

DRAYTON COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL

'Learning, Caring & Growing Together'



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Dear Parents/Carers

With the lighter evenings, warmer evenings and flowers starting to show, it really does feel like Spring is well and truly here. At DCIS, it has been a very busy term. There was a lot of illness particularly at the start of 2017, but both children and staff seem to be feeling much better in recent weeks.

You will have also received a letter today from Mrs Bates, explaining that she will no longer be at DCIS following her two terms of absence. Mrs Perry-Yates (Chair of Governors) has also written you a letter explaining this a little more.

We all appreciate that Mrs Bates' absence has been a difficult and uncertain situation for everybody, but throughout this time the Governors and staff have worked tirelessly to provide as much stability as possible. I want to reassure you that, moving forward next term, Mrs Cullum and I will continue to be the Acting Headteachers. Please feel free to contact us with any concerns or questions that you may have.

Finally, I would like to say what a wonderful group of children we work with (they are a credit to you all), and a huge 'thank you' to all my colleagues and the governors at the school for their support. They are a fantastic group of people to work with. Every day I see their commitment to your children's' learning and Mrs Cullum and I look forward to an exciting Summer term.

Best wishes for a relaxing Easter holiday.

Mrs Burgess (Acting Headteacher)

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is vital for your child's progress and learning. We have recently had the Attendance Officer in school checking every child's attendance figures. We are currently aiming for at least 95% attendance as a school. While we appreciate that there has been a significant amount of illness, we do ask for your support by ringing the Office every day your child is absent.



The school day starts at 8.45am so being at school on time helps the teachers with their morning routines. Even being a few minutes late can unsettle your child if the other children in class are already settled into their first activity and doing the register.



CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL

Please can I remind all parents/carers that if you have any concerns or issues that the most suitable channel of communication is through either our Office email address, by letter or telephone call or by an appointment to see the teachers/headteachers. I would also politely ask that members of staff are not named on social media sites. Whilst these sites can be great for communication, it is important that the proper channels are used.

ROAD WORKS

We have been told that Reepham Road will be closed at the Drayton Lane South junction and this means all traffic that normally travels along Reepham Road towards the City will now go down School Rd (although not the official diversion). PC Hudson will speak to the Parish Council and it may be that the Police have to put the cones out again after Easter if this road closure does go ahead. PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THE CONES as they are there for the safety of the children, residents and road users.

PE

After Easter your child we need to bring OUTDOOR trainers/plimsoles for PE. It is really important that the children have full PE kits each week so that they can take part fully in the lessons. Hopefully the weather will continue to be fine so that we can spend as much time as possible outside.

FRIENDS OF DCIS

The Friends have arranged a fabulous Easter Egg Hunt for 31 March which we are sure all the children (and adults!) will enjoy.
Keep your eyes open for the Easter Bunny!

DIARY DATES:

20.04.2017	Understanding Behaviours with Pete Atkins at Drayton Junior
21.04.2017	Road Safety for Reception classes
10, 11 & 12.04.2017	Road Safety for Y1 classes
29.05.2017-02.06.2017	Half Term
05.06.2017	Otter trip to Easton Campus Farm
06.06.2017	Rabbit trip to Easton Campus Farm
08.06.2017	Fox trip to Easton Campus Farm
07.07.2017	Y2 transition day at Drayton Junior School
07.07.2017	Summer Fete
13.07.2017	Sports Day (back up date 14.07.2017)
21.07.2017	Last day of term