Drayton CE Junior School

NEWSLETTER Summer 10 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,
As I plan to complete Race to the King Ultra this weekend, I'm actually hoping that the sun doesn't shine too much, which makes a great change to our thinking in school after all the rain we've been having. The buckets have been out in the corridor far too often! Thankfully weather didn't stop play at Eaton Vale and our Y6s had an amazing time. The summer term is such a great time for learning outdoors and reflecting on how much the children have grown – a time to be proud of all of their achievements this year and plan ahead for what's to come. Best wishes for a good weekend (hopefully blister free for me!), Mrs Read

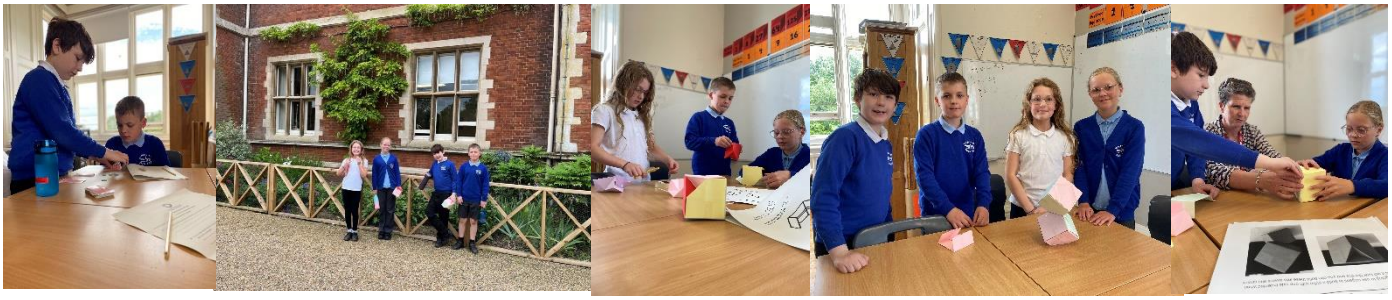
What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?



YEAR 6 EATON VALE RESIDENTIAL: What a fabulous stay at Eaton Vale Residential Centre our Y6s enjoyed at the start of this half term! Thank you to all staff who made this possible – hope you've recovered from your sleep deprivation - and parents who continue to value and support these great learning opportunities that go beyond the classroom. The children learn so much about themselves as they explore new activities, very often pushing beyond what they initially thought they were capable of achieving. Thank you to Eaton Vale staff who took great care of us all.



YEAR 4 LEGO WORKSHOP: Fun learning opportunities this week with all Y4 classes enjoying a LEGO STEM workshop building bridges, towers, drag cars and towers – pure heaven for many! Plenty of science and DT, as well as developing teamwork, patience and resilience. Thank you to Mrs Hone for organising.



YEAR 6 MATHS CHALLENGE: Well done to our group of mathematically minded Y6 children who did a splendid job at Langley Prep's afternoon of puzzling activities and challenges with other groups from local schools. Be careful if they offer to play a card game with you that they keep winning! Thank you for the invite Langley; it was really good to have fun with maths – building 3D shapes is very fiddly work!



YEAR 3 BANHAM ZOO: *On Wednesday 12th June Year 3 went to Banham Zoo. First we went into the Tropical House where we saw a green winged dove as well as a parrot. We also saw a sloth sleeping behind a rock. Next we went to the cute meerkats; one of them was on lookout. We were lucky to see the sealions being fed. The howler monkey yelled as loud as a blow horn! We saw tigers and they came right up to the glass. Tigers have rough tongues. I enjoyed seeing one of the giraffe's stealing food from another giraffe. We also saw the snow leopard laying on some rocks sun-bathing. The sneaky cheetah was hiding so we couldn't see it. I though the day was fun because we saw lots of animals and learnt all about them.*
Thank you for organising Mr Silvester – think the children's smiles on their return said it all - Just fabulous!



DJS Information Update

STAFFING 2024/25: As I am sure many of you are aware, Mrs Yates will be going on Maternity Leave in September, ready to welcome her new baby. We will of course miss her lots, and wish her all the best as she welcomes her first child into the world. Interviews for a new Y5 teacher take place very shortly and the outcome will be shared with parents, no doubt in the next newsletter. In the meantime, it can be confirmed that next year's teachers will be:

Year 3: Mr Silvester (3S), Mrs Bond/Mrs Jacobs (3B), **Mrs Howell** (3H)
Year 4: Mrs Hone (4H), Miss Parker (4P), **Mrs Finch/Mrs Silvester** (4F)
Year 5: Mrs Lambourne/Ms Cope (Fridays), **Mrs Innes** (5I), Mrs Yates' maternity leave cover teacher
Year 6: Mrs Game (6G), Mrs Woollsey (6W), **Mrs Brooks/Mrs Brosche (6B)**

At Drayton Juniors we are incredibly fortunate to have a highly experienced team of teachers, most of whom have taught in all year groups across KS2. This year some teachers are moving year groups, so please take note of changes to class names.

