



Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

5.11.21

Drayton Families,

Welcome back to another half term and the lead up to Christmas! Following my letter to you earlier this week regarding COVID-19, I have met with the Local Authority and all Norfolk Head Teachers to hear about the current rates of cases in Norfolk and next steps.

Cases across Norfolk children (and adults of school age children) rose sharply in October. While our cases in school are low, we have seen a steady stream of positive cases amongst children and staff. We monitor this daily and are not at a point where we are needing to move to the next step as outlined in our Covid-19 Contingency Plan we shared with you in September (Available on the school website).

The strong advice from the Local Authority remains that visitors in school should be 'essential only'. This means anyone who is supporting children, supporting teaching and learning and enabling the school to continue on its improvement journey. These may include workers carrying out essential maintenance (although this is done outside of the school day where possible), social workers/staff from children's services, speech and play therapists, adults delivering sessions for adults and children or meetings with parents where this is vital and can be done in a controlled way.

All visitors coming into the school building, including parents, are required to wear a face covering unless medically exempt. This includes coming into the school office. Where possible, please email or call.

In school, staff are continuing to socially distance from each other and visitors, are testing twice weekly and are ensuring the promotion of high levels of cleaning and hygiene throughout the day. Ventilation remains vital so windows are open all day, with doors being opened at breaks times to purge the air. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately, with plenty of layers as we approach the colder months.

Please ensure you keep your child at home if they have symptoms of Covid-19 and book a PCR test as soon as possible. They can return to school once they have a negative result or have completed the full 10-day isolation period following a positive result. We ask you notify us of your child's result as soon as possible. As mentioned previously, please be mindful of other common symptoms of Covid-19 in young children and if in any doubt, testing is recommended before they return to school.

We want nothing more than to welcome families back into school to be part of the children's learning journey and share all the amazing things which happen every day. At present, our priority is ensuring staff and children come into contact with a limited number of people so we can keep teaching and learning for the children as consistent and undistruptive as possible. Unfortunately, parents evening will need to be moved to conversations over the phone once more. We have discussed the possible use of using Teams or Zoom to have a 'virtual face-to-face' conversation however we don't feel the internet is reliable enough. Many of our meetings are online now and we know first-hand how frustrating it is when the internet lets us down on a regular basis. Appointments for telephone conversations will be able to be booked from Friday 12th November. Full details will be sent next week.

We are determined to enjoy the festive period this year with you and are busy planning some outside events which we will share with you soon.

Thank you for your continued understanding during these challenging times.

Mrs Sarah Hutt
Acting Partnership Headteacher



Attendance of the week award goes to:

Reception- Hedgehog 96%

Year 1- Starling 98%

Year 2- Squirrel 94%

Whole school 93.7%

Golden Acorn Award



The Golden Acorn Awards

This week the children who got the Golden Acorn Awards have worked very hard at showing the value of Learning. They have been challenging themselves and shown determination. Well done. Our new value is Kindness the first Golden Acorn Awards for our value kindness will be given out in next week's assembly.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Alexander** (formally Miss. O'Neill) got married recently.

Mrs. Bonner's name has been changed recently to **Ms. Chapman**.



Welcoming Mr Lacaille





This week we have welcomed Mr Lacaille to the Partnership Team as our Site Manager. Mr Lacaille will work across Nightingale and Drayton, working alongside Drayton's Caretaker, Mr Mason. He has already been busy carrying out lots of jobs and we look forward to having the staffing in place to continue making the schools stimulating and inviting places to learn and work.



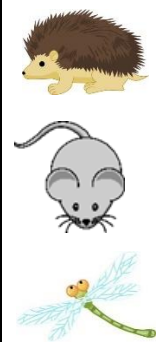
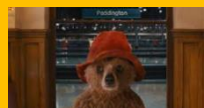
Looking for MSAs

We are currently looking to recruit more Midday Supervisors to join our team. We currently have vacancies at Drayton. Further details can be found on our school websites. The role is perfect for anyone wishing to work with children, support play and games outside and be part of the whole school team.







