



Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

10.9.21

Dear Drayton Families,

Welcome to our new families at Drayton Infants and welcome back to those joining us for another year. We always aim to send our weekly newsletters out each Friday afternoon, trying to keep all information we need to share with you in one place. These will be added to the website for your reference and if you struggle to see this electronically, please contact the school office who can arrange a printed version.

This year we welcome a number of new staff to our team. At Drayton we welcome Miss Roberts and Miss Higgins to our teaching team, Ms Stone to our site team and Ms Cheshire to our lunchtime team. At Nightingale we welcome Miss Bell and Mrs Marriot to our new wrap around care team.

Congratulations to Mrs Findlay (formally Miss Humphrey) and Mrs Smith (formally Miss Wooff) who both got married over the summer...we're trying very hard to remember to use their new names!

As some of you know, Mrs Winter, our Partnership Headteacher, has been absent from school for some time. Unfortunately, she is still not ready to return to school so I will continue to oversee both Drayton Infants and Nightingale with the support of Mrs Findlay and Mrs Boyce. I will be based in each school on a weekly rotation but can be contacted at all times via either school phone number or office emails. This week I have had the pleasure of being at Drayton and seeing the excitement of returning to school. I can't wait to see lots of familiar faces at Nightingale next week!

Next week we say goodbye to Mrs White who has supported many children in the 7 years she has been at Drayton. We would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication.

We have also said goodbye to Miss Oag who has been away from school over the past year. Mrs Oag has decided not to return but we wish her well and thank her for time at Drayton.

Thank you for your continued co-operation regarding the covid measures in our schools and the changes to routines following the government guidance from last year. Both schools have reverted back to pre-covid drop and pick up times, allowing a 15-minute window or more to get between schools. We are aware this is causing some challenges for some however we are hopeful things will become smoother once children settle into school. Please be reminded that both schools have a breakfast club, offering full sessions or a later drop off without breakfast at a reduced rate. All information can be found on our website.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Sarah Hutt
Acting Partnership Headteacher



Attendance of the week award goes to:

Year 1- Rabbit with 100% attendance

Year 2- Fox and Squirrel with 99% attendance this week

We will add on the attendance award for Reception when they start full time.



Contacting School

We are currently receiving a high volume of phone calls and emails from parents to the school office. To enable us to respond queries efficiently and promptly, please contact our staff as follows:

Any queries regarding:

Tapestry (Reception) - Please speak to your child's class teacher or email EYFSDrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk.

Seesaw (Year 1 & Year 2) - Please speak to your child's class teacher.

Pupil Asset & Parentmail - Please email the School Office.

Breakfast Club - Please speak to Mrs. Maskell or email breakfastacorn@istnorfolk.co.uk, 'Breakfast Club' in the subject line.

Acorn Club (After School Club) - Please speak to Mrs. Haistead or email breakfastacorn@istnorfolk.co.uk, 'Acorn Club' in the subject line.

Breakfast and Acorn Club Payments - Please email Mrs. Arnold, partnershipfinance@istnorfolk.co.uk.

Family Support - Please email Mrs. Lake, psadrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk

When contacting the school office by phone or via email, please include your **child's name, class, your name and relationship to the child**.

The school website draytoninfantschool.co.uk has lots of information including letters sent to parents. Many queries can be answered quickly by checking our website first.









Thank you very much for your cooperation.



If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, well-being, or think they may have Special Educational Needs or a Disability then please speak to either your child's class teacher or the School SENCo – Mrs Catherine Loveridge. You can contact the school office or contact Mrs Loveridge by email directly at partnershipsenco@istnorfolk.co.uk to ask questions or arrange an appointment. We are here to help and support!



Please remember that we have a policy of no dogs on site.

