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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a whirlwind of emotion our final week of term has been! Very well done to our Y6s who've wowed us all with their excellent performances of 'DJS Rocks!' There were so many great individual performances displaying real talent, with all Y6 children exuding great confidence and enjoyment on stage. Their camaraderie and support for each other was just outstanding. We are all so proud of them. Thank you to the Y6s for sharing their DJS memories so eloquently during the Y6 Leavers' Service at St Margaret's Church on Wednesday. Their words really embodied our C.A.R.E values. It goes without saying that we wish them all the best of luck on the next stage of their learning journey. They will be missed. Yesterday we also bid a sad farewell to Mrs Boyce who has retired after 17+ years at DJS teaching over 5000+ of our pupils to swim- not including those from other schools! What a legend she has been and we say thank you and wish her all the best in her retirement - although she will be back to run a lunchtime knitting club in September!

On behalf of the team at DJS, thank you for all of your lovely gifts and kind wishes. We hope that you have a really good summer break – stay safe, have fun & enjoy making more fab memories. See you on September 6th Y3, Y4 & Y5! Very best wishes, Mrs Read



What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?



SPORTS DAY: Congratulations to the Romans who won our interschool competition with the grand total of 396 points! Saxons were a close 2nd on 375 points, Normans 3rd on 344 points and Vikings 4th with 334 points. It was a close! big thank you to Mr Arden for organising both the Y3/4 and Y5/6 sports days.



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DJS Information Update

PASTORAL LEAD: In the new school year Mrs Clarke, who joined the DJS team this term, will be available two mornings a week to provide pastoral support for our families. We are all very excited by her new role. Not only will Mrs Clarke be available to listen and help parents/carers experiencing difficulties with their child's behaviour or anxieties, she be delivering practical training workshops linked to the 'Working with Worries' project being rolled out across schools. It is also our intention for her to provide the time and space to bring parents together to support each other. More information will follow in September.

PE KIT: From September 2023 all pupils should wear the correct PE kit – navy/black shorts; white/light blue top; plain school coloured blue/navy sweatshirt or hoodie. No others coloured clothing should be worn and no football kits. Your support is appreciated.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM: In school we try keep a collection of good quality secondhand school uniform to be used in the event of emergencies. Donations are always gratefully received. If you struggling buying uniform please let us know so we can try and put together a bag of clothing for you. Children grow so quickly that they've often outgrown summer clothing by the start of September and if that's the case, please do send quality uniform into the school office.

FOODBANK: Thank you to everyone who donated towards our end of term/non school uniform day in aid of Foodbank. We have received a large number of donations which will make such a difference to those in need. When Foodbank volunteers arrived to collect the donations this morning they were absolutely thrilled – THANK YOU! (Drayton Juniors is able to issue Foodbank vouchers so do please speak to us if you are in need of support. All information is treated confidentially.)



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)

SCHOOL MEAL PAYMENTS: Please pay for your child's meals promptly. Unfortunately a considerable amount of office time this year has been used requesting for outstanding payments. Please do speak to us if you are having a problem and we will always do our very best to help or signpost you.

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: A huge thank you to our small but mighty Friends of Drayton Juniors who do so much for the school. Thank you for all the great events that you have organised for the children this year and thank you for your donations towards trips, goal posts, etc... You really have made a big difference to the education and experience of Drayton Junior pupils. 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
INSET 2023/24	Term will start for the children on Wednesday 6th September 2023
SEPTEMBER	
Sun 24 th	DJS choir@St Margaret's Church Harvest Service
Fri 29 th	Y3 Welcome Service at St Margaret's Church 9:30 (parents welcome)
OCTOBER	
Sun 8 th	DJS choir@St Margaret's Church Pet Service
Thur 12 th	Parents' Evening 17:00 – 19:30 (in school)
Tues 17 th	Parents' Evening 15:20 – 18:00
Fri 20 th	Last day of Term
October Half Term 23rd -27th October	
NOVEMBER	
Wed 8 th	Individual Photographs
Thur 20 th	KS2 Cross Country@Langley 10:00
Tues 14 th	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Tournament 10:00
DECEMBER	
Mon 18th	Norfolk Music Hub Christmas Panto
Tues 19th	DJS choir @St Andrew's Hall (evening) tbc
Wed 20th	9:30 Y6@St Margaret's Christmas Service + parents of performers, 11:00 Y3/4@St Margaret's
Christmas/New Year Holidays: Thursday 21st December – Wednesday 3rd January 2024	
JANUARY	
Thur 25 th	Y5/6 Swim Gala@UEA 10:00
FEBRUARY	
Thur 8 th	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Sports Competition@UEA 13:00; Parents' Evening 15:20 -18:00 (online)
Tues 13 th	Parents' Evening 15:00 -19:30 (online)
Wed 14 th	SENCO Parent Consultations Day
MARCH	
Mon 4 th – Wed 6 th Y4 Hilltop Residential	
Half Term: 19th – 23rd February	
Thur 29 th	Y4-6 Football Competition 10:00
Easter Holidays: Thursday 28th March – Friday 12th April	

APRIL	
Thur 25 th	Y4-6 Netball Competition 10:00
MAY	
Wed 1 st	Class Photographs
Thur 9 th	Y4/5 Basketball Tournament@UEA 10:00
w/c Mon 13 th	Y6 SATs week
May Half Term: 27th – 31st May	
JUNE	
w/c Mon 3 rd	Y6 Eaton Vale tbc
Thur 6 th	Y5/6 Mixed cricket@Horsford
Fri 21 st	Y3/4 Mini Tennis Competition@Easton 10:00
Fri 28 th	KS2 Panathlon@THS
JULY	
Wed 10 th & Thur 11 th	Y6 THS Transition days
Fri 12 th	Y5 STEAM day@THS
Mon 15 th	School Reports go home
Last day of the school year: Friday 19th July 2024	