



Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

10.12.21

Dear Parents,

Foodbank

A huge thank you to those of you who have donated to the foodbank in school. We are looking at how we can continue to support the Taverham, Thorpe Marriot and Drayton help group further. We will be discussing this at our next Parent forum on the 13th January. Please speak to your class parent rep if you have got any ideas.

Staffing changes in January

Mouse class

As you will be aware, Miss Jackson is expecting a baby and is due to start her maternity leave from February half term. This will be covered by Mrs Cuenca-Farrow (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs Winter on Thursday and Fridays. Mrs Winter has been a member of our teaching team for many years and currently teaches in Year 2.

Earlier this half term, the Government changed the Covid-19 guidance for pregnant women once they reach 28 weeks. To ensure the safety of mother and baby, school staff cannot continue in their role for the remainder of their pregnancy if we cannot guarantee 2-meter distancing at all times. As I'm sure you can understand, this is impossible in a reception classroom.

Squirrel class

Mrs Lobo will be returning after Christmas from maternity leave, resuming her role as class teacher in Squirrel Class Mondays-Wednesdays and Mrs Malon-Johnson will resume teaching Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Winter has thoroughly enjoyed teaching Squirrel Class and I'd like to thank her and Mrs Malone-Johnson for their continued hard work. Mrs Winter will continue as a teacher with us, joining the EYFS team.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Golden Acorn Award



*** The Golden Acorn Awards ***

Well done to the Children who got The Golden Acorn awards for acts of kindness this week.





Christmas Song Performances

We invite you to join our concerts being held on the playground. Each year group will be invited to attend to join us in some festive songs, performed by the children.

This is limited to 2 adults per family and we kindly ask that siblings don't attend unless avoidable so we can reduce the number of people on site at once. While we will aim to provide enough space for adults to distance, we do ask that adults wear a face covering during the event to protect other families.

Year 1- 16th December at 2:00-2:30

Year 2- 14th December at 2:00-2:30

Please wrap up warm and ensure your children have coats etc in school as we will be outside. We will only cancel this event if the weather is very wet!

Parents and carers can take their children home straight after the performances if they wish.



PANTO

This year on the 16th December in school, the children will be taking part in a virtual pantomime (oh yes, we will).

To add even more sparkle and fun, the children are welcome to come dressed in non-uniform for the day. This is optional but may create more of a fun atmosphere in class. If you would like to, they are also more than welcome to come dressed in Pantomime outfits from the cat from Puss in Boots, a panto dame, Buttons, Cinderella.... the list is endless. However, we appreciate this is short notice so non-uniform will be absolutely fine too. Please remember, your child will be in these clothes all day so they need to be warm and comfortable, and that this is completely optional.

Please do contact your child's class teacher or myself if you have any concerns or queries. We are all looking forward to shouting, singing and laughing.



Santa Dash

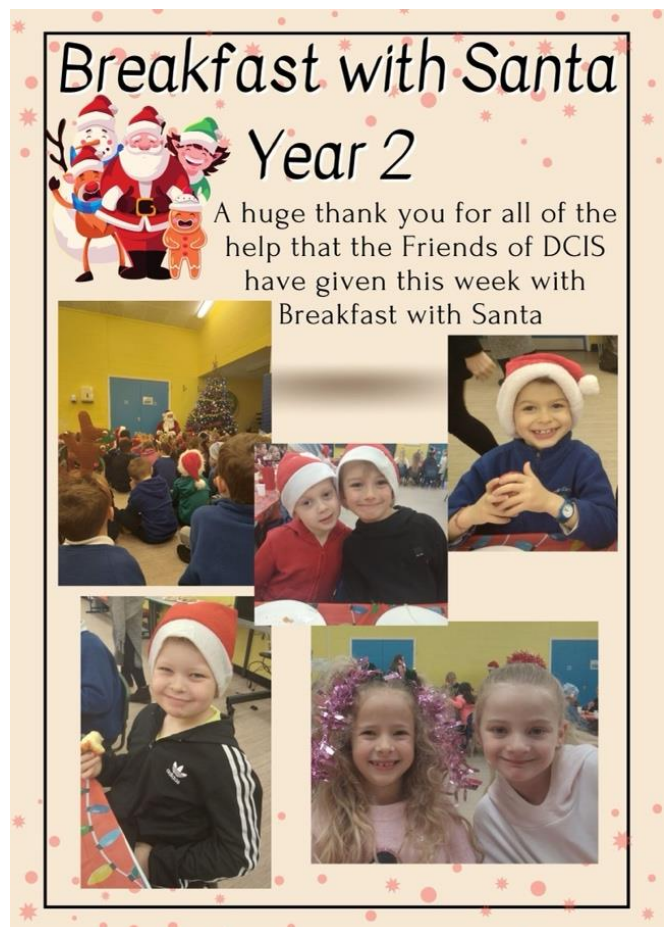
We are going to have a **Santa Dash** for all year groups on Wednesday 15th December. The children can come dressed in a Christmas Jumper and their PE kit. They will need trainers that they can run around the field in and a spare pair of shoes to change into. If they could bring a plastic bag to put their dirty trainers in, that would be great. We will do the run in any 'safe' weather, so please could the children have plenty of warm, waterproof clothes and a change of socks! Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Dearden












