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Dear Parents/Carers, This term may have started with plenty of rain, but we certainly haven't let that dampen our spirits after OFSTED's recent visit. Their report is due any day, and until it arrives unfortunately outcomes cannot be shared. However, I can say how proud I was of the whole school community during the inspection. The children really shone during their talks with the inspector and our focus on curriculum improvements were recognised. Thank you to all who contributed to Parent View – your support really was appreciated.

Best wishes, Mrs Read



What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?



MATHS CAFES: Thank you to those who have joined Year 4 & Year 5 for their recent Friday Maths cafes. It's been great to be joined by so many parents/carers. Friday's Y5 pirate themed activities looked like good fun, from 'Drunken Pirates' to 'Ship Shape.' Maths really can be a collaborative, enjoyable time.

KS2 CROSS COUNTRY: We were all super impressed by the efforts of our cross country runners on Thursday, all performing brilliantly at Langley, in spite of the very wet and windy conditions. There were some incredible individual achievements, with ten pupils qualifying for the finals on November 22nd. The Drayton team spirit was just superb, with everyone supporting each other, with plenty of encouragement & smiles. Thank you Mrs Finch and Ms Cope for organising and sorting out the transport.

REMEMBRANCE: Many of you will be aware that the school continues to support the Royal British Legion's fundraising efforts by making items available for children to buy in school. Information has already been shared via the school office. Thank you for your support. This week Remembrance will be our assembly theme.

ECO-COUNCIL: Congratulations to our winners of the Road Safety banner competition who can be seen proudly showing off their design on the large printed version outside school. Reducing traffic and Road Safety are high on Eco- Council's agenda this term so watch this space. In the meantime, see their wise advice below:



Eco Council's 5 Road Safety Tips

1. Drive slowly/slow down because you might hit someone.
2. Turn the engine off to save our planet because fumes are dangerous to our climate and health.
3. Don't park on yellow lines because it makes it unsafe for everyone.



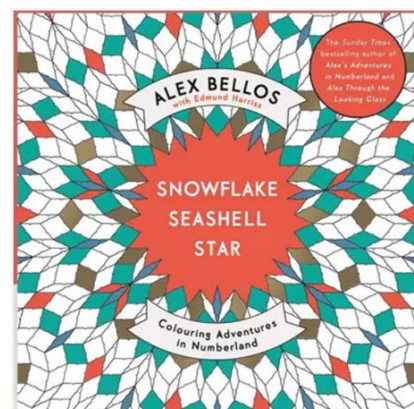
4. Don't block neighbours driveways because they won't be able to get out if they need to get somewhere.
5. Keep calm and don't lose your temper while on the school road.

MATHS WEEK COMING UP w/c 13th November: Please see below a copy of the competition shared by Mrs Game (this is the national one too!)

The people at Maths Week England are very keen for everyone to realise that Maths is NOT just about calculations and tests – Maths is an **art form**.

In order to enter the competition to win a copy of this fabulous book, children need to produce a piece of art work which **celebrates the number 3** in some way – all on a piece of A3 paper.

Please make sure your entry is with Ms Game by Monday 13th November. All entries will be shared on Twitter.



DJS Information Update

GARDENING CLUB: Mrs Plane has made a plea for any parents/carers who can provide horse manure for our school garden to get in touch. It would really support the children's growing efforts as they progress further. Thank you.

FINANCE MANAGER ADVERT: This week an advert for a part-time Finance Manager to join Drayton Juniors will be posted on <https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/>

ONLINE SAFETY: Unfortunately children's use of Whatsapp and TikTok have caused a few friendship issues in school so please do continue to check your child's mobile phone, encouraging them to talk to you if anything is shared that upsets them. Helpful advice for parents to keep their children safe online can be found on <https://www.draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk/links-for-parents-carers/online-safety/> Please continue to speak to school so that together we can support children to stay safe and make the right choice.

PARKING: Following collaboration with local bodies the school has been informed that there will be an increased police presence in the coming weeks to support and monitor



the parking situation around school. Please continue to park responsibly, ensuring that the safety of children is our primary focus. Better that they are a few minutes late for school, than involved in an accident or witness abusive behaviour. Thank you for your continued support.

ATTENDANCE: Whole school this year so far: **95.62% - Well done!**

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.45%	95.48%	96.39%	94.18%

COVID GUIDANCE: As with all illnesses, if your child is unwell then they should be at home. Not only does this give them time and space to recover, it also prevents illnesses from spreading. We are entering the season of coughs and colds, plus Covid continues to spread. Practising regular handwashing, putting tissues in the bin and other general hygiene practices will benefit us all this winter.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/27/what-are-the-latest-rules-around-covid-19-in-schools-colleges-nurseries-and-other-education-settings/>



YEAR 2 OPEN AFTERNOON: After school on Wednesday 22nd November, 15:20 – 16:00, our doors will be open for prospective Year 2 parents/carers and their children to visit Drayton Juniors, explore the school building and meet teaching staff. This was really successful last year, providing valuable time for prospective parents to ask questions and begin the transition journey with their child/ren.

