Drayton CE Junior School

NEWSLETTER Autumn 5 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,
From all at Drayton Juniors a very Happy Christmasl. Thank you to all families for your ongoing support, especially in recent weeks as the children and staff prepared for numerous performances and fundraisers. Mrs Leigh, our music lead, has certainly spread her Christmas musical magic, well and truly earning a well earned rest. On behalf of all of the DJS team, thank you for your kind cards and gifts, they really are appreciated. Wishing you everyone a happy and healthy 2025, continuing to flourish and make the most of opportunities. My time leading Drayton has been a ball and I will miss you all lots. Thanks for the memories. Very best wishes, Mrs Read

What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?



Y4 PERFORMANCE: A super well done to everyone in the Y4 team, children and teaching team alike, for a great Christmas production that wowed us all. 'The Fleece Force' entertained its audiences with its quality performances and great singing – lots of catchy, happy songs to really get our toes tapping! Thank you to parents for their support with costumes and learning lines at home with their children. A special heartfelt thank you to Miss Parker who organised the raffle, refreshments and twinkly lights to create a really special Christmassy atmosphere. An amazing £390 was raised, which will be used to subsidise upcoming Y4 visits or visitors. Thank you to all who donated & congratulations to all who won, myself included!

DJS FRIENDS CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Last Friday a hardworking team of Y5 parents once again organised and delivered a fabulous Christmas fayre. The hall was packed, making it a really successful fundraiser again. All money raised will support upcoming learning in Y5 which is very much appreciated.
A message from the fundraising team: Thank you to all the DJS children and their families who attended the Christmas Fayre. We raised £900 for school and we hope you had lots of fun! Our new stall Vote the Teacher was really popular and all your coins have been added up. The most money went to….. Mr Silvester! So enjoy seeing him dressed as a Highway Man for the day!!! Thank you to Mrs Cope and Mr Preston who were runners up. Merry Christmas from the Christmas Fayre volunteer team'.

GOOD SAMARITANS: 6W have made us all very proud this week with their class collection for Foodbank and fundraiser for The Children's Society, St Margaret Church's charity this year. Thank you to all who supported the 6W cake sale on Monday which raised a brilliant £126.20. Well done 6W, your actions will have really made a positive difference to those in need this Christmas. You should be proud of yourselves.







BADGERSWOOD@CHRISTMAS: Last week 5C's Intergenerational choir Christmas celebration with residents of Badgerswood certainly spread plenty of Christmas joy. Thank you to all the parents/carers who joined us for this special community occasion. The singing continued for the residents the following day when the DJS choir performed for the residents, ending with a group singalong. Thank you to Mrs Leigh and all the children involved for spreading so much Christmas happiness to Badgerswood.

NORWICH PHILHARMONIC: Once again the DJS choir was honoured to be invited as special guests at Norwich Phil's Family Christmas at the showground on Tuesday evening. The choir sang beautifully, rising to the occasion, whilst also experiencing the orchestra in action. The school's solo singers were absolutely fabulous, so clear and confident – well done to you both! Thank you to Mrs Leigh as their conductor, ably supported by Mrs Lambourne, Mrs Howell and Mrs Lane. It was a super special evening for our DJS community to enjoy.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICE: Wednesday 18th December was the school's annual Christmas service at the church where the DJS choir and musicians performed admirably. Well done to them all for showcasing their talents so confidently to the impressed audiences. The final school musical performance is Carols by Candlelight this Sunday – best set your alarm Mrs Leigh and Mrs Lambourne, not quite the holidays yet! Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to music at Drayton Juniors.



DJS Information Update

SCHOOL DINNERS: Please don't forget to order your child's school dinner for the first week of the Spring Term. Booking remains open until Monday 6th January at 10am.

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

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	
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; 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.