Drayton CE Junior School

NEWSLETTER Autumn 4 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers, Today saw the final Maths Café of the autumn term, this time for Y5 parents/carers. Thank you to everyone who attended. We really hope that you found your time in school working on maths related activities with your children fun and helpful. Thank you to the teachers for opening their classroom door, planning and delivering these sessions – talking in front of children is much easier than adults! Best wishes, Mrs Read

What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?



FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS: Last Friday the DJS Y6 football team proudly celebrated yet another brilliant sporting sucess, resulting in another rather large piece of silverwear for the school trophy cabinet! Huge congratulations to the Y6 team and their coaches for winning the EFL @Utilita Football Cup at the Nest. As cup winners they now go on to respresenting Norwich City CSF in the next round of the competition. Very well deserved success for an inspiring team of footballers (& coaches) whose team spirit and encouragement for each other shines through. Good luck to you all – keep playing hard, you can do it!

YEAR 4 MATHS WORKSHOPS: Thank you to Maths teachers from the Inspiration Trust for providing really good Maths workshops for each Year 4 class on Wednesday 13th November. The children (and teachers) were actively engaged in solving fish related problems requiring some excellent mathematical thinking and collaborative working. Opportunities such as these create invaluable time for teachers to watch their class learn, working through the problems together. Well done Team Year 4!

CROSS COUNTRY FINALS: A HUGE well done to the many WNDSSP Cross Country finalists who competed superbly at the school games at Langley yesterday. Super effort and results from you all, with a well deserved medal awarded to Ivy for her impressive 3rd place. Thank you for leading Mrs Finch.

iROCK ASSEMBLY: Monday's iRock assembly to the school and parents was an awesome start to the week. Thank you for working so hard musicians – keep rocking, your performances were fantastic!



DJS Information Update

SCHOOL DINNERS: Please don't forget to order your child's Christmas dinner on School Money by 2pm today! With increased numbers on this busy special festive school day, we really don't wish for any child to be left disappointed. Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 11th December.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Thank you to the parents/carers who are busy preparing for Drayton's Christmas Fayre after school on Friday 13th December. Next Friday (6th) all children and staff are invited to wear non-school uniform in return for a chocolate donation towards the Christmas Fayre. Last year's Fayre was a lovely school community event, supporting school trips. Thank you for your anticipated support.



HEALTH & SAFETY: Please be aware that it has been reported to the school that children are playing in the hedge on the corner of Vawdrey Road (by the former school house) after school on their way home. This area may contain potentially harmful substances from building works nearby so it is best for the children to stay away from the hedge. National Highways have been contacted.

TRANSITION UPDATE: Thank you to all who have welcomed Mr Neenan during his visits to Drayton Juniors this term. In true Drayton fashion the children have been their friendly selves asking him questions. Mr Neenan starts full time as Headteacher from January 2025, and it is hoped that he will be able to attend Christmas events at the school over the coming weeks. Please do say Hello to Mr Neenan and introduce yourself if you get the opportunity, helping him to get to know pupils and their families.

VACANCIES: Do you enjoy working with children? Do you want to be involved in school life? If so, DJS is advertising for a new lunchtime supervisor to join our midday team. Please get in touch if you would like to know more. https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/job/eb073df3-661a-453a-b726-84c0f0d3eb1e

EDP TOKENS: Not long until the EDP Sports Equipment for Schools token collection ends so let's have a finalwhole school push! There is a token collecttion box in the front office. Token are available until December 7th.
https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/24605530.sports-equipment-schools-promotion-launched-edp/



FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: Well done to the super band of volunteers who provided a great Y3/4 disco last Friday. The children were really well behaved and had lots of fun. Time to do it all again this coming Friday, but for Y5/6. Please be reminded that parental permission needs to be provided if another adult is collecting a child. We are also unable to permit children to walk home on their own if parent permission is not given. Thank you to everyone who has paid and notified the Friends of collection arrangements. Help is always appreciated by the Friends at discos so please do consider volunteering. It's a good opportunity to get to know other parents while making a real difference. If you are interested please contact the school office admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk with your contact details and The Friends will be in touch.

PASTORAL TEAM: Drayton is very proud of its strong Pastoral Team. If you would like to speak to a member of our Pastoral Team, Mrs Clarke or Mrs Lane, then please contact the office – admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk They'll soon be in touch.

DATES LIST 2024/25

December	
Mon 2nd	Y6 Crucial Crew visit p.m (The Nest)

Fri 6th	NPSAA Cross Country, Eaton Park, 13:45 arrival – 14:00 start; Friends Y5/6 school disco – 18:00 – 19:30; Non-school Uniform Day in return for chocolate donations for the Christmas Fayre
Wed 11th	a.m 5C Intergenerational Choir Christmas Concert @ Badgerswood (5C parents/carers invited) Christmas Lunch – must have been ordered in advance.
Thur 12th	6pm Y4 Christmas performance to parents/carers (more information to follow); DJS choir @ Badgerswood p.m
Fri 13th	9:30 Y4 Christmas performance to parents/carers (more information to follow); After school Christmas fayre, 3:30 – 4:30 tbc
Mon 16th	Norfolk Music Hub Online Pantomime
Tues 17th	Norwich Philarmonic Orchestra & the DJS choir – tickets available: https://www.norwichphil.org.uk/tickets.htm
Wed 18th	Christmas Service@St Margaret's 9:30 Y6 ; 11:00 Years 3,4 & 5 pupils only;
Fri 20th	End of Term
23rd Dec – 6th January Sun 22nd 18:30	HOLIDAY – **Term starts Tuesday 7th January 2024** (INSET Monday 6th January) Carols by Candlelight, St Margaret's Church, DJS choir & musicians.
January	
Tue 7th	Term starts
Wed 8th	10:00 Tennis Club Assembly visit
Thur 16th	NPSAA Cross Country, Taverham Junior, 13:45 arrival – 14:00 start
Fri 31st	Y3/4 Friends' Disco tbc; Girls' Football Tournament@ The Nest
February	
Mon 3rd	Y5/6 sportshall tournament (letters to follow for children involved)
Wed 5th	Y5 bikeability (course 1)
Thur 6th	Y5 bikeability (course 1)
Fri 7th	NPSAA Cross Country, Horsford, 13:45 arrival – 14:00 start
Wed 12th	Y5 bikeability (course 2)
Thur 13th	Y5 bikeability (course 2)
17th – 21st	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon 24th	Term starts
Wed 26th	Y5 bikeability (course 3)
Thur 27th	Y5 bikeability (course 3)
Fri 28th	Y5/6 Friends' Disco tbc

March	
Fri 7th	NPSAA Cross Country, Old Catton, 13:45 arrival – 14:00 start
April	
Fri 4th	End of term
May	
w/c 12th – 16th	KS2 SATS Week for Y6
Mon 19th	Y4 bikeability
Tues 20th	Y4 bikeability
June	
w/c 23rd – 26th	City Sports Week

Please see the Norfolk County Council 2024/25 School Calendar for further details.