



# Newsletter January 2014

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## Message from the Headteacher

# Welcome...

It has been great to meet and greet so many of you at the school gates over the past two weeks (in all weathers!) It has been fantastic to meet more of you at the 'Tea with Mrs B' sessions.

The children have made me feel very welcome at Drayton community infant school. I am very impressed with their positive attitude towards their learning.

I met all the staff for the first time at the non-pupil day at the beginning of January. I am very lucky to be working with such an amazing team of people here at the school.



I popped into the year 2 Draytonory session and I was not only greeted by many parents and carers but by lots of different shaped and sized penguins. The children were really keen to talk about their individual penguins with me. I was overwhelmed by the positive and creative atmosphere in the year 2 classes. You should all feel very proud of your children.

I am so impressed with the school website. It is a great place to find out how we are 'Learning, Caring and Growing Together' at the school. Remember you can keep up to date by visiting our website - so sign up today for email alerts.

[www.draytoninfantschool.co.uk](http://www.draytoninfantschool.co.uk)

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# Gentle Reminders...

Please ensure your child arrives at school promptly in the morning in order to start their learning in a positive relaxed frame of mind. Gates are locked at **8.55am**. If you arrive or leave the school premises after this time you will need to exit through the main school entrance.



No dogs are permitted on the school premises.

It is great to see some many of you riding bikes and scooters to school. To prevent an accident occurring could I please ask that all children do not ride them in the school grounds.



Mobile phones are not to be used in the school building.

Car park - is reserved ,due to restricted space, for staff & visitors, unless parents have a medical reason. If you are using the school car park, please ensure that you are driving slowly and you take care not to damage any other cars or property. Thank you.



Please can you ensure that any nail varnish and temporary tattoos are removed before your child comes to school. May we also remind you that any lip balm type products should be applied before your child comes to school and for health & safety reasons not kept on school premises. Thank you for your co-operation.

Earrings should be removed or taped for PE lessons. Girls should have their hair tied up.

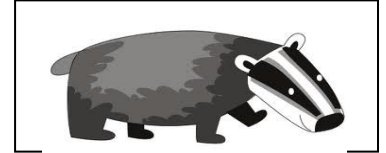
Water bottles - Please ensure that your child brings a named bottle of water to school to drink. Only water should be in these bottles, no squash. This will help your child stay healthy and help their learning.



# Other news...

## Mrs Besenzi

As you know, Mrs Besenzi is the class teacher of Badger class and the Deputy Headteacher at the school. In order for her to fulfil her role as Deputy Head and to support me in my role as headteacher leading the school, she will be having an additional half day non-contact time. Mrs Dearden will be teaching on a Wednesday afternoon.



We have just been awarded the Silver Quality Mark 2013-2014 from the Youth Sport Trust. Please look on our website from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January for more details.

## Change 4 Life Pack

I have attached a change for life leaflet which gives you some ideas for how you can swap every day foods to make you and your family healthier.



## Celebration Assembly

Every week we have a 'Celebration Assembly' where children's achievements and birthdays are recognised.



We would like to include you as parents and carers in these assemblies. The assembly will take place on Mondays at 2:30pm. You are invited to attend the Monday assembly when your child has had a birthday in the previous week.

I am also going to be awarding a special "Acorn Award" certificate to 1 child per week from each class, if they have shown they have been excellent in demonstrating the value of the week.

The star of the day awards will continue. These certificates will be given out by the class teacher.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 24 January 2.15pm 2S Squirrel class cake sale
- Tuesday 28 January 9.00am Year 1 "Draytonory"
- Friday 31 January 6.15pm Friends Disco
- w/c Mon 10 February Multicultural week
- Weds 12 February Year 2 visit to Norwich RC Cathedral
- Friday 14 February 3pm Half term starts
- Monday 24 February Children return after half term
- w/c Mon 10 March Parent Interviews (further details to follow)
- Mon 10-Weds 13 March Book week -Travelling Books Fair
- Friday 21 March 2.15pm 1R Rabbit class cake sale
- Friday 21 March 6.15pm Friends Disco
- Friday 4 April Term ends



Free School Meals—dependent upon your family circumstances, your son/daughter may be entitled to a free school meal every day or when they choose to participate in our Special Meals (Christmas lunch, Family lunch week etc). If this is the case, the local authority has funds allocated for this purpose. Please contact the School Office and ask for Form FSM1. All information is confidential.

Change of circumstances/Emergency contact information -We would politely ask that if your home circumstances change you inform the office so that our records can be updated. Absent parents are welcome to provide the School Office with e-mail addresses/Stamped Addressed envelopes so they are kept informed of newsletters/school reports/parent interview sessions etc.

If you have recently changed your phone number (mobile, work or home) please let the office know as soon as possible, as it is important that in cases of emergency we have the correct details.



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