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Dear Parents/Carers,

Summer has finally arrived, just at the right time for the Y5/6 cricket and Y4 tennis competitions and Y6's activity packed residential at Eaton Vale last week - not to mention Y3's trip to Banham Zoo & Y6's Victorian trip to Gressenhall on Tuesday, although it was a little damp for them! Let's hope the weather holds for Y4's WW2 day at Gressenhall on Monday & Y5s trip to Pleasurewood Hills on July 6th. As you can imagine the teachers and office team have been very busy this term planning, organising & leading a host of outdoor learning experiences. A massive thank you to them all, especially the teachers at Eaton Vale who gave up their evenings voluntarily to make the residential possible. Thank you for supporting these trips. The children gain so much from them but we all know that finances are strained currently for many families. Yesterday was a very special day for one Y6 pupil recognised for his outstanding contribution to school life. Along with his mum & Mrs Game, he was invited to the Bishop's Champion lunch, even having to deliver an impromptu speech to a large audience that no doubt he did with ease. Very well deserved Jack, we're all very proud of you.



Very best wishes, Mrs Read

What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?



READING OLYMPIAD: Well done to all Y6s taking part in this year's Reading Olympiad. There's a really good quality of books to choose from this year (some even wrapped, adding the element of surprise!) with children earning points along the way. Thank you to the Y6 team for creating a fun event to encourage reading. Continued reading will help our Y6s as they prepare for high school, plus it can really help mental health.



AUTHOR VISIT: Thank you to Norfolk Children's Book Centre for arranging for Cath Howe, author, to visit Y5/6 to share her journey on becoming a writer, along with how she develops her characters before story writing. As a former drama teacher, Cath was both engaging and inspirational. Hope those that purchased one of her books are enjoying a good read.





Information Update

CLASSES 2023/24: I am pleased to share that next academic year there will be no changes to class teachers in each year group, apart from 3B where Mrs Jacobs will teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays instead of Mrs Lamb. As SENCO Mrs Lamb will have greater flexibility during the week, whilst also providing class cover just like Mrs Jacobs is doing now.

During the last few weeks teachers have been working collaboratively to organise classes for 2023/24. All children in Years 3,4 & 5 have shared the names of up to 3 children that they would like to be with next year. They will get a chance to meet their new class and class teacher during the last few weeks of term once the lists have been completed.

NEU STRIKE/TRANSITION: Last weekend news was shared that there will be a further two NEU teacher strike days this term: Wednesday 5th July & Friday 7th July. Although at this point we do not know which teachers intend to strike, the dates selected unfortunately impact on our organised transition days for Years 2 & 6, in addition to a change in date for Y5/6 Sports:

- Taverham High School will now be offering just one day for Year 6 transition on Thursday 6th July;
- Year 2 Transition day at DJS will now be on Thursday 6th July, not Wednesday 5th July. Parents have been informed about the date change via Drayton Infants. Thank you to them.
- Year 2 Parent/carer Information Evening will be on Tuesday 4th July, at 18:00.
- Year 5/6 Sports morning will now be on Wednesday 12th July.

As with previous NEU strike action, teachers are not required to inform school of their intention to strike until the morning of the strike; therefore, at this point in time I do not know which members of staff will be in school and whether it will be safe to remain open. A decision about any school full or partial closures will be communicated with parents/carers on Friday 30th June. Thank you for your continued support and don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any further queries or questions.

Y6 SWEATSHIRTS: Thank you to the Friends of DJS who organised sourcing Y6 Leaver sweatshirts for the children. They all look really good and what a fantastic rainbow of different colours were selected! The Friends did a fabulous job, with any profits raised supporting the school. Thank you for your support. Next year we will look to ensure that any late orders/additional items can be purchased for a reasonable cost.

As you can imagine, ordering in bulk is a mammoth yet cost effective task, however it is well worth the effort. As with bulk orders like this, a deadline for orders has to be set. Unfortunately this year a small number of pupils were disappointed that they did not receive a sweatshirt when they were handed out. As a school the children always come first, we do not want them to be disappointed and will do what we can to remedy a situation. It was particularly upsetting that Mrs Hastings received calls from upset parents. In future, please help us by taking note of deadlines and for Friends arranged events/projects like this and discos, contact The Friends of DJS instead of the School Office. Please see their Facebook page for details.

GRASS SNAKES: Please be aware that grass snakes have been spotted in the area and remind children to leave them alone should they come across one.



ATTENDANCE: Whole School 94.89%

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. Unfortunately the school has been made aware of families taking a holiday and reporting the child's absence due to sickness, despite the child's friends knowing that they are on holiday. Drayton is a small community. We are very keen for children to be truthful at all times. Honesty is the best policy every time, especially if we do not want to encourage children to tell lies. Please talk to us – we fully appreciate the cost of holidays during term time.

FOODBANK: During the last week of this term we will have a collection of items for Foodbank in return for a non-uniform day on the last day. The following items have been requested from Taverham, Thorpe Marriott & Drayton Community Foodbank:



Cereals, Pasta, Rice, Biscuits, Cakes, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Pasta Sauce, Jam (any flavor), Fruit Squash (any flavor), Liquid Soap, Shower Gel and Toothpaste.

Tinned: Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Tuna, Soup (Chicken, Tomato or Vegetable), Meat (Meatballs in Gravy or Tomato, Mince, Steak), Curry, Chili Con Carne, Spaghetti, Ravioli, Macaroni Cheese, Baked Beans, Baked Beans with Sausages, Fruit (any), Rice Pudding.

Please ensure that all items have at least a 3-month expiry date. Foodbank **cannot** take any items that have been opened or part used for safety reasons.

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: A huge thank you to our small but mighty Friends of Drayton Juniors who do so much for the school. With the cost of school visits and transport inflating and the school covering any shortfall, the money raised by the Friends is crucial if we are to continue to provide such great memory making learning experiences. Both the Y3/4 disco & Father's/Special Person Day shop were a great success, however they only happen because of volunteers who give their time for the benefit of the children. 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 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; City Sports (Field) 3:30-5:30
28 th – 30 th	Y6 Transition Day@ Aylsham High School
Thur 29 th	Y4, Choir, Samba Band@ Royal 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 30 th	Year 3 Reading Café from 8:50 parents/carers –refreshments in the hall before visiting classrooms 9:10-10am; Governor Monitoring
July	
Tues 4 th	Y2 Parent/Carer meeting 6pm
Wed 5 th	Proposed NEU strike day
Thur 6 th	Y2 Transition@DJS – parents to bring children to school 9:15am & collect 2:45 & Y6 Transition Day 1@THS Y6 Transition Day 2@THS (one day now) ; Y5 Trip to Pleasurewood Hills
Fri 7 th	Proposed NEU strike day

Sat 8 th	Drayton Church Fete – Y3/4 performance at 3pm
Tues 11 th	Year 3 & Year 4 Sports Day 11-12:30 (parents/carers welcome – no picnic lunch); Summer Music Concert 3:30-4:15pm
Wed 12 th	Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Day 11-12:30 (parents/carers welcome – no picnic lunch)
Thur 13 th	Panathalon(SEND)@THS
Fri 14 th	Y5 STEAM day@THS; Y6 Leavers' Disco 6-7:30pm
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 (Y6 parents/carers welcome); 1:45 Y6 Dress rehearsal to the school; 6:30 Y6 Performance to parents/carers
Thu 20 th	9:30 Y6 performance to parents/carers
Fri 21 st	End of Term; End of School Year – non-uniform day in return for Foodbank donations this week. Thank you
INSET 2023/24	Term will start for the children on Wednesday 6th September 2023