The children are continuing to enjoy learning about how to care for our planet and environment. The year 2 children have been learning about plastic pollution and how we can help with this problem by reducing, re-using and recycling plastic. Below is a link to some organised beach clean events if you would like to take part:

<https://www.norfolkbeachcleans.co.uk/upcoming-events>

We would love to see any photos on tapestry or seesaw if you take part in any litter picking at the beach or in your community.



Learning taking place in our classes this week!

  	<p>Wow what an exciting week we have had in Reception! This week we have been learning about the Christmas Story. We have listened to the story and used actions, props and puppets to retell it. Some of us even challenged ourselves to sequence the Christmas story. We have also been busy writing the inserts for our Christmas cards that we made.</p> <p>Wednesday was a very special day as we had breakfast with Santa and performed our Christmas carols to our family. All of the EYFS staff were very proud of how beautifully we sang the songs. In Maths we have been singing number rhymes and matching numeral to quantity. We have really enjoyed using our new post office role play area and have been writing letters, creating envelopes for them and paying for stamps. We have also been busy making decorations for our classrooms using a range of skills and materials.</p>
  	<p>This week we have been looking at fractions in maths. We have been halving and quartering 2D shapes including circles, squares and rectangles. We have practiced writing $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ and finding these within shapes.</p> <p>In Literacy, we have been acting out and retelling the Christmas Story. This links with our music and RE lessons. We have been practicing singing our Christmas songs, ready for our performance. This week and next week, we are doing lots of Art and DT. We have been using different techniques, including cutting, shaping and joining, to create Christmas crafts. The children have enjoyed making a range of crafts including, paper chains, paper plate trees, snowman garland and lots more!</p> <p>On Thursday, some of year 1 children enjoyed a brilliant breakfast with Santa!</p>
  	<p>In Literacy we are using our imagination to plan our own narrative about a polar bear who has found himself far away from his icy home, the Arctic. The children have been coming up with lots of ideas about what would happen if he ended up in a desert, the rainforest or even outer space! Next week we will use our plans and notes to write up our stories.</p> <p>In maths we have been learning to divide by sharing, showing that each part must get a fair share. We have used resources, pictorial methods and our knowledge of times tables to share between 2, 5 and 10. We have been introduced to the division sign \div</p>

School dates

Please note the date in yellow **20.4.21** is an additional day off for the Queens Jubilee. This is to be taken by schools as an additional day off. This was discussed with the cluster schools. It was decided with the majority of the cluster that 20.4.21 would be the day taken.

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Dates for the diary

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

December 2021

Tuesday	14.12.2021	Year 2 Christmas Carols 2.00-2.30
Wednesday	15.12.2021	Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash
Thursday	16.12.2021	Year 1 Christmas Carols 2.00-2.30 Panto-
Friday	17.12.2021	School closes at 3pm for Christmas Holiday

January 2022

Wednesday	05.01.2022	School re-opens for Spring Term
Thursday	20.01.2021	Reception Disco 4.30pm-5.30pm

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

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
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