: Reading; Thursday & Friday: Maths
w/c Mon 15 th	Taverham High School Work Experience Students in school
Mon 15 th	Y6 First Aid workshops; Y5 Tudor workshop day in school
Thur 18 th	Y4/5/6 Frisbee Festival @THS 10-2
Fri 19 th	Year 5 Reading Café from 8:50 parents/carers –refreshments in the hall before visiting classrooms 9:10-10am; 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! Display board sharing the pool's history available for viewing after school this week.
Mon 22 nd	School Photographer in
Wed 24 th	p.m Y5 Cultural Music event at Norwich Theatre Royal
Fri 26 th	Langley Maths group event tbc; Y6 pupil attends Bishop's Champion Lunch event; End of Term
29 th – 2 nd	HALF TERM WEEK

June	
w/c 5th June	Y4 Multiplication Check Week
Mon 5 th	Term starts
Thur 8 th	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket 10-2 @ Manor Park; Y5 Collective Worship working party with Mrs Ward
Fri 9 th	Year 6 Reading Café from 8:50 parents/carers –refreshments in the hall before visiting classrooms 9:10-10am
12 th – 14 th	Y6 residential @Eaton Vale; Y5 Collective Worship group delivery with Mrs Ward
Thur 15 th	Y3/4 Tennis 10-1 @Easton
Fri 16 th	Year 4 Reading Café from 8:50 parents/carers –refreshments in the hall before visiting classrooms 9:10-10am; Cath Howe author visit a.m; Friends Y3/4 disco 6-7:30
Tues 20 th	Y3 Banham Zoo trip (tbc); Y6 Gressenhall trip
Wed 21 st	Bishop's Champion lunch at Norwich Cathedral 12-2pm
Thur 22 nd	10-1pm Y6 PE transition@THS
Fri 30 th	
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
Mon 26 th	Y4 Gressenhall Trip
28 th – 30 th	Y6 Transition Days@ Aylsham High School
Fri 30 th	Year 3 Reading Café from 8:50 parents/carers –refreshments in the hall before visiting classrooms 9:10-10am
July	
Wed 5 th	Y6 Transition Day 1@THS
Thur 6 th	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	Term will start for the children on Wednesday 6th September 2023