Drayton CE Junior School

NEWSLETTER 13th JANUARY 2025

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Headteacher's Note:

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. It has been a fantastic start to the year, and I have loved getting to know everyone. I have even started to remember a few names!

So, who am I…

I am Mr John Neenan, 41 years old, married to Lindsay for 18 years and father to three wonderful children. I have been a teacher since 2008 where I did my Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) at the UEA. Between 2009 and 2018 I taught at Suffield Park Infant and Nursery School in Cromer. It was here that I trained to be a Special Educational Need and Disability Co-ordinator in 2015/16. In 2018 I took on my first Headship at Aylsham St Michaels CE VA Primary and Nursery School. Then in January 2023 I was approached by the Local Authority and asked to lead two further schools, Erpingham and Northrepps Primaries and Pre-Schools. Over the next 18 months I took the schools through the process of federation to create, what is now, the Pathfinders Federation. This now leads me to Drayton and the start of what I hope will be a long and successful experience, working alongside a fantastic and dedicated team. I strongly believe that families and schools working together is the best way to support our young people. We all want our children to grow up to be confidence citizens who contribute well to society. I am always available via email or in the playground in the mornings/afternoons. I very much look forward to working with you all for many years to come.

John Neenan

"With God all things are possible" – Matthew 19:26

DJS Information Update

ATTENDANCE as a school we need to be working on the level of attendance and in particular, lateness. All children should be at school for the start of the day at 8.45 am. This is when the children enter the building and start their learning. There will always be an adult on the playgrounds from 8.35 am to enable dropping children off. We hope that this 10 minute window will support with difficulty of parking. We will be blowing the whistle and then closing the gates at 8.45 am, after this time you will need to report to the main office. If a child is late on average for 5 minutes a day then this is a week of learning lost every year. Education is precious and every minute counts.

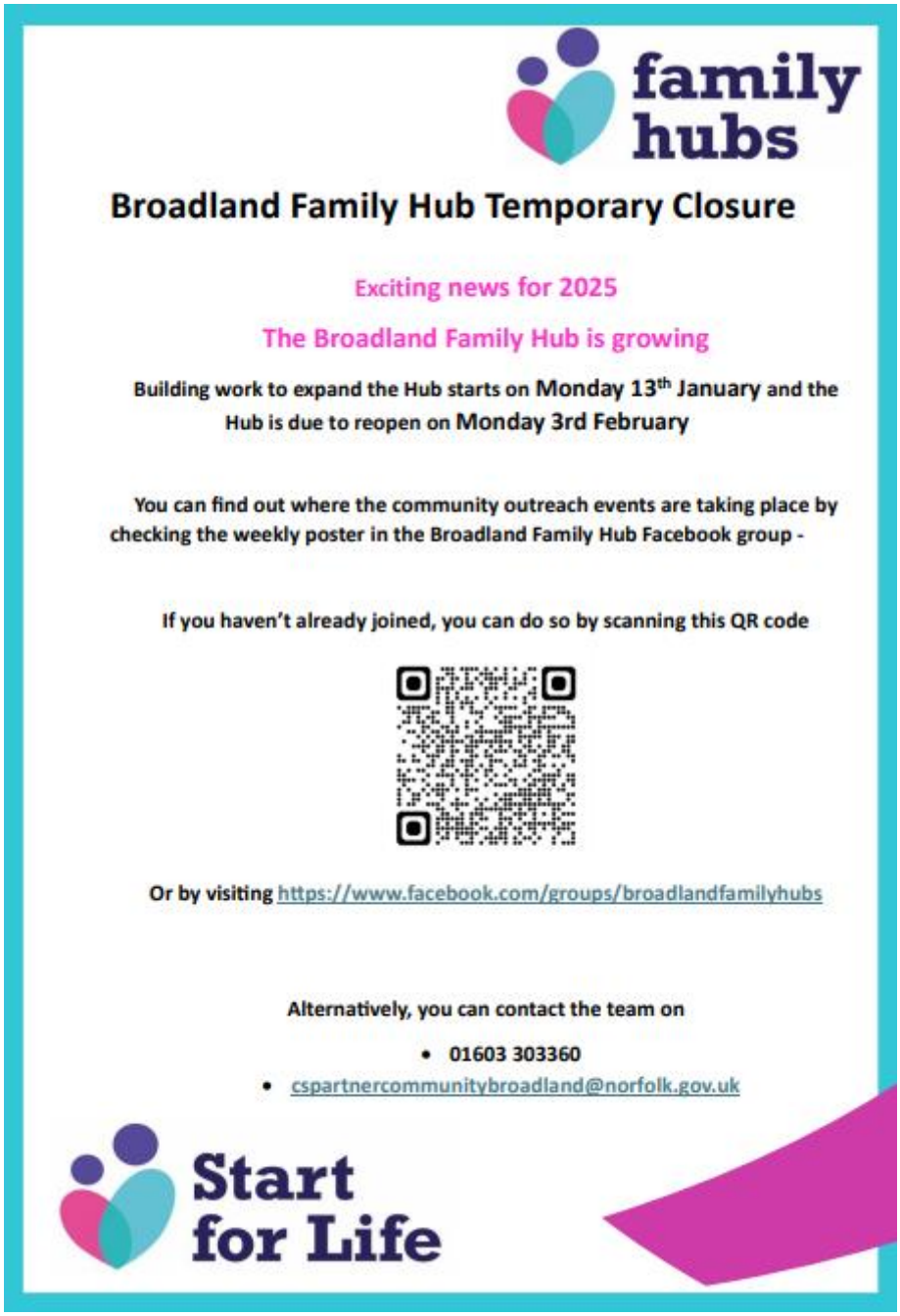
SCHOOL DINNERS please continue to book school lunches via the School Money System

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.

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: 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 2025

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) Hilltop Residential – Parents Information session – 15:30 school hall.
Thur 6th	Y5 bikeability (course 1) Online Parents Evening – info to follow
Fri 7th	NPSAA Cross Country, Horsford, 13:45 arrival – 14:00 start
Tues 11th	Online Parents Evening – Info to follow
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	
w/c 3rd	Year 4 Hilltops Week
Thurs 6th	World Book Day – details to follow
Fri 7th	NPSAA Cross Country, Old Catton, 13:45 arrival – 14:00 start
Thurs 20th	Open Book Afternoon – 3.15-4pm – a chance to look at your child's school books
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.