



# Drayton Community Infant School

## Weekly Newsletter

### 22.10.21

Drayton Families,

It's been a busy half term and we can see how ready the children (and staff) are after working so hard. Thank you for your kindness and patience over recent weeks where staffing has been lower than normal on some days. A rise in Covid-19 cases and general illnesses has seen a significant impact on not only the children in school but on staff directly and their families. We appreciate changes to staffing and things such as opening the gate late, not being able to answer the phone and not having reading books changed can be frustrating but our priority is ensuring the children are safe and continue to receive high quality teaching in the classroom. We will always keep staffing as consistent as we can as we know how important this is for the children.

We strongly encourage families (adults and children over 12) to continue lateral flow testing twice weekly over half term, booking a PCR immediately for anyone who is presenting with symptoms linked to Covid-19 and/or have been in close contact with a positive case. Many of the cases we have had in school haven't displayed the common covid-19 symptoms of a temperature, cough or change in taste and smell. Symptoms have consisted of headaches, sore throats, upset stomachs and colds. Of course, many of these bugs and viruses are present as winter approaches us but ask parents to be vigilant and book a PCR if in any doubt.

While we would love to invite parents into school to take part in all of the events we have run in the past, at present we continue to restrict visitors into school to try and stop the spread of the virus, ensuring the children's education is impacted as little as possible while cases continue to rise. I will continue to update you as the national and local data evolves.

Wishing you a safe, restful and enjoyable half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Mrs Sarah Hutt  
Acting Partnership Headteacher

Golden Acorn Award



#### Our School values


This week the children who got the Golden Acorn Awards have worked very hard at never giving up they have shown both perseverance and determination. Well done. Next term the Value that we will be focusing on is the value of Kindness.









Your child's school meals can be changed on PupilAsset in the morning. Please login and amend before 9am. If you are having difficulty with logging in, please contact the office. If you wish to contact us directly and change, please speak to the office staff (not kitchen staff please) or leave a message by 9am. Thank you.

#### Request for Leave

Please could I remind all parents of the process for requesting leave for their child from school. Any planned leave requires a form to be completed and returned to the school

	office, providing at least a week's notice where possible. This is then passed to Mrs Hutt who will authorise/unauthorise the absence, returning the completed form back to you via the school office. To ensure these requests are not missed, please ensure such requests are made via the school office.
	If you are calling our main telephone number to report your child absence, please select '1' to leave a message. We would kindly ask that any absence reports to be made either via a <b>phone message</b> or <b>Parentmail</b> before <b>9am</b> . Unfortunately, we may not be able to go through the emails before then. We are required to call parents in the morning if no reports are made for safeguarding purpose.

Learning taking place in our classes this week!	
  	<p>This week, the children have continued to think about Leaf Man. They have predicted where he might go next and then they have completed a short piece of writing to tell us about it. They have been their own authors.</p> <p>With all the exciting autumn festivals coming up, we have also been talking about how to keep ourselves safe. We have talked about how to keep safe on the roads as the nights are getting shorter. We have practised our green cross code and talked about how important it is to hold our parents' hands. We have also talked about staying safe if the children are going Trick or Treating, including looking after people who don't want to take part and making sure we are with adults we know and trust.</p> <p>We have also begun to talk about pumpkins and harvest. We have explored the work of the Artist Yayoi Kasama and how she used dots and pumpkins to create her art. We have practiced using our strong writing fingers to make dots with paint and cotton buds. We have decorated pumpkins together.</p> <p>After half term, all of the Reception children will need to come into school in PE kit. There is more information about this on Tapestry. We are all looking forward to this too.</p>
  	<p>This week in literacy, we have been using our story maps to write our retells of Little Red Riding Hood. We have been thinking about writing in full sentences and using adjectives in our writing. We acted out the story to help us remember the order from the beginning to end.</p> <p>In maths, we have been looking at 2D shapes. We went outside on 2D shape hunts, drew pictures using 2D shapes and looked at different orientations of triangles, circles, rectangles and squares. The children also made their own owl and frogs from 2D shapes!</p> <p>We have continued to make our own countries in Geography. This week we have painted our papier Mache sculptures and we will add labels using the geographical vocabulary we have been discussing.</p> <p>In RE, we have been discussing Christian beliefs and talking about how we can look after our planet. In music, we used instruments to keep a beat and in History we have continued to explore Brother Grimm's traditional tales.</p> <p>Year 1 have had a fantastic half term! On Friday afternoon, they got to watch a movie and have some popcorn in their Golden Time.</p>



In maths this week we have been focussing on shape. We have looked at naming and recognising 2D and 3D shapes. We have also been learning about the properties of shapes to describe and compare them. We have learnt that the properties of 2D shapes are sides and vertices. The properties of 3D shapes are faces, edges and vertices. We have looked at 2D shapes on the faces of 3D shapes.

In Literacy this week we have discussed our favourite parts of the story and shared our thoughts by writing a book recommendation based on 'Pattan's Pumpkin'. We have also been busy recreating the illustrations from the book using a variety of mixed media to make the story come to life. The children have really enjoyed reading 'Pattan's Pumpkin' as our Power of Reading text this half term, it supported our learning about India and now they are able to retell the story in their own words!

<b>September 2021</b>	<b>October 2021</b>	<b>November 2021</b>	<b>December 2021</b>
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Dates for the Diary	
25.10.21 - 29.10.21	Half Term
15.11.21	Odd socks day to launch Anti-bullying week
23.11 & 25.11	Parents Evening Details to follow
17.12.21	Last Day of Term



## Drayton Community Infant School Reception Open Day

We warmly welcome all prospective parents to our school open day on:

**Tuesday 2nd November 5.30-6.30**

**\*Thursday 4th November 3.30-4.30**



**Please Note:** School visits are by appointment only. Maximum 2 adults with child/ren starting in Reception in 2022. Adults will be required to wear a face covering and remain socially distant while in school.

**Please book your place via online form**  
**<https://forms.office.com/r/RWpxmuER6R>**