Drayton CE Junior School

NEWSLETTER Summer 8 2024

Please go to: www.draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk

Dear Parents/Carers,
Hooray, the sun is finally shining and we're feeling a bit of warmth on our skin. After completing Sunday's Norfolk Marathon in torrential wind and rain, not to mention the neverending hills, it was beginning to feel that summer would never arrive. Yesterday, the photographer managed to take the class photos outside, but it was touch and go at the start of the day as the grey clouds loomed overhead. Fingers crossed that the sun is here to stay for longer than a few days. We have a number of trips coming up this summer term (see dates list), including Y6's residential to Eaton Vale. We started the term in the most exciting way with our amazing Year 5 boys' football team winning the Norwich Primary Schools Challenge Cup – and what a fantastic performance it was too! Thank you to all staff, parents and governors who were at The Nest to cheer on the team, with a special thank you to Craig Lambourne their football coach. Super result and sportmanship everyone, we are all very proud of you.
Best wishes, Mrs Read



What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?









MATHS CHALLENGE: It's been a busy week or two with multiple trips to the Norwich School for groups from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, competing in the Maths Challenge activities alongside other schools. The mornings were a real hit with staff and children, with the cookies provided going down a treat too!

NETBALL: Well done to the Y5/6 team who played in the WNDSSP Netball tournament last week. They finished 9th overall, showing great improvement as they progressed through the matches.

SAMBA BAND: At the end of last term talented Drayton's Samba band performed at the Norfolk County Music Festival. It was an excellent evening of percussion music, ending with the children being awarded 'Highly Commended Plus' for their great performance. Well done to them all for such a super achievement.

YEAR 3 GREEK DAY: Thank you to the Year 3 team for their fun Greek day at the end of last term. There was certainly a lot of making, tasting and good fun, with some very scary masks coming out of the classroom at the end of the day.

YEAR 4 ROMAN DAY: Finally, last Friday there was a real live Roman soldier at Drayton Juniors and he was a-ma-zing!!! Thank you to parents/carers for going all out with the Roman costumes – the children looked brilliant and their dress certainly added to a great day of learning. There was plenty of marching, making and teamwork involved. What a great way to launch a topic – thank you Year 4 team!





DJS Information Update

SCHOOL PAYMENTS: A letter to introduce our new cashless system 'School Money' has been emailed to parents/carers. If you didn't receive it please contact the school office. This first letter begins the process of explaining how we will be going cashless from June 2024. This means that the school will no longer accept cheques for payments or cash and lunches will need to be pre-ordered. The system will go live at the start of next half term, meaning all outstanding payments will need to be paid by Friday 24th May. Your support doing this will be very much appreciated by the office team.

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ECO- COUNCIL: Last week Eco-Council launched their post competition challenging entrants to create a poster that encourages children and parents to walk to school.

Eco Council would like to encourage the pupils of Drayton Junior School to make the most of the sunny summer weather and walk to and from school as much as possible. It is good for our physical and mental health as well as helping to ease the traffic problems outside the school at drop off and pick up times.

LATENESS: Unfortunately in some classes the start of the school day is regularly being broken/unsettled by children arriving to school consistently late. The child arriving late is then endeavouring to catch up as soon as they arrive, whilst disturbing the learning of others. Please be reminded that the school day begins at 8:45am when the whistle is blown on the playground. A member of staff is outside from 8:35am to supervise children arriving at school. This time is a really good one for children to connect & play with their friends, starting the school day in a calm, positive way.

Walk to School

How many days a week can you walk to school?

Moving Monday

Talk and Walk Tuesday

Walk and Talk Wednesday

Trekking Thursday

Fitness Friday

Leave the car behind!

TRAFFIC: To keep our children safe, a plea to all car drivers driving into Vawdrey Road NOT to stop close to the junction to drop/collect children. Not only is it illegal to do so here, but it can block traffic on School Road and Vawdrey Road, making visibility very poor for the children crossing the road. Please help us by driving carefully, making child safety everyone's top priority. Thank you.

JEWELLERY: Please be reminded that for health and safety reasons, children must not wear hooped earrings to school. A pair of small studs is far safer. Thank you for your support.

LUNCHBOXES: Children should not be bringing sweets to school or large chocolate bars as part of their packed lunches. A small chocolate bar and/or a packet of crisps can form part of healthy, balanced packed lunch and are absolutely fine. We appreciate how all children's eating habits are varied and different, however, as we all know, a sugar rich packed lunch should be avoided for health reasons.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES: Please see the link below for Year 6 parents/carers to order their child's Y6 Leavers' Hoodies. These always look great at the end of the school year, creating much excitement down the Y6 corridor when they arrive. The deadline for ordering isn't for a while yet, however, if you can, it would be good to order them sooner rather than later, just in case you forget. A big thank you to The Friends who organise this popular fundraising initiative.



https://www.hartlandhoodies.com/school-leavers-hoodies/drayton-junior-school-leavers-hoodies

DATES LIST 2023/2

May	
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; Y6 Rockets Day
Tues 21st	Y2 Sept 2024 forms deadline
Thur 23rd	iRock Assembly p.m
Fri 24th	School & Community Team@DJS
27th – 31st May	HALF TERM
June	
Mon 3rd – Wed 5th	Year 6@Eaton Vale Residential
Wed 5th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)
Thu 6th	Year 5/6 mixed Cricket@Horsford, 10:00
Fri 7th	Y6 Maths Group@ Langleyp.m
Tues 11th	Year 4 LEGO STEM workshops in the hall (drag race cars, towers & bridges)
Wed 12th	Year 3 Banham Zoo trip
Fri 14th	Norfolk Day of Welcome
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	
Mon 1st	Year 6 Gressenhall Trip
Tues 2nd	3:30 – 4:15 DJS Summer Music Concert for parents: choir, musicians, Samba Band
Wed 3rd	Y2 Parent Information evening 18:00
Thu 4th	Y6 Team Building Transition Festival@THS, 10:00; Y5 Pleasurewood Hills trip
Tues 9th	Y7 THS parent information evening
Wed 10th – Thu 11th	Year 6 Transition days@THS & Hellesdon High; Y2 transition day@DJS – further details to follow
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
Wed 17th	Reports Clinic 3:30-4:30pm
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.