<http://www.draytoninfantschool.co.uk/vacancies/>

	<p>We have such great fun at running club and have realised that it is a brilliant way to start the week. Thank you to all those amazing children who come and join me for a run/jog around the field. All KS1 children are more than welcome: 8.15 every Monday outside Mole Class.</p> <p>As the weather is turning colder and wetter, could I please ask the children to make sure that you have a change of clothes, especially socks, as we will be running in all weathers. Could I also please ask that you bring a plastic bag to put your trainers in after running and bring a spare pair of shoes to change into as Mole Class ended up being covered in mud last Monday! We must thank Mr Sexton who kindly hoovered up all the mud for me!</p>
<p>Odd Sock Day</p>	 <p>Please see more information below. If you wish to make £1 donation, it will be available to do so via Parentmail on 15th November 2021. Thank you.</p>

Learning taking place in our classes this week!



We had a strange visitor and some strange things arrive in the Reception classes this week. There was a bowl, a spoon, a pumpkin, salt, pepper and a picture of a Duck, Squirrel and a Cat. The next day saw a letter arrive with an interesting challenge.... We made our own soup and tasted it. Not all of us liked it much! On Thursday we talked about Diwali and how it is celebrated. Friday was a special day too! We learnt about Bonfire day and had a special day in class. We talked about how we all celebrate differently, made a guy as a group, pretended to be at a bonfire, talked about how to be safe, listened to some firework music (1812 Overture) and drew fireworks in large and small scale. We explored fireworks inside and outside the classroom. We danced, sang and had fun.

  	<p>In Literacy this week, we have introduced our new Power Of Reading book 'Paddington's Post.' On Monday, the children used clues in the classroom to find out who the story could be about. We spoke about Paddington's journey from Peru to London. We found out facts about Peru and wrote these down.</p> <p>In Maths, we have been counting to 100 and partitioning 2-digit numbers. We have used concrete objects in part-part-whole models to help us with partitioning the 'tens' and 'ones' in numbers.</p> <p>This week we have also been learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. The children have sequenced the events and made their own firework artwork. In music, we have been listening to 'Firebird by Stravinsky' and talking about how the music made us feel and what it made us think of.</p>
  	<p>In Literacy this week we have started researching facts about polar bears and taking notes using a text called 'The Ice Bear' as a dictogloss. We listened carefully and wrote down key words and phrases that we could hear. Working with our partners, we combined our information and wrote sentences using the notes we had made.</p>

Dates for the diary

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

November 2021

Thursday	11.11.2021	Remembrance Day
Monday	15.11.2021	Odd socks day to launch Anti-bullying week
Tuesday	16.11.2021	Flu vaccination
Monday	22.11.2021	Sugar Appeal week
Tuesday	23.11.2021	Parents Evening (more information to follow)
Thursday	25.11.2021	Parents Evening (more information to follow)

December 2021

Monday	08.12.2021	Breakfast with Santa by Friends Reception - TBC
Tuesday	09.12.2021	Breakfast with Santa by Friends Year 1 - TBC
Wednesday	10.12.2021	Breakfast with Santa by Friends Year 2 - TBC
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
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
Wednesday	20.04.2022	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
June 2022		
Monday	06.06.2022	School re-opens
Monday	06.06.2021	June Child Safety Week
July 2022		
Friday	22.07.2022	School closes at 3pm for Summer Holiday



Dear Parents/Carers,

WOOHOO... MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 15th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (Cbeebies/cbbc) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, **One Kind Word**.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy ☺ Here's what you do:

1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school
2. Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work
3. If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @AndyOddSock and @abaonline on Twitter. Or @andyandtheoddssocks and @antibullyingalliance on Instagram.

Monday
15
November

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 15th November ...

If you have any questions please ask:



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