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*Back in October the OFSTED inspector stated that our pupils 'talk positively about their learning and the opportunities they have at school' and that couldn't be more true this term. Every day there's been a real buzz around school, from choir performances, Maths cafes, cross country, cooking and football, not to mention the usual timetable of activities. One particular highlight has been the U11 boys' football team deservedly winning the Clough Shield having performed brilliantly in their matches. Their pure enjoyment in the game, teamwork and great camaraderie is on display during Thursday after school practice, let alone during matches. Well done boys, well done Mr Lambourne!  
(The OFSTED report is now available online: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50234503>)  
Best wishes, Mrs Read p.s Apologies I haven't been in school this week – Covid!!!!*



The collage features several photographs of children at a school sports day. In the top left, a group of children in blue and red tracksuits pose together. Next to them, two boys in red football kits with numbers 10 and 2 are shown. Further right, a girl in a red kit with number 10 and a girl in a pink kit with number 8 are featured. On the far right, two boys in blue kits with numbers 4 and 3 are smiling. Below these, a girl in a red kit with number 6 and a boy in a pink kit with number 4 are shown. In the bottom left, a group of children in blue and orange tracksuits pose in front of a green fence. Next to them, two girls in red kits with numbers 6 and 8 are shown. On the far right, a boy in a pink kit with number 1 is featured. The collage also includes several drawings: a large colorful number '3' with math problems, a drawing of a character in a red hat, and a drawing of a large number '3' with math problems.

**MATHS WEEK:** Thank you to the Inspiration Trust for delivering a fun, interactive Mesozoic Dinosaur Maths day for a group of Y4 pupils on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs Bond and the children returned to school enthused, having enjoyed all the maths activities delivered with a dino twist – that's learning at its best! During Maths week, Mrs Game also led the National Maths Competition, focussing on Maths as an art form, celebrating the number 3. The many entries were shared on our school Twitter account, with Mario created in 3s standing out brilliantly. Top maths art work everyone, you really did show that maths is much more than tests!



Finally, thank you to the many parents/carers who have joined us on Friday mornings for a Maths Café. We've loved the variety of themes and activities planned by teachers, demonstrating how maths can be fun. Apologies to those who work on Friday mornings (it's the only day the hall is available), we will endeavour to plan opportunities to visit school on different days.

**DJS CHOIR:** If you were at Drayton's Christmas Lights switch on last Thursday, then you would have been lucky enough to hear the DJS choir bring Christmas alive....maybe you even joined in. Nothing beats hearing carols being sung around school and beyond at this time of year. Super well done to Jacob, who did a splendid job of switching the lights on, making us all very proud. During the last week of term, the DJS choir will be visiting Badgers Wood residents for a traditional singalong carol session, before their Christmas performance at St Margaret's Church on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Sadly, the church only has space to accommodate Year 6 parents at the 9:30am concert, however 5Y parents are able to attend Badgers Wood on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December for the Intergenerational Choir performance.



**GIRLS' FOOTBALL:** Well done to both the Y3/4 and Y6 teams who played at the WNDSSP girls' football tournament on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, on what was a cold, chilly day for them, with some competing for the first time. It was impressive that Y3/4 finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, with Y6 achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their group before being knocked out in the first round. Great effort from you all.

**ECO COUNCIL:** Used stamps are being collected by Eco Council for the Born Free International Wildlife Charity, a really worthy cause. Please send into school in a sealed envelope. Many thanks.



## ***DJS Information Update***

**DINNER MONEY:** Although the majority of school dinner money is being paid promptly, the school office is finding that they are spending more and more time chasing up owed school dinner money. Currently the school is owed a staggering **£803.00** in unpaid dinner money. Please talk to the school if you are experiencing difficulties and we will do what we can to support. Unfortunately, for those owing money, if money is not paid this may mean that future meal requests will be refused and the school will need to consult NCC's legal team. We kindly request that all outstanding payments are made by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

Please could you ensure that if you are paying weekly that payments are made by a Wednesday of each week, or if you are paying termly that payment is made by the second week of term. Your help is much appreciated.

**FOODBANK COLLECTION:** Next Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup>) we are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper and/or red and green, in return for donations to Taverham, Thorpe Marriott & Drayton Community Foodbank. It can be a particularly difficult time of year for so many families, therefore any support would be gratefully received. Donations can be taken to the school kitchen, ready for collection by the charity at the end of the day.

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. They cannot take any items that have been opened or part used for safety reasons.







**PARKING:** It has been very good to have an increased police presence on the roads around school in recent weeks to support and monitor driving and parking around school. This week a traffic warden has been on patrol and issued fines for wilful obstruction. Please continue to drive and 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.

