



Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

30.4.21

Dear Parents/Carers,

Now we're well into the summer term, I am aware many are beginning to think about end of year events and plans for September.

I have been in touch with Drayton Junior School regarding their transition arrangements and we will let you know any important dates via the Newsletter when we receive them. The Year 2 Team will continue to work closely with them and other junior schools to ensure a smooth transition for Year 2.

The Year 2 team are currently making arrangements for the end of the year. While we're not sure what the next few months holds in terms of Covid restrictions, we will of course ensure the children are able to celebrate their achievements at Drayton Infant and have a range of fun activities to end the year with.

Staffing for September will be confirmed after May half term so it will likely be June before we're able to share any further information.

As you may be aware, formal assessments are not taking place this year. Normally, Year 1 would be completing a phonics screening check in June. Last year this was also cancelled due to the lockdown, with schools being required to carry this out in the Autumn Term of Year 2. The Department for Education have yet to confirm arrangements however we suspect this may be the case this year.

Year 2 SATS will not take place this May either as has been the case in previous years. Unlike the SATS in Year 6, the 'tests' the children take are used alongside teacher assessment and evidence in children's books. The children complete many of these tasks on a daily basis and complete previous papers throughout the year. While they won't be sitting formal tests this year, teachers will still be completing assessments and you will be informed of your child's achievements in the end of year report.

Reports for all children in school will be sent home at the beginning of July.

Mrs Winter continues to be absent and we will notify you of any changes via the weekly newsletter.

Wishing you all a fantastic bank holiday weekend. See you back in school on Tuesday 4th May.

Miss Humphrey
Deputy Head Teacher

Parent/Carer Survey	Thank you to all the parents/carers in reception and yr1 that have already filled out the survey. If you haven't already, please find the survey on ParentMail.
Getting involved with your child's learning	It is really important as parents/carers, that you know what your child has been learning at school. You will find out information regarding this in the weekly newsletter and on Seesaw and Tapestry. This will provide you with up-to-date information on what your child is learning in class and provide you with tasks and activities to enjoy with your child at home. If in doubt please contact your child's class teacher. Have fun!
Parents evening/ End of year report	We were planning on having parents evenings during the Spring term however, due to the lock down in the spring term these did not take place, if you wish to speak to your child's class teacher please contact them via the school office. Before the end of this

	academic year, you will receive a school report for your child. After you have received this report there will be an opportunity to talk with your child's teacher to discuss this further if needed.
Being ready for school	As well as coats and wellies, can we please ask that the children have a sunhat available for outdoor learning and play. The sun will hopefully start to come out a bit more now and it can get very bright and sunny in the open outdoor area.
	Please remember that our Parent Support Adviser Mrs. Lake is available if you have any concerns or worries
Attendance	Mrs Lake is monitoring the school's attendance. Each week on the Newsletter she will be sharing with you the Year Groups winning attendance. Please see below. Yr2 Owl 98.31% Yr1 Mole 98.44% Reception Dragonfly 98.69%
All Stars Cricket	For all 5-8 year old children. Please see attached PDF file allstarscricket.co.uk
Tots2Teen Taster Day and May Half-Term Activities	Tots2Teens provides fun and engaging activity sessions for children aged 5-16 who live or go to school in Broadland throughout all school holidays. https://www.facebook.com/bdctots2teens
Bank Holiday	Don't forget that Monday 3 rd May is a Bank Holiday. We hope that you will have a nice three-day weekend. We are looking forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 4 th May.

Learning taking place in our classes this week!

	<p>This week we have begun to learn about a different minibeast – the humble earthworm! We are reading our new Power of Reading book “Yucky Worms” by Vivian French. This book is part fiction and part non-fiction. We have explored the difference between the two types of writing and have written our own worm facts. We also used the book to make our own wormeries. Thank you to everyone who donated glass jars to help us with this. We had lots of fun and we even found out how to trick the worms into coming to the surface.</p> <p>In Maths, we have been exploring subtraction. We have been working out the answers to our sums using pictures and have been practicing talking about how we know our answers are right. We also really enjoyed trying to work out what number the Big Yum had eaten with the Numberblocks!</p> <p>We have continued to think about how to look after our environment and have made posters to put in the outside area to remind us. Watch out for them over the next few days!</p>
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	<p>This week in Mouse Class we have been learning lots about other minibeasts and why they are important. In Literacy we each created a poster to explain their value and why we need to look after them. We are still eagerly waiting for our caterpillars to create their chrysalis and are amazed at how much they have grown. In Maths we have been learning about equal groups and arrays. We have been using these to create repeated addition calculations. In Art we have been learning about the artist Van Gogh and have created our own sunflower pictures. We have also been learning how to classify animals into the main animal groups which are mammals, birds, fish, insects, amphibians and reptiles. We have really enjoyed learning how these groups are different.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who donated glass jars this week. We will be using these next week to create our wormeries.</p>
 	<p>This week in Year 1 we have been learning about recycling in the UK and comparing it to how things are recycled in China. We have written the time line of recycling from when we put our rubbish in the correct bin at home or at school to when it arrives at the landfill site or at the recycling centre. We really enjoyed watching cardboard being recycled into paper and plastic being melted down in grey granules, ready to be made into something else.</p> <p>We have been learning about arrays in maths and have been using them to create our own repeated addition calculations.</p> <p>In Art we learnt about an artist from America, Rodney McCoubrey, who uses recycled materials to create amazing pieces of art, especially lots of colourful fish.</p> <p>In PE we had our first Tri Golf lesson where we learnt how to putt a ball in a straight line.</p>
  	<p>This week in Year 2 we have been carrying on with our learning all about Charlie and the Chocolate factory. In Literacy we looked at different situations and came up with solutions, we had to think about what a good solution would be and what a bad solution might be. In Maths we have been learning how to tell the time to the hour, half past the hour, quarter past the hour and quarter to the hour. Some of us were even learning to tell the time in 5-minute intervals!! We have continued to enjoy our Rugby and Cricket sessions during PE. In the afternoon subjects we have been looking at where chocolate comes from and we have sent a post card to a school in Columbia! In Art we have been learning to draw in the style of Quentin Blake. We created some brilliant drawings of Willy Wonka and Umpa-Lumpas.</p>

Norfolk County Council 2020-2021 Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Key - White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 3 & 4 September, 22 & 23 October and 22 July. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these days.

Dates for the Diary	
03.05.2021	Bank Holiday
20.05.2021	Run the Distance Challenge- come to school in your PE kit
26.05.2021	School photos- individual and class
31.05.2021-04.06.2021	Half Term
07.06.2021	Back to school
07 & 08.06.2021	Reception-height, weight, vision screening (more information to follow soon)
21.07.2021	End of Summer Term
06.09.2021	New School Year begins