



Newsletter October 2015

Learning is the first key word in our school vision. I have seen this in so many different ways over the first few weeks of the Autumn term. We welcome the new Reception children and their families to our school community. The children in the 3 Reception classes have been learning about the routines of the school, making new friends and have made a start on learning new things in the curriculum. They are all so proud in sharing their achievements in their learning. Year 1 children are so excited about their learning. I returned to school one day, after attending a training course to find out that we had a bear visiting the school. The children were inspired to write "wanted" posters and were using some amazing WOW words to describe the bear. Year 2 children have settled in well to their new classes. They have been hunting for a key to open a treasure box which was left in their classes. The children have hunted high and low, even bringing in keys which they have found at home to see if they would unlock the box. You will have to ask a year 2 child to find out what was in the treasure chest!

These experiences are part of the 'Awe and Wonder' we are adding to our school curriculum this year. These things do not just happen and take a lot of thought and planning from the teachers and their teaching teams. I would like to take this opportunity on your behalf to thank all the staff for making Drayton Community Infant School such a great place to learn.

We would like to get some feedback from you as parents regarding how your child has settled at school and what we can do to improve this further. We would be grateful if you could complete the following questionnaire online:

<http://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk/diagnostics/Survey.aspx?link=1A4CCA49-B163-467C-ADAB-0BFADFE4C637>

There are certain things which happen at school which you may not feel entirely happy about. If this is the case I would appreciate it if you would email me directly at head@draytoninfant.norfolk.sch.uk and then I can respond directly with your questions and queries.

Thank you.

Claire Bates

Brief report from Governing Body

The Governing Body met for the first time in the new school year on 24th September. Michael McGarvie was elected as Chair of Governors for another year and Karen Moore was elected as Vice Chair. Committee Chairs were confirmed as Katie Potts (School Effectiveness); Resources (Neville Jarvis) and Welfare & Stakeholder Development (Karen Moore). A report of the meeting will be published shortly on the school website.

Dates for your diary...

Monday 12th-Sunday 18th October – Circus Ferrel Week

Wednesday 21st October – Non Uniform Day to raise money for RSPCA

Wednesday 21st October - Coffee Morning for Outdoor help

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

26th -30th October – Autumn Half Term

Monday 2nd November – Children return to school

w/c 2nd November – Parents Evenings

Wednesday 4th November – Year 2 Castle Museum visit

Friday 13th November – Children in Need Non Uniform Day

Thursday 17th November – Friend AGM

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

FIREWORKS

After some discussion with the "Friends" and Mrs Bates, we have come to the hard decision not to do our Fireworks this year. We know this will cause some disappointment; we do plan to hold them again next year, but for the time being manning such events is getting difficult.

We hope that at our AGM on 17th November we can put together a big team of committee members and parent helpers to carry on raising funds for extras to enhance the children's learning.

Apologies

Your Children Need You!

On Wednesday 21st October at 9 o'clock there will be a coffee morning for potential volunteers to work outdoors mainly with the children. There will be a short presentation by staff, existing volunteers and children. This will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions informally over a drink and biscuits.



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 neighbours' drives or on yellow/white lines.



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



Winter Weather

The colder weather is fast approaching and we encourage the children to play outside so please ensure that they are coming to school with coats and appropriate footwear.

PETS

Please refrain from bringing
pets onto the school
grounds

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