IN SCHOOL TRANSITION: At present teachers are finalising class lists for next year, before handover of information between teachers takes please early in July. Children in Years 3, 4 & 5 will be visiting their new 2024/25 classes in mid July while Y6 visit their secondary schools. Following feedback from teachers, it can be shared that both Y3 and Y4 classes are being mixed, whilst children in the current Y5 classes will remain the same, moving into Y6 in the classes they have been in this year.

Every year the summer term dedicates considerable time to support children manage a change in class/year group. Over the year strong relationships have been developed between adults and children in each class, something we are very proud of at Drayton Juniors. Change is a natural part of life and learning how to manage the emotions connected with this is yet another part of children's learning journey. If your child is experiencing difficulties or worries, please let us know so that we can hopefully ease any concerns they may have. It can often be useful to remind children of how they may have felt this time last year and recognise what they have achieved since then.

SCHOOL DINNERS: On Monday 17th June our new school dinner ordering and paying system 'School Money' goes live with all dinners ordered for that week being process last week. Well done and thank you to everyone who has negotiated their way around the new app. Pre-ordering and paying for lunches ahead of time will become easier and less time consuming – I think we may all need to set reminders on our phones! A huge thank you to Mrs Terrington and Mrs Hastings who have supported many parents during this initial stage of ordering, providing 1:1 support and numerous reminders as the system is set up. With over 300 children in the school, the office staff cannot possibly order lunches for all children, however they are there to support if needed so please get in touch.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH: With Rev Marc on sabbatical until September, Drayton Juniors extends a warm welcome to Rev Margaret McPhee who will be based at St Margaret's Church during this time. Rev Margaret will be going us for a visit at DJS next Thursday, before joining us in Collective Worship the following week. A thank you to her for agreeing to help us celebrate our Y6s at St Margaret's Church at their Leavers' Service at the end of term.

ATTENDANCE: Whole school this year so far: 95.1**%** - persistent absence 11.9%

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.99%	94.7%	95.89%	94.77%
Persistent Absence			
12.7%	14.3%	9.3%	11.8%

FIXED PENALTY NOTICES (FPNs): From August 2024 the New National Framework for using Fixed Penalty Notice introduces changes into how FPNs operate. The aim is to provide consistency in schools across the UK, whilst focusing on their use as an effective tool to improve attendance. Each case continues to be considered by the Headteacher on a case by case basis. More information will follow in the revised Attendance Policy in September, however the key changes include: applies to a child missing ten unauthorised sessions (not whole weeks) in a rolling 10 week period; increase in fines - £80 rising to £160; only two FPNs can be issued in a 3 year period before prosecution in the Magistrate's Court

PASTORAL LEAD: Mrs Laura Clarke, our 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 For further signposting information check out details on the school website: https://www.draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk/parents-community/parent-support/

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: Thank you to The Friends for another successful, well supported Father's Day/Special person shop last Friday. Your support is very much appreciated. Valuable funds raised have reduced costs of year group trips this summer, plus supported upcoming Y6 events. Thank you

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

June	
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	Rev Margaret leads Collective Worship; 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; additional visit to THS for Y6 pupils with SEND
Thu 4th	Y6 Team Building Transition Festival@THS, Y5 Pleasurewood Hills trip
Fri 5th	Norman House Reward – Non uniform day, including an item of yellow; DIS Year 2 & Year 5 RE activity morning; Y3/4 group football@The Nest
Mon 8th	a.m Y5/6 Sports a.m (THS students to support)
Tues 9th	a.m Y3/4 Sports a.m; Y7 THS parent information evening
Wed 10th	Y2 Transition day@DJS – 9:00 – 15:00
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
Wed 17th	Reports Clinic 3:30-4:30pm; 18:00 Year 6 production to parents/carers
Thur 18th	9:30 Y6 production to parents/carers
Fri 19th	Year 6 Leavers' Service@St Margaret's Church@9:30 – Y6 parents/carers welcome; Last day of the school year.

2024/2025 INSET DATES:

https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/38213/Term-dates-and-school-holidays-2024-2025

INSET DAYS: Tuesday 3rd September - Friday 25th October - Monday 6th January - Tuesday 22nd April - Wednesday 23rd July