



Learning, Caring &
Growing Together

Newsletter January 2016

Happy New Year to you all. The New Year provides us with an opportunity to look forward to the year ahead, but also to reflect on the year which has passed. The month of December was a great time in school. I received so many positive comments from yourselves and your family members regarding the Christmas performances and the Church services. Like you I was very proud of the achievements of the children and the hard work of the staff here at Drayton Community Infant School.

I was also overwhelmed with your generosity. Due to your kindness we were able to donate £190.00 to each of the 3 chosen charities - Hillside Animal Sanctuary, Macmillan Nurses, and Red Balloon an anti-bullying charity. They were all very grateful. We also raised over £200.00 on the raffle. Thank you to Elisa-Rose's grandma for making the Christmas cake. The money raised will be spent on new books for the children to enjoy.

The Spring term is very short this year and we are looking forward to learning, caring and growing together in 2016.

If you have any questions or queries about anything, please feel free to contact me either in person at school or by email: head@draytoninfant.norfolk.sch.uk.

Thank you.

Claire Bates

Dates for your diary...

- Monday 18th January** - Friends meeting at 7pm
- Thursday 21 January** - "All Time Favourite" school lunch
- Friday 22nd January** - a day of Storytelling with Kevin Price
- Tuesday 26th January** - Year 1 - Parent Maths - 9am
- Friday 29th January** - Friends Disco - 6.15-7.30pm
- Tuesday 2nd February** - Governors Deep Dive Day
- w/c 8th February** - Multicultural Week
- February Half Term** - Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2016
- Monday 22nd February** - Pupils return to school
- w/c 7th March** - Parent Consultations - details to follow
- Friday 11th March** - Class Photographs AM

Staffing restructure

Some of you may have heard that we are currently having a restructure of the staff at the school. I would like to reassure you that during the consultation period all staff remain focussed on the outcomes for your children. The Governors of the school have approved the proposed staffing structure ensuring that the highest quality education and care will still be provided for you and your children. If you have any questions or queries regarding this please come to see me or email me direct at head@draytoninfant.norfolk.sch.uk.

Severe Weather

At this time of year we send out a reminder regarding emergency school closure. We will inform you through the **local radio channels** and **Norfolk county council website**.

We please ask that you **DO NOT** telephone the school as this blocks the phone lines for essential users.



It's time for the RSPB **Big Garden Birdwatch** again. This year it takes place on 30-31 January, 2016 and it is good to start putting out food in readiness. All you have to do is spend an hour counting the birds that turn up in your garden or local green space and log your results with the RSPB. You can sign up and find the instructions at <http://www.rspb.org.uk/discoverandenjoynature/discoverandlearn/birdwatch/how.aspx>

Obviously, an hour is a very long time so gather a few people together and take it in turns. If your children want to bring in any photographs, records or bird related craftwork we will put it on display on our 'Eco Board'. We have started our **Big Schools' Birdwatch** and so far Fox Class has seen robin, blue tit, great tit and long tailed tit to name but a few. We enticed our birds to the feeders with windfall apples and basic bird seed so there is no need to buy fancy products unless you want to. Good Luck!

Swimming

Unfortunately due to maintenance issues the swimming pool at Drayton Junior is closed. Swimming lessons are therefore postponed until further notice.

No Jewellery, nail varnish or tattoos

Please ensure that none of the above are worn to school. Please remove them if they are worn at the weekend.

MAY WE REMIND YOU THAT children should remain away from school for **48 hour** (2 days) after the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea. In line with current school policy please advise the school on the first day of your child's absence and provide a written note when your child returns to school.

Parents Forum

I am delighted to say that our new Parents Forum is up, running and is already making a fantastic and effective contribution to our school and community.

This is a prime opportunity for parents and carers to share their views and ideas with the school and to let us know what works for you and what we can do to help you help your child. Within only 3 meetings we have made significant contributions and improvements to the school lunch choices, communication to parents and carers, the redesigning of the school website and more. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and look forward to this term's work with you. If you would like to join our parents forum, please email me at deputyhead@draytoninfant.norfolk.sch.uk we would love for you to join us! It would be fantastic if we had a representative from each class. ☺

Parking

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.

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www.draytoninfantschool.co.uk



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