



Learning, Caring &
Growing Together

Newsletter February 2016

It is wonderful to see the children in the school so excited about their learning. Many children walk, run, skip, bike and scooter to school and are so full of energy and enthusiasm to start their day of learning. I have seen this in abundance this half term. The children have been able to confidently talk to me about their learning in class in Maths and English. They are also able to explain the progress they have made and what their next steps are to help them to improve. This is amazing. Your children are a credit to you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for helping your child with their learning, supporting them with their home learning, sharing books with your child during our open morning sessions, attending parent consultations and information sessions etc. These all help your child consolidate their learning and make progress.

The start of Multicultural week has been a great success. The children love learning about different countries in different classrooms in the school with different teachers. I have seen the children making windmills and pretty necklaces and finding out about life in other countries. The staff make this week very special for the children and is an experience the children talk about for days and weeks to come.

As a school the safety of the children here at Drayton Infant school is one of our top priorities. Safeguarding children is something we have worked hard on to improve over the years. Last week we had an external audit of our safeguarding policies and procedures and I am pleased to say that we passed with flying colours. I feel proud that everyone involved with the school has ensured that we provide excellent care and education to enable the behaviour and safety of the children at the school to be Outstanding.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe half term. I look forward to Learning, Caring and Growing Together next half term.

Claire Bates

Dates for your diary...

February Half Term – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2016

Monday 22nd February – Pupils return to school

Wednesday 24th February – Parents Forum @2pm

Wednesday 2nd March – Mother's Day Shop

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day – Non Uniform Day - optional dress as a book character

Friday 4th March – Visit from RHS (outdoor learning)

Monday 7th March - Book fair in school hall @3pm-4pm

Tuesday 8th March – Book fair in school hall @3pm-4pm

Monday 7th – Wednesday 9th March – Parent Consultations – details to follow

Wednesday 9th March – Book fair in school library @3pm-4pm

Wednesday 9th March – Cake Sale for Frog class @2.15pm

Friday 11th March – Class Photographs AM

w/c 14th March – Science Week for all students

Friday 18th March – Friends School Disco

Friday 18th March – 'Run a mile round school' in aid of Sports Relief

Thursday 24th March – Silly Sock Day

Thursday 24th March – Last day of term - Easter Holidays

Monday 11th April – Pupils return to school

You told us

That some teachers were not opening their doors promptly at 8:45am and 3pm. This has an impact on dropping off and picking up other brothers and sisters at other classes and you getting to work.

What we have done ... Mrs Bates reminded all teachers that the doors need to be open at 8:45am and 3pm. We have synchronised the clocks so they are all telling the same time!



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.

Science Week

Week commencing 14th March 2016

We are hosting a science week for all students. For any students who would like to design their own poster, the theme for the 2016 competition is 'Space for Science: Science in Spaces', encouraging young people to think about and investigate all the different spaces in which we find and 'do' science.

Students should do some investigation into their ideas about the theme and present them as a poster. For ideas, follow the link <https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>.

Any parents/carers who would like to volunteer and assist with our science week please could you speak to Miss Humphrey (Deer class).

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 hours** (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

Next Parents Forum Meeting

Thank you to all who attend our parents forum. Our next meeting is Wednesday 24th February 2016 at 2pm at the school.

We would like to discuss a number of policies and points including the Sex & Relationship Policy for the school.

If you would like to attend, please email Miss Clark on deputyhead@draytoninfant.norfolk.sch.uk to confirm.

Everyone is welcome.

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.

BOOK BAGS

Please remember to check your children's book bags on a regular basis for school letters

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