Drayton CofE VC Junior School

"In whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide. Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too" - Philippians 2:3-4

NEWSLETTER 10th JULY 2025

Please go to: www.draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk

Headteacher's Note:

It has been another busy few weeks here at Drayton CE Junior School.

As we approach the end of the year, it's lovely to see our Year 6 children busy with their rehearsals and end-of-year projects. We've enjoyed a fantastic World War Two Day, a trip to Gressenhall, City Sports Week, and more.

The children have also been enjoying their transition days—finding out about their new classes and teachers for the year ahead. It has been a real joy walking around the school, seeing the happy faces and excitement in the classrooms.

Vision and Values
As a school, we have been working together to update our vision and values, while still incorporating our CARE values, which are so deeply embedded in our school and community.

–"In whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide. Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too" - Philippians 2:3-4

C*herishing each individual*
A*iming for everyone to flourish*
R*elationships rooted in care and respect*
E*mbracing collaboration and compassion*

"At Drayton CE VC Junior School, we are committed to fostering a community rooted in humility and respect. Guided by the principle of honouring others, as well as ourselves, we strive to cultivate an environment where everyone flourishes. We encourage our learners to care for one another, embracing collaboration and compassion in all they do. Together, we aim to create a supportive and inclusive atmosphere that nurtures not only academic excellence but also the spiritual, moral and cultural development of every individual."

Year 6 Leavers – We are happy for the children to have their shirts signed on the last day of term. This can be the shirt they are wearing or an additional one they bring in. We kindly ask that shirt signing does not begin until after the church service in the morning.

Finally, I want to say a massive thank you to Alison and Natalie (DJS Friends) for all the hard work and support they have given the school over the past four years. As they—and their children—move on, their legacy and the impact they've had in supporting the school will certainly live on.

I'd also like to extend that thank you to all the volunteers within DJS Friends who help organise events, hoodies, and contribute towards the cost of school trips. We really appreciate everything you do.

John Neenan
Headteacher

Drayton CofE VC Junior School

"In whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide. Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too"
- Philippians 2:3-4

DJS Information Update

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP – This week our theme is:

Mental Health Awareness – In support of Reverend Tony Lynn, for more information please see the link below:

https://justgiving.com/page/tony-lynn-6

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." – Romans 15:13

Reflective Thought

How can you help someone today who might be struggling?

How can you give another person hope?

A MESSAGE FROM DJS FRIENDS –

We have worked hard this year to host many events such as, Discos for Yrs. 3/4 and Yrs. 5/6, Christmas Fayre, Christmas Cards/Gifts, Leavers Hoodies and we have some exciting events planned for September onwards including a Sponsored Swim!

The outgoing Chairs, Alison and Nat have been incredible over 4 years and as their youngest children move onto High School, we thank them both for their outstanding contributions, tireless administration of all the events and wonderful financial efforts for the school. We will miss them both.

Their legacy will continue and The Friends are in a strong place and looking forward to new members joining the small but mighty team.

Can you help?

We are collecting for the Christmas Fayre!! If anyone you know is sorting a children's rooms over the Summer Holiday and they have any pre loved Teddies/Cuddlies/Books/Toys.
We would be very grateful. Please email djsfriends00@gmail.com or text 07740 859919 for Drayton drop off points! Thank you so much!
DJS Friends Committee.

Drayton CofE VC Junior School

"In whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide.
Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too"
- Philippians 2:3-4

THE OGDEN TRUST KITE CHALLENGE -

Well done to all the children who made kites at home for the Ogden Trust summer science challenge. There were some amazing entries and even some videos of children flying them. Prize winners received a giant kite which they can have some fun playing with this summer.







WORLD WAR TWO DAY -

The children in Year 4 had a fantastic time learning about World War Two and what it might have been like to be a child during that difficult time. They were incredibly thoughtful and enjoyed sharing their learning. During the day, they took part in a carousel of activities arranged by the Year 4 team.







CITY SPORTS WEEK –

Fantastic effort from all the children who took part in City Sports Week. It was great to see so many children participating and enjoying the track and field events.

Drayton CofE VC Junior School

"In whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide.
Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too"
- Philippians 2:3-4







CURRICULUM – Don't forget to keep up-to-date with what your children are learning, see our website for the latest Curriculum Maps.

SCHOOL DINNERS - please continue to book school lunches via the School Money System. Please note: the new menu is online for you to see.

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 – *Please note:* *The school day finishes at **3.15 pm**, unless there are valid, authorised reasons then children should not be being picked up early. If you do need to pick your child/children up early, please provide the office with the reason so we can ensure our records are up to date. Thank you*

Our current attendance rate this school year is **94.48%.** 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.

Gates are open from **8.30 am** and a member of staff will be on the playgrounds at **8.35 am.** Please ensure your child is at school for **8.45 am** to start their learning, this is when the gates will close.

Drayton CofE VC Junior School

"In whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide.
Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too"
- Philippians 2:3-4

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.

July	**Activity**	**Collective Worship Theme**
Wk 7th – 11th	8th Summer Concert – School Hall – 3.30 to 4.30	Well-being - Psalm 119:121-122a
Wk 14th – 18th	14th School Reports Out to Parents/Carers 16th Evening performance Year 6 Play – 6pm - letter to follow after half term! 17th Morning performance Year 6 play 9.15am - letter to follow after half term!	Memories and moving on
Wk 21st – 25th	iRock Concert – 9.15 am School Hall. 22nd Last day of term 22nd Leavers Service at St Margaret's 9.30 am – Year 6 parents welcome to attend.	Memories and moving on
September	**Activity**	**Collective Worship Theme**
Wk 1st – 5th	1st and 2nd Staff Inset Days 3rd – Children return to school	TBC