



Learning, Caring &
Growing Together

Newsletter September 2015

I am writing this piece after the first day back at school with the children. It has been an amazing day here at school. Most of the children are happy and excited to be returning back to school after the summer break either in year 1 or year 2. We also welcome the children and families who are joining us in Reception. They have had mixed emotions today starting school for the first time. We have very high expectations for the children here at the school and this also ensures they have high expectations of themselves. This results in the children having a very good start in their education here at Drayton Infant School. They are all fully aware of our school's vision "Learning, Caring and Growing Together" and this is shown through everything they do.

The staff team returned to work on Tuesday 1st September. We welcome Miss Charlotte Lawrence who is teaching in Fox class. We also welcome Jane Knott – MSA, Stacy Denton – MSA, Hannah Tanton - MSA , Louise Cross - LSA, Lynda Lake - LSA, Olivia Ampofo – LSA, Aly Clarke – LSA, and Matt Cross – Caretaker.

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that Mrs Colton is leaving the school on Friday 18th September. Mrs Colton has worked at the school for the past 16 years and has made a difference to many children's lives. Mrs Colton is starting a new part of her life in London with her family. We wish her all the best for the future.

The staff all worked very hard on the INSET day, but we also had a bit of fun. Miss Betts ran our first DCIS 'Back to School Bake Off'. All members of staff baked their signature dish and we all got to try each other's masterpieces. They were all very tasty. Well done to Mrs Maskell and Donna Grant who were the winners.

HELP REQUIRED – If you would like to volunteer your help with our outdoor learning sessions on a Friday and gardening sessions we would be very grateful. We are looking for help in both the morning and afternoon sessions. If you would be interested or want to find out more information please contact the office. Thanks.

I am really pleased with the response to the Universal Free School Meals. The lunchtime experience for the children has been amazing; it is great to see the children enjoying themselves. We appreciate continued support and feedback regarding these. We acknowledge that this change was introduced right at the end of the summer term and I apologise that this was done without prior consultation. However it was important to have it up and running for the beginning of this term. I warmly welcome any comments from you regarding the meals and I hope we can continue to work together ensuring that the children have the best possible lunchtime experience. Thank you for your support with this. You should have received a flier regarding the Parents tasting session on Tuesday 15th September 2-3pm. It would be great to see you there.

I am looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year ahead.

Kind regards

Claire Bates

Dates for your diary...

Tuesday 15th September – Parents tasting session 2-3pm

Thursday 24th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning (times to be advised) and pre-loved school uniform sale

Friday 25th September – School Disco from 6.15pm (details to be advised) and pre-loved school uniform sales

Friday 9th October – Harvest Assembly

Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd October – Inset Days – No children in school

26th -30th October – Half Term

2nd November – Children return to school

w/c 2nd November – Parents Evenings

Friday 6th November – Friends of Drayton Infant School Fireworks Evening

w/c 23rd November Open Morning for September 2016 Reception Parents – Everyday 9-10.30am and 11-11.45am.



LOST PROPERTY

Every term we accumulate an enormous heap of un-named (nearly new) articles of lost property. We have distributed any named items out to their owners. We ask that if you are missing items of clothing please have a look through the lost property boxes. Any items left will be sold for £1.00 per item on Thursday 24th September @ 9am in the School Reception area.

We would kindly ask you to clearly name all items and to check regularly to see that they can still be identified by children, thank-you.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We understand that drop off and collection time is busy outside the school, however please could we all ensure that we park our vehicles safely and ensure that we avoid parking across our neighbour's drives or on yellow/white lines.

Contact Details

Please could you ensure that we have the correct contact details on file for your child including an emergency contact.

Please inform the office of any changes in personal circumstances or contact details as soon as possible.



As part of the Government healthy eating scheme all pupils are provided with fruit or vegetables at snack time. We therefore ask parents not to send in any fruit or vegetables from home. We also ask that children only have water in their drink bottles

PARENTVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

ParentView is the Ofsted website's version of a questionnaire. Please take time to complete the 10 questions about our school. It forms part of our valuable feedback about what is good and what you would change.



Spare Clothing

Any spare uniform that you wish donate to the school would be greatly appreciated we are in need of girls socks of all sizes.



PETS

Please refrain from bringing pets onto the school grounds

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