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Message from the Headteacher

End of academic year reflections

How quickly the past 6 months have passed by for me. Writing this piece has given me time to reflect on my first few months here at the school. I have certainly been **learning** lots (Just like the children!) I have found out about the school and all the people who make it so unique and special.

I have been overwhelmed by the 'outstanding' support and commitment provided by you, the children's parents and carers. You have provided the children with support in a number of ways— Volunteering in class, outdoor learning and on trips, coming into school for Celebration assemblies, Draytonory sessions and open morning sessions. As well as helping 'The Friends' to raise money by attending the events and helping the children with their home learning and reading, you have shown that you **care** so much about your children and this school.

It has been excellent to see how all the children have made progress in their learning. They are **growing** into well-rounded, responsible, fun loving young people. Of course we cannot achieve any of this without working **together** to achieve the best outcomes for every individual child at this amazing school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who makes this school a great place to learn— The Governors, the staff, the friends, parents and carers, members of the local community and of course, the children.

I know we will continue to **Learn, Care and Grow Together** as we all move onto the next part of our learning journey.

Fond Farewells!

It has come to the time when we must say a goodbye to our Year 2 children. We know that you will always remember the fun learning experiences you have had at this school. We wish them well as they start the next stage of their learning and development.

Good luck Year Two, Drayton Community Infant School will miss you.

We also say farewell to:

Sheila Walker—who has worked here for 21 years (see letter attached)

Kathy Buchanan - who has decided to become a volunteer for Age UK.

Rebekah Gill—who has another teaching post nearer home

Karen Greville— our Cook, who has been promoted within Norse

Jill Holland—who has decided to retire after working here for 12 years

Sarah Jarvis—who is moving on within the education sector

Jane Weightman—who is retiring from her post as a learning support assistant.

We thank them for all their hard work and commitment to the school during their time with us and wish them all the very best for the future.

Finally, I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday. See you on Thursday 4 September .

Mrs Claire Bates

Special points of

Interest:

- **Meeting class teacher dates for September**
- **School dates**

New Appointments and welcome back!

We welcome back Mrs Winter from maternity leave. Mrs Winter will be working on a Friday in Badger class.

Mr Mills has been appointed our Early Years Foundation Stage lead & Class Teacher.

We have appointed Claire Mander and Melaine Betts to work in the afternoons in the Reception classes and to provide support at lunchtimes. (

Mrs Dearden will job share with Mrs Forbes in Rabbit class. Mrs Spicker will be leading outdoor learning across the whole school.

For your information the staff will be:

Reception:	Mr Mills, Miss Ward, A N Other (to be advised) Supported by Mrs Denton, Mrs Sergeant, Mrs Zagni, & Miss Robertson
Year 1:	Mrs Kerin, Miss Humphrey, Mrs Dearden & Mrs Forbes Supported by Mrs Bray, Mrs Kett & Mrs Greenacre
Year 2:	Mrs Besenzi, Miss Yaxley, Mrs Gray Supported by Mrs Harriss, Mrs Harty & Mrs Colton

Classes—2014/2015

The children will be visiting their new class during the day on Monday 14 July & Friday 18th July and no doubt will be eager to tell you all about their new teachers!

Year 1

Hedgehog becomes Rabbit (Mrs Dearden/Mrs Forbes)

Mouse becomes Deer (Miss Humphrey)

Owl becomes Fox (Mrs Kerin)

Year 2

Deer becomes Squirrel (Miss Yaxley)

Fox becomes Badger (Mrs Besenzi/Mrs Winter)

Rabbit becomes Frog (Mrs Gray)



Meetings with class teachers in Year 1 and 2

Year1

Parents/carers of children in Mrs Kerin, Mrs Dearden/Mrs Forbes, Miss Humphrey classes are invited to a meeting in the classrooms on Thursday 11 September at 2pm.

Year2

Parents/carers of children in Mrs Besenzi, and Mrs Gray Miss Yaxley classes are invited to a meeting in the classrooms on Thursday 11 September at 9am.

Class open mornings in Years 1 & 2 will be on Fridays.

Celebration Assembly — Change of day & time

The feedback which I have received from parents regarding the celebration assembly has been overwhelmingly positive. Parents welcome the opportunity to join the assembly when their child has celebrated a birthday. Therefore, we would like this to continue. Due to timetabling changes in September the 'Celebration Assembly' will now take place on **FRIDAY** at 1:00pm-1:30pm. This will mean if your child has had a birthday in the week before it will be celebrated in the assembly on the **FRIDAY**.



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Sports Day



I would like to thank you all for attending the annual sports day. We have received some positive feedback from the parents who attended the morning session. Parents liked the fact that they could easily watch both their children in the sports day events as they were together in the groups.

This year we tried out a new system for sports day, and for the first time in a number of years we had to unfortunately postpone the afternoon session due to rain. I would like to thank a number of parents who have provided us with feedback on this and made suggestions as to how this can be improved next year. We are reflecting on this as a team and we are going to make a number of changes to future events ensuring that information is delivered consistently with a clear contingency plan which is agreed and followed by all.

Feedback

I welcome feedback, both positive and on areas which you think we can improve on, in order for us to continually strive to provide the best care and learning experiences for the children. If you have any comments you would like to share with me please email me, pop in to school to see me or arrange a meeting at a suitable

Summer Fun Evening

This was an amazing event. Lots of fun was had by all. It was great to see so many children attending the event with yourselves and other family members. A huge thank you to 'The Friends' of the school for once again working tirelessly to arrange this and raise lots of money to purchase items to enhance the children's learning. If you would like to become a friend of the school please speak to myself, or Melanie Coleman.



Sports Day—Wednesday 16th July—AM

For those classes who had the sports day postponed last week we have re-arranged the date to this Wednesday morning. We welcome parents and carers of children in 2F, 1F, 1D and RH to come and watch. Children from these classes taking part should wear their PE kit on that day. Please see below the contingency plan should the rain arrive again!!

Rain forecast— If it is raining on Wednesday morning or if rain is forecast we will cancel the event. This decision will be made by 8:30am and displayed on posters at the school and on the website. Please note this will not be re-scheduled.

Unexpected rain during the event— Should it start raining during the event and it needs to be stopped, 3 whistles will be blown and the children will be led by the classteacher responsible for them and taken back into the school. To ensure the safe return of the children back into school please can all adults remain outside whilst this happens and then you are free to leave the school premises.

DIARY DATES - 2014/2015

Autumn Term 2014

Thursday 4 September	Term starts (All pupils)
Thursday 11 September	9.00 am Year 2 Parent meeting
Thursday 11 September	2.00pm Year 1 Parent meeting
Monday 15 September	3.30pm E-Safety meeting
Friday 26 September	9.00am Macmillan Coffee a.m (Friends)
Wednesday 8 October	Individual pupil photographs
Monday 13 October	Open Day
Wednesday 22 October	3.00pm Half term starts
Thursday 23 October	INSET DAY—no pupils in school
Friday 24 October	INSET DAY—no pupils in school
Monday 3 November	School re-opens
Friday 19 December	Term ends—school closes

Spring Term 2015

Monday 5 January	INSET DAY—no pupils in school
Tuesday 6 January	Term starts
Friday 13 February	3.00pm half term starts
Monday 23 February	School re-opens
Friday 27 March	Term ends

Summer Term 2015

Monday 13 April	School re-opens
Monday 4 May	May Day bank holiday—school closed
Friday 22 May	3.00pm Half term starts
Monday 1 June	School re-opens
Tuesday 21 July	Term ends
Wednesday 22 July	INSET DAY—no pupils in school

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