# Drayton CE Junior School

## NEWSLETTER Spring 7 2024

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*Dear Parents/Carers,*
*Happy Easter Holidays to you all! From everyone at Drayton Juniors we wish all in our community a very happy, healthy break. With the Y5 boys' football team qualifiying for the cup final after school on Wednesday 17th April, we're guaranteed an exciting return to school in April. Hopefully we can flood The Nest with support for the team. Don't forget the clocks go forward on Easter Sunday – lighter evenings are around the corner!*
*Best wishes, Mrs Read*




## What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?





*"What a wonderful surprise to get in from work today, feeling tired and a little frayed around the edges, to receive a letter marked 'Positive Post' and discovering a lovely poem and drawing inside. I feel fortunate to live on School Road. It really was a lovely surprise and brightened my day."*

"Thank you so much for your wonderfully worded poem about Spring. It certainly cheered me up, especially the birds chirping and bees buzzing."

*"Many thanks for posting a very nice poem through my door. It cheered me up a lot."*

"Thank you so much for the beautiful poem – It made our day! We loved the little rabbit you drew on the envelope. What a lovely idea! It's made me very nostalgic about many years ago when I attended Drayton Junior School. I have such fond memories and now I have another one."

*"Many people living in this area are elderly or live alone. I am sure that they were delighted to receive such joyous Spring poems."*

"Your poem made me feel glad it's Spring. You have really cheered me up!"

*"What a lovely surprise to receive your lovely Spring poems through our letter box today. It made me feel much brighter. I'm sure it will have brought a smile to many other residents in Drayton, so well done to you all.*

**YEAR 5 POSITIVE POST**

Ending the Spring Term on a real positive are our amazing Y5 pupils who spread plenty of community joy this week. Each child wrote an uplifting, beautiful Spring Poem, which they decorated, before posting it through the door of a local resident on Tuesday. Responses from recipients have been absolutely lovely, showing how our wonderful Drayton community supports each other. It has been a great opportunity for the children to connect with local residents, spreading positivity this Easter time.

We thought parents/carers & other stakeholders, may enjoy reading some of the replies received following the special deliveries, joining us in being very proud of our Y5 team of pupils and staff.

***Well done everybody!***




# DJS Information Update

**DINNER MONEY:** Thank you to everyone who orders and pays for school dinners promptly. This really does support the smooth running of the school. Unfortunately considerable office hours have been required to remind parents/carers of outstanding payments. We do not want to refuse children from having a school dinner, however this will happen if they are not being paid for. If you are struggling to pay for your child's school dinners, do contact Mrs Terrington/Mrs Hastings who can check eligibility for Free School Meals.

**SCHOOL PAYMENTS:** From June 2024 Drayton Juniors will be going cashless, using 'School Money' for all money transfers by parents/carers. This means that the school will no longer accept cheques for payments or cash. Further details will be shared next half term so please continue to check your emails for notifications.

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## DATES LIST 2023/24

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| Thu 28th | INSET for staff EASTER HOLIDAY 28th March – 12th April |
| **April** | |
| Tues 16th & Wed 17th | Y4 Bikeability begins (see separate letter) |
| Thur 17th | Y5 Boys' Football cup final@The Nest v St William's Primary |
| Thur 18th | Year 3 group of 4 pupils @Norwich School a.m |
| Fri 19th | School Council meeting with Drayton Parish Council; Y3/4 disco 18:00 – 19:30 |
| Tues 23rd | NORWICH SCHOOL FESTIVAL OF MATHEMATICS CHALLENGES<br>Year 4 group of 4 pupils @Norwich School a.m |
| Wed 24th | Year 5 group of 4 pupils @Norwich School a.m |
| Thu 25th | Year 6 group of 4 pupils @Norwich School<br>Y4,Y5,Y6 Netball Competition @Neatherd High, 10:00 |
| Mon 29th | SCITT Teacher starts in 5H |
| **May** | |
| Wed 1st | Class Photos |
| Thu 9th | Y4, Y5 Basketball@UEA, 10:00 |
| Thur 9th & Fri 10th | No crossing patrol on School Road |
| Mon 13th – Fri 17th | Year 6 KS2 SATS week |
| Fri 17th | Y5/6 disco |

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| Tues 21st | Y2 Sept 2024 forms deadline |
| Thur 23rd | iRock Assembly p.m |
| 27th – 31st May | HALF TERM |
| **June** | |
| Mon 3rd – Wed 5th | Year 6@Eaton Vale Residential |
| Thu 6th | Year 5/6 mixed Cricket@Horsford, 10:00 |
| Fri 7th | Y6 Maths Group@ Langley |
| Tues 11th | Year 4 LEGO STEM workshops in the hall (drag race cars, towers & bridges) |
| Wed 12th | Year 3 Banham Zoo trip tbc |
| Fri 21st | Year 3/4 mini tennis competition@Easton, 10:00 |
| Mon 24th | City Sports, Field Finals, 3:30 – 6:00pm |
| Tues 25th | City Sports, Track Heats, 1:00 – 5:30pm |
| Wed 26th – Fri 28th | Year 6 transiiton@Aylsham High School |
| Thu 27th | City Sports, Track Finals, 1:30 – 5:30pm |
| Fri 28th | KS2 Panathlon competition@THS, 10:00 |
| **July** | |
| Tues 2nd | 3:30 – 4:15 DJS Summer Music Concert for parents: choir, musicians, Samba Band |
| Wed 3rd | Y2 Parent Information evening 18:00; Y2 Transition Day@DJS |
| Thu 4th | Y6 Team Building Transition Festival@THS, 10:00 |
| Wed 10th – Thu 11th | Year 6 Transition days@THS & Hellesdon High |
| Fri 12th | Year 6 Transition@Hellesdon High; SCITT Teacher last day in 5H; Year 5 STEM day@THS; Y6 Leavers' disco |
| Mon 15th | Reports go home |
| Fri 19th | 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.