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|  | <p>School Meals</p> <p>We kindly ask parents to use Pupil Asset and order their child's meals in advance. If there are any problems with the system, please email the office. We are aware that some parents are having a problem with setting up login details. We are currently working on this, and will get back to those parents as soon as possible.</p> <p>Current menu is on school website. http://www.draytoninfantschool.co.uk/key-information/school-lunches/</p> <p>Please remember if you provide your child with a packed lunch, we are a nut free school</p> |
|  | <p>Seesaw reminder for Year 1 parents</p> <p>All year 1 parents/carers should have received a permission form regarding Seesaw on ParentMail. Please read and respond asap. Thank you Remember any queries regarding Seesaw please speak to your class teacher.</p> |
|  | <p>Tapestry information</p> <p>We are sorry for the technical issues with Tapestry this week. We are working hard to get this sorted as soon as we can. When this is up and working again, please remember to activate your account with us. Activation emails were sent to all parents before the beginning of term. Please check your junk mail if you have not seen it as sometimes it goes there instead. If you have any problems with this, please email EYFSDrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk and a member of the team will be in touch as soon as we can.</p> |
|  | <p>DCIS Nursery</p> <p>As you may know, we made the decision to delay the opening of DCIS nursery. At present, we do not have any further information regarding a decision on future opening. We will update you as soon as possible.</p> <p>We do have a small number of spaces at Nightingale, our partnership school based in Taverham. If you are interested in coming to have a look around, please contact the Nightingale school office on 01603 867976</p> |
|  | <p>Forms</p> <p>The following forms can be downloaded from our website. Paper copies are also available from the office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parental Agreement for Setting to Administer Medicine form - Term Time Absence Request form |
|  | <p>Reporting Absence</p> <p>To report your child's absence, please either leave a message on <u>Pupils Absence Line</u> or via <u>Parentmail</u>. This should be done before 9am. Thank you.</p> |
|  | <p>Miss Roberts- Hedgehog Class- Reception</p>  <p>Miss Higgins- Rabbit Class- Year 1</p> |



Learning taking place in our classes this week!

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| | <p>Reception:</p> <p>We have had a great first week in all three classes and have enjoyed getting to know the children. We have been talking about all the routines of school as well as talking about our families and the summer holiday. We have drawn pictures of ourselves and written our names too.</p> <p>The children have all settled so quickly and we are looking forward to them all meeting each other next week.</p> |
| | <p>Year 1:</p> <p>We have enjoyed welcoming Year 1 back this week. We have been settling into our classrooms and exploring our inside and outside learning spaces.</p> <p>This week, we have been looking at the book 'All Our Welcome Here.' We have been discussing our dreams and worries for year 1, drawing self-portraits, singing and celebrating differences. We have carried out assessments for writing, reading and phonics.</p> |
| | <p>Year 2:</p> <p>It has been a fantastic first week back at school for year 2! This week in Maths we have been working on number and place value. We used < > and = symbols to compare numbers. In art, we have made a start on our self-portraits which we will finish next week to put on display.</p> |

| <div>September 2021</div> <div>October 2021</div> <div>November 2021</div> <div>December 2021</div> | Dates for the Diary | |
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| <div>January 2022</div> <div>February 2022</div> <div>March 2022</div> <div>April 2022</div> | <div>15.10.2021</div> <div>25.10.21 - 29.10.21</div> <div>23.11 & 25.11</div> <div>17.12.21</div> | <div>School photos Siblings and individuals</div> <div>Half Term</div> <div>Parents Evening Details to follow</div> <div>Last Day of Term</div> |
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Free school meals – while all children up to the end of year 2 receive free meals, if eligible, this would continue into junior school

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| £1,345 of additional funding for school to directly help with your child's learning |
| Reduced cost on future school trips and visits |
| Subsidised sports clubs and other activities |

FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION AND PUPIL PREMIUM

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered universal free school meals. This is regardless of your household income.

You do not have to apply for universal free school meals. However, you can apply for your school to get extra funding from the government, if you receive one of the benefits listed below. This extra funding is called Pupil Premium:

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

How to apply

You can apply for free school meals online using your Norfolk Education Online (NEO) account. You can use the same account for 2-year-old childcare funding and school admissions. If you have applied for school admissions online before, you may already have an account.

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/>

Schools will be notified by the local authority if a child is entitled.

The following groups of children are also eligible for extra funding to schools:

Looked-after and previously looked-after children

Pupils who have left local authority care through adoption, a special guardianship order or child arrangements order.

Service premium (this funding is for help with pastoral support)

Pupils with a parent(s) who:

- is serving in HM Forces
- has retired on a pension from the Ministry of Defence

Examples of how we can use the pupil premium are:

Teaching: Schools arrange training and professional development for all their staff to improve the impact of teaching and learning for pupils.

Academic support: Schools should decide on the main issues stopping their pupils from succeeding at school and use the pupil premium to buy extra help.

Wider approaches

This may include non-academic uses of the pupil premium such as:

- school breakfast clubs
- music lessons for disadvantaged pupils
- help with the cost of educational trips or visits
- speech and language therapy

If your child falls under these criteria and you would like some support with applying, please speak to the school office.