

**Message from the Headteacher**

Learning for all, learning for life is at the heart of Drayton Community Infant School. I was pleased to present 'Acorn Awards' to children in every class who have made excellent progress in their learning in all areas of the curriculum. They were also proud of their achievements. I have spoken to different children over the past couple of weeks about their learning here at Drayton. Here are a few things which the children in Owl class said about their learning:

*"I have learnt how to draw dinosaurs and write an interesting sentence about them. I think this is a good piece of work as it looks good and I am proud of it."* Elodie

*"I have learnt that a brachiosaurus is a herbivore."* Ethan

*"Something I have learnt is that pterodactyls eat fish."* Jack



*"When we first came to school we did not know how to write, but now we do."* (Owl Class)

I hope you all have a fantastic half term holiday. I am confident that your children will continue their learning during the week and share this with staff and their friends when we return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

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### **Staff Changes**

Sheila Walker has decided to retire after 21 years' teaching at Drayton Infant School. She has had a positive impact and influence on all the children she has taught over the years. Sheila will be leaving at the end of the Summer term to spend more time with her family. We will inform you as soon as a replacement has been appointed. We will be showing our appreciation of her contribution to teaching over the past 40 years later in the term.

Kathy Buchanan and Jane Weightman are also leaving the school to focus on other priorities in their lives. We will be sad to see them go and wish them both all the best for the future.

Jill Holland is retiring as cleaner at the school at the end of the summer term. Jill works hard making sure our school is 'spick and span' and a great environment for us all to learn in.

Judith Spicker is going to change her role within the school to lead Outdoor learning. She will no longer be the job share teacher in Rabbit class, but will be teaching all children outside during the week. This is to ensure that more children are able to access outdoor learning for longer periods of time when they are at DCIS. We have appointed Liz Dearden as her replacement who will be working alongside Helen Forbes in Rabbit Class.

We are delighted that Rachel Winter is returning to school in September following her maternity leave. Rachel will be working in Badger class on a Friday, covering Mrs Besenzi's management time.

### **Alphabet Reading Challenge**



A big THANK YOU to all of you who took part in the Alphabet reading challenge. I have heard that finding books and authors who begin with x and z were a particular challenge, but you certainly rose to it! A number of you used the library to borrow books which is fantastic. You all helped to raise an amazing £1000.00 for the playtower which is brilliant.

I will be awarding prizes to children from every year group for the completed forms and those who read books in the most EXTREME places. The prizes will be given out in assembly on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **Activities Week**

Activities week will be week beginning Monday 7 July.

The children may come to school each morning in shorts, tee-shirts with sleeves and suitable plimsolls or sports shoes that they can manage ready for the activities (further details will follow).

**May we remind you to send your child with his/her full water bottle.**

Sun hats are essential and sun protection should be applied as stated in our sunscreen policy (see website).

# Other news...



## Sports Day—Please note change of date:

This will now take place on **Tuesday 8 July** (Further details to follow)

### Hurricanes Swimming Club

The Hurricanes Swimming Club has been established for over 15 years and offers lessons for pupils from the age of 3½ years-teens. (Beginner to Advanced levels). An annual Summer Swim School will be held at Drayton Junior School for children from 3½ years-12 years from 28 July -1 August, at a cost of £25.00 for 5 x 30 minute sessions. This includes swimming tuition and water safety instruction –particularly important for families venturing to the beach in the summer.

If interested in joining the Summer Swim course or weekday lessons at Drayton Junior School or Hellesdon High School, please contact Jo Hamilton on 01603 262517 or Denise Bale on 01603 412594.



### Sainsburys Vouchers are coming to an end!

We are once again collecting **Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers**—closing date is **20 May. Please hand them in by Monday 16 June.**

These enable us to gain free **sports** and **cooking equipment** for school. If you are able to donate vouchers please send into the box in the school lobby area.

### Aquafresh Brush Time App

Do you struggle to get your children to brush their teeth? Try downloading the Aquafresh Brush Time app. This app gets children racing to brush their teeth over and over again!



### Warmer Weather



Please can you ensure your child brings a sun hat to school and you apply sun cream before they come to school. You can also bring a named bottle of sun cream to school for your child to apply during the school day. In addition please ensure that your child brings a named bottle to school which contains water only please.

### 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.



## FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• w/c MONDAY 9 JUNE</li> <li>• THURSDAY 12 JUNE</li> <li>• w/c MONDAY 16 JUNE</li> <li>• MONDAY 16 JUNE</li> <li>• MONDAY 23 JUNE</li> <li>• TUESDAY 24 JUNE</li> <li>• WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE</li> <li>• <b><u>THURSDAY 26 JUNE</u></b></li> <li>• FRIDAY 27 JUNE</li> <li>• MONDAY 30 JUNE</li> <li>• MONDAY 30 JUNE</li> <li>• WEDNESDAY 2 JULY</li> <li>• THURSDAY 3 JULY</li> <li>• FRIDAY 4 JULY</li> <li>• w/c MONDAY 7 JULY</li> <li>• TUESDAY 8 JULY</li> <li>• FRIDAY 11 JULY</li> <li>• FRIDAY 11 JULY</li> <li>• MON 14 JULY/FRI 18 JULY</li> <li>• MONDAY 21 JULY</li> <li>• WEDNESDAY 23 JULY</li> <li>• TUES 2/WEDS 3 SEPTEMBER</li> <li>• THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Reception intake home visits</li> <li>• Father's Day shop</li> <li>• New Reception intake home visits</li> <li>• a.m. Road Safety Training (1F)</li> <li>• a.m. Road Safety Training (1D)</li> <li>• 2B Outing (North Norfolk Railway)</li> <li>• 2S Outing (North Norfolk Railway)</li> <li>• <b><u>INSET DAY (NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL)</u></b></li> <li>• 2F Outing (North Norfolk Railway)</li> <li>• a.m. Road Safety Training (1R)</li> <li>• 1D Outing (Strumpshaw Fen)</li> <li>• 1F Outing (Strumpshaw Fen)</li> <li>• 1R Outing (Strumpshaw Fen)</li> <li>• ALL RECEPTION Outing (Banham Zoo)</li> <li>• Activities week</li> <li>• Sports Day (<b>NB: change of date</b>)</li> <li>• Year 2 to Junior School</li> <li>• Friends Summer Event &amp; Disco</li> <li>• New Reception intake afternoon visits</li> <li>• New Reception intake meeting—7pm</li> <li>• Term ends</li> <li>• INSET DAYS—NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL</li> <li>• Children in school (<b>All</b> year groups)</li> </ul> |
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### 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 takes 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.

We will also 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 awards will be given out by the class teacher.

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