Drayton CE VC Junior School

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NEWSLETTER 31st JANUARY 2025

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Headteacher's Note:

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are now four weeks into the term, and we're delighted to say that the year has started off wonderfully! Our pupils have been busy with lots of fun activities and learning experiences. We have many more exciting things planned for the coming months that we know the children will enjoy.

The curriculum at DJS is fantastic, and I am very impressed with both the standard curriculum and the extra-curricular opportunities available. Please help support your children by using Times Tables Rock Stars, reading with them, and ensuring they complete their homework. All of these are essential for pupil progress.

When walking around the school, I have been pleased with the general behaviour. Most children are being respectful learners and good friends to each other. While we expect some bumps in the road, we will handle these on a case-by-case basis.

I'm happy to report that attendance is improving and lateness is reducing, thank you. Please remember, children should be here by 8:45 am to start the day.

Thank you for your support in making this school year a success!

John Neenan

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength." – Philippians 4:13

DJS Information Update

SWIMMING swimming is compulsary in Key Stage 2, we are so lucky to have our own pool meaning we do not have to travel to and from a venue. Please ensure your children have their swimming kits for their swimming days.

SPORTING EVENTS Well done to the children who took part in the Cross Country Event we are really proud of the effort put in.
Well done: Alfie, Bobby, Charlie, Elise, Ellis, Georgia, Ivy, Jessica, Joshua, Max, Mia, Norah, Ruby and Theo! There are many more sporting events coming up!

MUSIC it has been lovely to hear the choir singing and the Samba band playing. Keep an eye out for new dates relating to music events.

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

HEALTH & SAFETY: Please can I ask that parents don't use the school car park for drop off and pick up, unless previously arranged and authorised. There is a lot of movement in and out of the

carpark in the mornings and afternoons with pupils walking, swimming groups and deliveries. We want to keep everyone as safe as possible.

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.





January	
Fri 31st	Y3/4 Friends' Disco tbc; Girls' Football Tournament@ The Nest

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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 – Year 5 - Football fixture – Home Game - Cringleford
Fri 7th	NPSAA Cross Country, Horsford, 13:45 arrival – 14:00 start
Mon 10th	Year 5 - Football fixture – Away Game - Horsford
Tues 11th	Online Parents Evening –
Wed 12th	Y5 bikeability (course 2) Year 5 - Football fixture – Home Game – White Woman Lane
Thur 13th	Y5 bikeability (course 2)
17th – 21st	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon 24th	Term starts
Tue 25th	Girls - Football fixture – Home Game - Poringland
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, 1:45 arrival – 2:00 pm start
Tues 11th	CASMA choir concert at St Peter Mancroft Church – 7 pm
Wed 12th	Year 6 - Football fixture – Away Game – Woodland Girls - Football fixture – Home Game – Firside
Wed 19th	Year 6 - Football fixture – Away Game – Hillside

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Thurs 20th	Open Book Afternoon – 3.15-4pm – a chance to look at your child's school books
Thurs 20th	Samba Band performance for the County Music Festival – 5.30 pm and is at CNS
Wed 26th	Year 6 - Football fixture – Home Game – Avenues
Mon 31st	iRock Concert – 9.30 am
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.