Drayton CE VC Junior School

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NEWSLETTER 18th March 2025

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Headteacher's Note:

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

It has been an incredibly busy half-term here at DJS. We've had numerous sporting events, choir performances, residential trips to Hilltop, Science Week, and World Book Day. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the staff who have gone above and beyond to make these activities and events a success.

It's wonderful to see the children engaging in both curricular and extra-curricular opportunities. Their enthusiasm and participation are truly inspiring.

I particularly enjoyed being part of the residential trip, where I had the chance to see the children outside the classroom context, stretching themselves to try new things. The peer support and encouragement they showed each other were exceptional.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

John Neenan

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.". — John 14:17

DJS Information Update

HILLTOPS residential trip was fantastic, and the children certainly seemed to have a magnificent time. I know the staff did as well. A big thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to support the residential; this truly is going above and beyond to benefit our children. Special thanks to Miss Parker for her excellent organisation.







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SPORTING EVENTS Well done to all the children who participated in the most recent Cross Country Event. The boys' team secured an impressive second place overall, with both teams demonstrating outstanding teamwork and perseverance. Excellent work by our football teams as well; it's wonderful to see them enjoying the game and supporting each other.



WORLD BOOK DAY; thank you to Mrs. Hone for all the planning that went into World Book Day. It has been delightful to see the children's characters crafted from cardboard tubes. So much time and effort went into these creations, and the children were rightfully proud of their work. Reading is so important and it opens up doors to the world. Please try and read with your children at home, no matter their age.

SCIENCE WEEK This year's Science Week has been a massive success, thanks to Mrs. Woolsey and the Science Ambassadors. The children thoroughly enjoyed working on team projects to create recycling machines. These were then judged by our Science Ambassadors. Congratulations to our winners, Archer and Logan in 5C!









The children also had lots of fun with magnets, chromatography, ramps and structures. What a lovely week!

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

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

ATTENDANCE - Our current attendance rate this school year is 95.91%. If your child's individual attendance drops below 90%, we will send out letters to offer support and see how we can help improve this. We understand that illness happens and can't be helped, but it is vitally important that children attend as soon as they can. We are happy to support with medication; please speak to Mrs. Terrington or Mrs. Hastings in the office.

For the school's Attendance Policy, please follow this link: DJS Attendance Policy

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March	
Wed 19th	Year 6 - Football fixture – Away Game – Hillside
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
Thurs 20th	In school cake sale
Fri 21st	Mufti day for Red Nose Day – Wear something red (If you have it) all donations to be made on school money as no cash taken in school.
Wed 26th	Year 6 - Football fixture – Home Game – Avenues
Mon 31st	iRock Concert – 9.30 am
April	
Fri 4th	End of term
Wed 23rd	School back first day 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.