If you are concerned about traffic/parking around school and want to work together with other parents to ensure children's safety is prioritised, then please join other parents in the school hall after school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January for a short discussion to consider possible actions that could make a positive difference.

**GARDENING CLUB:** Thank you for the manure Lister family, Mrs Plane is very happy thanks to your donations of bags of manure.

**FINANCE MANAGER:** I am delighted to share that in January Mrs Edit Davies will be joining Drayton Juniors as our new Finance Manager. Edit brings a wealth of experience to the school as a former School Business Manager in Essex. I am sure everyone will make her very welcome. This last term NCC's Finance Team have provided excellent finance support during the interim period, however a special thank you must go to Mrs Terrington & Mrs Hughes who have been so flexible and quick to learn new skills.

**SCITT PLACEMENT:** We are fortunate that from mid January Mr Silvester and 3S will be joined by Mr George Canham, a SCITT teacher, who will be completing his Spring placement at Drayton CE Junior School. No doubt you will catch sight of Mr Canham on the playground at the end of the school day.

**ATTENDANCE:** Whole school this year so far: **95.38%** - *Looking good, well done everybody!*

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.98%	94.92%	96.06%	94.53%

**COVID GUIDANCE:** Increased cases of Covid have been reported for pupils and school staff in recent weeks. Please remain vigilant, keep washing your hands and stay home if you are unwell.

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



**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](mailto:admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk)

**FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR:** Additional disco dates have been agreed for Y3/4 and Y5/6 discos until the end of the school year, along with a Summer Social in the planning stage.

Please do ensure that collection arrangements at the end of discoss 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](mailto:admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk) with your contact details and The Friends will be in touch.

## DATES LIST 2023/24

<b>December</b>	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	3I & 3S trip to Norwich Castle; Cross Country@Eaton Park, 2:00pm; Friends Y5/6 Disco 6 – 7:30pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	No school crossing patrol – take care crossing School Road.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas jumpers and/or wear red or green in return for a donation for Drayton Foodbank  10:30 Intergenerational Choir Christmas performance – 5Y parents/carers invited to attend at Badgers Wood; Christmas Dinner Day – Thank you to The Friends for the Christmas crackers!
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 Y4 Christmas performance dress rehearsal to the school; 18:00 Performance to parents/carers
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 Y4 Christmas performance to parents/carers
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	18:30 Carols by Candlelight@St Margaret's Church (All welcome)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	p.m Norfolk Music Hub Pantomime
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 DJS choir performance@Badgers Wood; Evening: Norwich Philharmonic@St Andrew's Hall, Norwich – more information to follow
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Service@St Margaret's 9:30 Y6 and parents/carers; 11:00 Years 3,4 & 5 pupils only.
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	HOLIDAY – Term starts Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
<b>January</b>	
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	Term starts for everyone
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	15:15 Parent Parking/Traffic meeting (hall) – All invited to discuss parking and traffic issues around school at drop off/collection, identifying a way forward to keep everyone safe.
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup>	a.m Y6 Alien Roadshow; 14:00 Cross Country@Taverham Junior School
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 swimming gala@UEA
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Girls' Football Tournament@The Nest ; Friends' Y3/4 Disco 18:00 - 19:30
<b>February</b>	
w/c 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Sports hall competition @UEA; Parent consultations, 16:30 – 19:30 (online)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 Cross Country@Horsford
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultations, 15:30 – 18:00 (online)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	SENCO Parent Consultation day, appointments available upon request.

Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Term ends
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	HALF TERM
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Term starts for everyone
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Football competition, 10:00
<b>March</b>	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friends' Y5/6 Disco 18:00 – 19:30
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Group A@Hilltop Residential
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Group B@Hilltop Residential
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country@Old Catton, 14:00
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	INSET for staff      EASTER HOLIDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> March – 12 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>April</b>	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 disco
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y4,Y5,Y6 Netball Competition@Neatherd High, 10:00
<b>May</b>	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Class Photos
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y4, Y5 Basketball@UEA, 10:00
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 KS2 SATS week
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 disco
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	HALF TERM
<b>June</b>	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6@Eaton Vale Residential
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 mixed Cricket@Horsford, 10:00
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3/4 mini tennis competition@Easton, 10:00
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	City Sports, Field Finals, 3:30 – 6:00pm
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	City Sports, Track Heats, 1:00 – 5:30pm
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup>	City Sports, Track Finals, 1:30 – 5:30pm
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Panathlon competition@THS, 10:00
<b>July</b>	

Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Team Building Transition Festival@THS, 10:00
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Transition days@THS
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 STEM day@THS; Y6 Leavers' disco TBC
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Reports go home
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	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.