PASTORAL LEAD: Mrs Laura Clarke, our new Pastoral Lead, is available on the playground before school, as well as on Monday and Friday mornings. If you would like to speak with her then please contact the office – 01603 867504 - admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: Disco dates have been agreed for Y3/4 and Y5/6 discos so time to find those dancing shoes again. Our first discos of the year are coming up with information being shared by The Friends shortly. Please do ensure that collection arrangements are shared and adhered to; for safeguarding reasons, school staff are unable to send children home on their own if parental permission hasn't been given, or sent home with an adult that is not on the child's agreed contact list.

If you are interested in supporting The Friends please contact the school office admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk with your contact details and The Friends will be in touch.

DATES LIST 2023/24



November	
Mon 6 th	Flu immunisations (letters to follow); Year 4 Stone Age Day
Tues 7 th	3B trip to Norwich Castle
Wed 8 th	Individual photos a.m
Fri 10 th	Y6 Maths Café 9:00-10:00
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	MATHS WEEK

Mon 13 th	World Kindness Day; Author Visit 13:45
Tues 14 th	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Football, more details to follow for children attending.
Fri 17 th	Y3 Maths Café 9:00-10:00; Non uniform day in return for donations for the Christmas Fayre eg. chocolate, bottle, gift; 2pm Cross Country@Falcon Junior School; Y3/4 Disco 6-7:30pm
Wed 22 nd	KS2 Cross Country finals@High Lodge, Thetford am; 3:20 – 4:00 Open afternoon for prospective Year 2 parents/carers/pupils
Fri 24 th	Boys' Football Tournament@The Nest TBC ; Christmas fayre 2:45 – 5:00pm
Thur 30 th	Drayton Christmas Lights switch on 5pm, DJS choir to attend.
December	
Fri 1 st	Saxon House Non Uniform Day reward – wear an item of blue clothing
Fri 8 th	3I & 3S trip to Norwich Castle; Cross Country@Eaton Park, 2:00pm; Friends Y5/6 Disco 6 – 7:30pm
Mon 11 th	No school crossing patrol – take care crossing School Road.
Wed 13 th	10:30 Intergenerational Choir Christmas performance – 5Y parents/carers invited to attend at Badgers Wood
Sun 17 th	18:30 Carols by Candlelight@St Margaret's Church
Mon 18 th	p.m Norfolk Music Hub Pantomime
Tues 19 th	Evening: Norwich Philharmonic@St Andrew's Hall, Norwich – more information to follow
Wed 20 th	Christmas Service@St Margaret's 9:30 Y6 and parents/carers; 11:00 Years 3,4 & 5 pupils only.
21 st Dec – 3 rd January	HOLIDAY – Term starts Thursday 4 th January 2024
January	
Thu 4 th	Term starts for everyone
Thur 11 th	14:00 Cross Country@Taverham Junior School
Thu 25 th	Y5/6 swimming gala@UEA
Fri 26 th	Girls' Football Tournament@The Nest TBC; Friends' Y3/4 Disco 18:00 - 19:30
February	
w/c 5th	Bikeability (letters to follow to children involved)
Thu 8 th	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Sports hall competition @UEA; Parent consultations, 3:20 – 6:00pm (online)
Fri 9 th	14:00 Cross Country@Horsford
Tues 13 th	Parent consultations, 5:00 – 7:30pm (online)
Wed 14 th	SENCO Parent Consultation day, appointments available upon request.
Fri 16 th	Term ends

19 th – 23 rd February	HALF TERM
Mon 26 th	Term starts for everyone
Thu 29 th	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Football competition, 10:00
March	
Fri 1 st	Friends' Y5/6 Disco 18:00 – 19:30
Mon 4 th – Wed 6 th	Group A@Hilltop Residential
Wed 6 th – Fri 8 th	Group B@Hilltop Residential
Fri 8 th	Cross Country@Old Catton, 14:00
Wed 27 th	End of Term
Thu 28 th	INSET for staff EASTER HOLIDAY 28 th March – 12 th April
April	
Thu 25 th	Y4,Y5,Y6 Netball Competition@Neatherd High, 10:00
May	
Wed 1 st	Class Photos
Thu 9 th	Y4, Y5 Basketball@UEA, 10:00
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	Year 6 KS2 SATS week
27 th – 31 st May	HALF TERM
June	
Mon 3 rd – Wed 5 th	Year 6@Eaton Vale Residential
Thu 6 th	Year 5/6 mixed Cricket@Horsford, 10:00
Fri 21 st	Year 3/4 mini tennis competition@Easton, 10:00
Mon 24 th	City Sports, Field Finals, 3:30 – 6:00pm
Tues 25 th	City Sports, Track Heats, 1:00 – 5:30pm
Thu 27 th	City Sports, Track Finals, 1:30 – 5:30pm
Fri 28 th	KS2 Panathlon competition@THS, 10:00
July	
Thu 4 th	Y6 Team Building Transition Festival@THS, 10:00
Wed 10 th – Thu 11 th	Year 6 Transition days@THS
Fri 12 th	Year 5 STEM day@THS

Mon 15 th	Reports go home
Fri 19 th	Year 6 Leavers' Service@St Margaret's Church@9:30; Last day of the school year.

Please see the Norfolk County Council 2023/24 School Calendar for further details.