



# Drayton Community Infant School

## Weekly Newsletter

19.11.21

Golden Acorn Award



### \*\*\* The Golden Acorn Awards \*\*\*

This term the focus of the Golden Acorn awards is kindness. These children have been displaying kindness particularly well this week in class and around school. A huge well done to these children.



Our focus for next week will be the importance of time.



### The Values competition

The school council have picked our winners. These children will be announced in next week's Wednesday assembly where they will receive their prize.













### **First Admission to School - School Year 2022/23**

We are part way through the application process for the First Admission to school for the school year 2022/23, please can we remind you of the importance of making your application to your home Local Authority **by 15 January 2022**.

Children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 are due to start school in Reception in the school year 2022/23. Parents need to make an application, even if your child currently attends a nursery at the same school.

The easiest way to apply is on-line at [www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk) or you can request an application form on **0344 800 8020**.

	<p><b>A huge well done to Mrs Dobson</b></p> <p>We would like to say a HUGE well done and congratulations to Mrs Dobson who received a <b>distinction</b> in her Diploma in Trauma and Mental Health Informed Schools.</p>
	<p><b>Polite reminder - Absence report</b></p> <p>If your child is absent, please ensure to report <b>by 9am</b> by leaving a message on the main phone number 01603 860272. Please Leave clearly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Your full name</li> <li>-Your child's full name</li> <li>-Your child's class</li> <li>-The reason for absence</li> </ul> <p>You can also login to ParentMail and report absence. If the absence is due to illness and continue to be absent following day/s, please still report each morning unless you have contacted us already and the staff are aware of the absence.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your cooperation.</p>
	<p><b>Parent consultation</b></p> <p>Parent consultation is starting W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> November. It will be a 10 minutes phone call per pupil. If you haven't booked your time yet, please login to PupilAsset either via app or web portal (secure.pupilasset.com).</p>
	<p><b>Parental controls</b></p> <p>What are parental controls?</p> <p>Parental controls help you to block or filter upsetting or inappropriate content, and control purchases within apps. You can install parental control software on your child's and family's phones or tablets, games consoles, laptops and your home internet.</p> <p>Parental controls can help you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for</li> <li>• create content filters to block apps that may have <u>inappropriate content</u></li> <li>• manage the content different family members can see.</li> </ul> <p><b>Find out more via the following link.</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/</a></p>
	<p>This winter we are again collecting sugar to support BEFA, East Anglia based charity with its roots in the farming community.</p> <p><b>Why sugar?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Sugar packs, stores and keeps well.</li> <li>-Sugar is a very important source of energy to the people who need our help.</li> <li>-It is essential to many Christmas foods and beverages.</li> <li>-The shelters and soup kitchens we help need large quantities of it, particularly in the winter months.</li> </ul> <p>If you wish to donate a bag or two, please hand it to your child's class staff.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

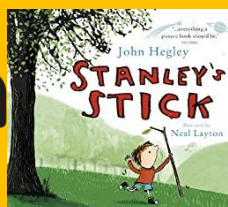
	<p><b>Acts of Kindness</b></p> <p>This Christmas linked to our value <b>kindness</b> the children thought it would be a good idea, to collect food for the local food bank. We will be sending out a list nearer to the time outline what the foodbank is currently running low on. We hope you will support us in collecting for this cause.</p> <p>The week we will be collecting will be the <b><u>6<sup>th</sup> December- 10<sup>th</sup> December</u></b></p> <p>Please take your items to your child's class.</p>
	<p><b>Role play for Reception</b></p> <p>Can you help us? We are looking to replace and extend our Home Corners in the classrooms. If you have any old kitchen role play items at home, or old clean pans, plates, utensils etc that are not play ones, please do contact us at our email <a href="mailto:eyfsdrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk">eyfsdrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk</a> and let us know. We will be more than happy to arrange a drop off in school. Thank you in advance for your help.</p>
	<p><b>Children in Need</b></p> <p>The children all had great fun today learning all about Children in Need. The children enjoyed their Pudsey scavenger hunt on the school field, Joe Wicks activities, designing their wrist bands and much, much more in class. A huge thank you to Mr Sexton for planning a brilliant day of learning for all the children.</p> <p>Have a look on Seesaw and Tapestry for the 'Spudsey Project' competition.</p> <p>If parents would like to donate the link for this is <a href="http://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk">www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk</a></p> <p>We have a balance of days throughout the year which we celebrate in a variety of ways. As you can see the children have participated in lots of activities linked to Children in Need today.</p>
	<p><b>Christmas Jumper Day</b></p> <p>This Year Christmas Jumper Day will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 the same day as Christmas dinner. A donation of £2 can be made via Parent Mail on the day of the event.</p>
	<p><b>Parent Forum</b></p> <p>Next week we will be starting up the Parent Forum. This forum meets half termly with one/two reps from each class group. We discuss all kinds of subjects like transition, communication, school policy, etc. It is a real opportunity to be the voice of our parents at Drayton. Your voice will be heard. If you are interested in taking up the position in your child's class, please contact Mrs Findlay.</p> <p><a href="mailto:Deputydrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk">Deputydrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk</a></p> <p>The Forum meets in school time with a member of the school leadership team, who sets an agenda and takes minutes. The minutes are available to the school community.</p> <p>The first meeting will be held via Zoom at 9:30 on 2/12/21</p>

