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NEWSLETTER 2nd April 2025

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Headteacher's Note:

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

What a term this has been! It has been full of joy, learning, new experiences, and some sadness. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who need them at this time.

I would like to thank all the staff, children, governors, and the community for their warm welcome to the school. It already feels like a home away from home. Having worked in five schools during my career, I can safely say that this is the busiest and is always a hive of activity. There is always something happening to support the personal development of pupils alongside their academic education.

We have much more planned for the Summer Term, including trips, a Year 6 residential, performances, sports days, rockets, and more learning.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break.

John Neenan

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

DJS Information Update

MRS L CLARKE – At the end of this week, we will say goodbye to Mrs. Laura Clarke. She has been an integral part of our team here at Drayton Junior School for the past two years. During that time, she has supported and positively impacted the lives of many pupils while fulfilling her various roles. We all wish her the best in her future endeavours. Good luck, Mrs. Clarke!

THE COMMUNITY – Some of the Year Three children enjoyed visiting the community coffee morning. It was wonderful to see different generations mix, share stories, and exchange boxes of chocolates, which were kindly donated to the school. The Year Three children also made Mothering Sunday cards for the congregation at St Margaret's.



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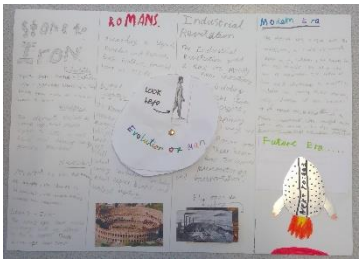
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SPORTING EVENTS Well done to the boy's football team who represented us, and Norwich City, at the Utilita Kids Cup Regional Finals held in Luton. We are all very proud of you effort!

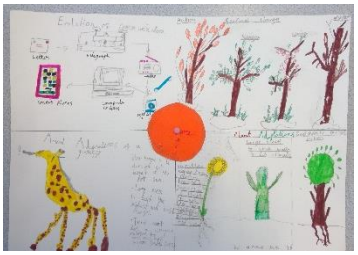


COLLECTIVE WORSHIP – On Monday, we were treated to a fantastic concert by the children who have been taking part in iRock. It was great to see and hear the progress these children have made over the term. During our collective worship, we learned about autism for Autism Awareness Day on the 2nd of April. We also had Reverend Marc come and teach us about the Easter story; the children enjoyed retelling the story using actions. Thank you Rev Marc!

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION – Well done to Eleanor 3B, Grace 3B, Benjamin and Noah 5I, Freya 6W and Lex 6G for their entries! Good Luck.











SCHOOL DINNERS please continue to book school lunches via the School Money System. From the 23rd April, schools dinners will be provided by Norse Catering. The new menu is online for you to see.

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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	
Mon 2nd – 13th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Mon 9th – 11th	Year 6 residential
Wed 11th	Year 3 Trip to Banham Zoo
Tue 17th	Sports Day – Years 3 and 4
Wed 19th	Sports Day – Years 5 and 6
Fri 20th	Year 4 World War Two day
w/c 23rd – 26th	City Sports Week
July	
Mon 14th	School Reports Out to Parents/Carers
Tue 22nd	Last day of term

PASTORAL STAFF: Drayton is very proud of the pastoral support we provide. If you would like to speak to Mrs Lane, our Pastoral staff member, then please contact the office – admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE - Our current attendance rate this school year is 95.14%. 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. Please ensure your child is at school for 8.45 am to start their learning.

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

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