

# DRAYTON COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the half term I cannot believe how busy it has been. The children seem to have settled so quickly, especially the Reception children, and the year seems to be flying by. This was so very well demonstrated by the Reception children when they performed their Autumn Assembly. They sang beautifully, spoke confidently and showed such wonderful artwork. It is difficult to believe that they have only been in school for a few weeks. They are a credit to you all and the staff who work so hard with them. Below are just a few reminders and celebrations of the year to date.

## Friends

After a rocky start when we were unsure if the fabulous Friends committee would be able to continue I am delighted to report that the second AGM had a record attendance and the committee is now complete. We look forward to another exciting year of fundraising activities, including breakfast with Santa (if he can spare the time!) and school discos. A huge thank you to all those who give up their time to ensure that this committee continues to run because without it the children would not have all of the exciting times or the lovely additional resources. The Friends are currently supporting the school in providing 8 new laptops for the children.

## Attendance

Attendance continues to improve at the school and it is lovely to see so many parents making such great efforts to ensure that their child attends school every day and arrives promptly. I continue to enjoy greeting you all on the gate each morning and it is lovely to have so many conversations with the children. I especially enjoy looking at all of the extra homework that the children have started to bring to show me. When teachers meet parents for parent/ teacher interviews after half term they will have attendance information with them in order to discuss any issues with parents if there are concerns. As you are aware we now fine parents who take children on holiday in term time and more information can be found about this on the Norfolk County Council website under 'school attendance'.

At the end of the Autumn term children whose attendance is above 98% will receive a certificate in the final assembly of the term and the class whose overall attendance is the best will receive a trophy.

## Welcomes

After a robust interview process I am delighted to announce that we have been successful in appointing Mrs. Vivian Milne to cover Mrs. Lobo's maternity leave. Mrs. Milne will start with us after the Christmas break one day a week whilst Mrs. Lobo is still with us in order to get to know the children and the parents. She will then start officially at the end of January. In this way the transition will be smooth from one teacher to the other. Mrs. Milne taught Fox class yesterday and the feedback from the children and the staff observing was fabulous. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to the Drayton team in due course.



### **Open morning**

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October we held our first Open morning for new Reception parents. This was to enable both mums and dads who work full time to attend. The morning was a huge success with over 70 parents visiting. Parents and children enjoyed playing in the Reception classes, touring the school, chatting with the leadership team, having a cup of tea or coffee and a freshly baked cake or biscuit. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

‘Lovely to have a look around the school.’ ‘Nice to have the whole school open as well as the Reception classes.’ ‘Very welcoming.’ ‘Good idea for it to be open on a Saturday.’ ‘Thank you for giving up part of your weekend for us!’ ‘Just the right amount of info- enough to get a good idea of the school without being bombarded’

### **Parents evenings**

Just to remind you that Parents evenings are straight after the half term break. This is an opportunity to discuss how well your child has settled into their class. If you are unable to attend the evenings set aside please do see your child’s class teacher and we will do our best to book a separate appointment for you which is convenient.

### **Parent information sessions**

Our next parent information session will be after half term and will be for Reception parents where the Reception team will be sharing information about Reading.

### **The Power of Reading launch**

After half term we will be launching our exciting new book based curriculum across the whole school. We are inviting all parents to an information sharing session at both Drayton Community Infant School on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in the main school hall and a repeat at Nightingale Infants on 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am. More information will follow about this after half term.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a happy and restful holiday. The children return to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October when we will be launching our PSHE Jigsaw scheme and our Power of Reading curriculum.

Kind regards,

Karen Winter  
Headteacher