# Learning taking place in our classes this week!



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Children  
in Need



	<p>This week we have introduced our new Power of Reading book 'Stanley's Stick'. We discussed and created a poster to explain how to stay safe when playing with sticks and used our imagination to turn our sticks into lots of different things. We have been using sticks to make things with, paint with and to write with in the inside and outside areas. This week our 5 ways to well-being focus was <i>connect</i>. We thought about how we are the same and ways that we can connect with others. In Maths we have been consolidating our counting skills by practising counting numbers at the same time as moving or touching objects. This week we have also started to sing some nativity songs. Friday was a very a special day as it was <i>Children in Need Day</i>. We had lots of fun making Pudsey crafts, going on a Pudsey hunt and joining in with Joe Wicks' workout.</p>
	<p>In literacy we have been writing letters, in role as Paddington Bear, to Aunt Lucy. To support us with this, we have read more of our story, done a hot seating activity and even received a letter from Paddington Bear!</p> <p>In maths, we have been looking at number bonds to 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10. We wrote down the addition number sentences for the number bonds and found commutative pairs. Additionally, we have made our own number bond kites.</p> <p>On Monday, we enjoyed Outdoor Adventure Activities with Matt. All of year participated in team work games that got both our brains and bodies working. In History, we have been researching facts about Queen Elizabeth. In music, we have started to sing nativity songs. We have been learning about an artist called 'Paul Klee,' who uses vibrant colours and 2D shapes within his art. We have created our own pictures in the style of Paul Klee.</p>
	<p>In maths we have been practising subtracting one number from another, using our knowledge of the value of each digit in 2-digit and 1-digit numbers. We have used resources to help us and used pictorial methods. We have learnt how to count back in tens and ones using an empty number line. We have also used our knowledge of addition to help us as addition and subtraction are inverse calculations.</p> <p>This week we have started to develop our understanding of the story further and demonstrate how characters feel and what they might be thinking by working in groups to create freeze frames. Using drama to act out what is happening in the story is a wonderful tool to help us engage with the text on a deeper level.</p>

## Dates for the diary

Term dates calendar: <http://www.draxtoninfantschool.co.uk/parents-community/term-dates/>

### November 2021

Monday	22.11.2021	Sugar Appeal week
w/c 22 <sup>nd</sup> November		Parents Evening (Please book via Pupil Asset)

December 2021		
Wednesday	08.12.2021	Breakfast with Santa by Friends Reception - TBC
Thursday	09.12.2021	Breakfast with Santa by Friends Year 1 - TBC
Friday	10.12.2021	Breakfast with Santa by Friends Year 2 - TBC
Wednesday	15.12.2021	Christmas Lunch <b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
Friday	17.12.2021	School closes at 3pm for Christmas Holiday
January 2022		
Wednesday	05.01.2022	School re-opens for Spring Term
February 2022		
Friday	11.02.2022	School closes at 3pm for Half Term
Monday	21.02.2022	School opens
Monday	07.02.2022	Children's Mental Health Week starts
Tuesday	08.02.2022	Safer Internet Day
March 2022		
Thursday	03.03.2022	World Book Day- Dress up day.
Friday	11.03.2022	British Science Week starts
Thursday	17.03.2022	St. Patrick's Day
Friday	18.03.2022	Red Nose Day
Monday	28.03.2022	Reception Vision & Hearing test
April 2022		
Friday	01.04.2022	School closes at 3pm for Easter Holiday
Thursday	21.04.2022	School re-opens for Summer Term
Friday	22.04.2022	Earth Day
Friday	29.04.2022	International Dance Day
May 2022		
Monday	02.05.2022	Bank Holiday
Thursday	04.05.2022	Anti-bullying Day

Monday	09.05.2021	Mental Health Week starts
Friday	27.05.2022	School closes at 3pm for Half Term
<b>June 2022</b>		
Monday	06.06.2022	School re-opens
Monday	06.06.2021	June Child Safety Week
<b>July 2022</b>		
Friday	22.07.2022	School closes at 3pm for Summer Holiday