

Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter 17.12.21

Dear Families,

Covid-19 update and changes over Christmas

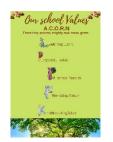
On 14.12.21 the Department for Education updated their guidance regarding lateral flow tests which we shared with you on Wednesday. As a reminder:

'Adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are strongly advised to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result. Anyone with symptoms or who receive a positive LFD should booked a PCR immediately and isolate until a negative PCR is confirmed.'

One of the key things we have learnt over the last 18 months is how quickly the guidance can change, particularly over a school holiday. The school office and all staff will be on holiday from 3.30pm today until 9am on Tuesday 4th January. Any updates the Government provide over the Christmas break will be discussed with staff on return to school and communicated with you that afternoon, ahead of the children returning on Wednesday 5th January.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and New year. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2022!

Mrs Hutt & The Drayton Infant Team



*** The Golden Acorn Awards ***

The focus next half term is going to be **Friendship**.

Well, done to all of the children who received a Golden Acorn award this term. Do not worry if you have not yet got yours there is plenty of time left this year to receive one.



Mole Class PE days from January 222

Due to a change of timetable, Mole class PE will be: Monday and Wednesday, starting on the 5th January.





S-Pudsey Competition

Well done to all who took part in the S-Pudsey competition this term.

The school council worked hard together to judge their favourites (this was very difficult). Prizes for each year group have been given out to the following children:

Reception- Luna-Maria, Fin, Alfie

Year 1- Millie W, Nylah and Isaac, Johnny M

Year 2 – Thea, Ben (Owl(, Ben (Squirrel)

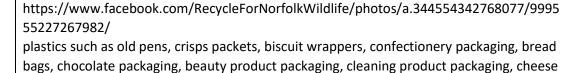
Mr Sexton and Mrs Alexander



Mad Science KS1 (YEAR 1 AND 2)

Thank you to all of the parents who signed up to Mad Science Club. It is completely full which is great news. The club will start on the 10th January and will be in the school hall. Please collect your child from the door at the school hall.

Below is some information on where some plastics can be recycled locally that are unable to be recycled in household recycling bins:



packaging and dental products. (nearest drop-off point: bins in Horsford village hall car park)

https://www.recyclenow.com/what-to-do-with/plastic-film soft plastics such as breakfast cereal liners, bubble wrap, carrier bags, rice, salad and pasta bags, frozen food bags and toilet roll wrapping (nearest drop-off point: Tesco Drayton by the store entrance)

Information is also available at https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/



Learning taking place in our classes this week!

It's been a really exciting and Christmassy week. We have really enjoyed our first Christmas lunch, Santa Dash and Pantomime – oh yes we did!

We all walked to the post box to send a special something home. Please let us know when it arrives through Tapestry. We have been super busy making lots of Christmas crafts and things to decorate the house. We also hope you loved the individual folders the children made and decorated by themselves. They have all worked so hard.

We hope you all have a magical Christmas and stay safe. Please don't forget to share your family Christmas with us in the new year.

The Reception Team

What an exciting week we have had! We have enjoyed Christmas jumper day, Santa dash, Christmas dinner and our performance.

In maths we have been looking at 3D shapes. We have been recognising and naming the 3D shapes, as well as, making 3D shapes. In literacy we have continued to retell the Christmas story. Also, we wrote the inserts for our Christmas cards.

We have continued with our Art and DT week, making lots of Christmas crafts including, salt dough decorations, Eco crafts and headbands.

We hope you have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

The Year 1 team!









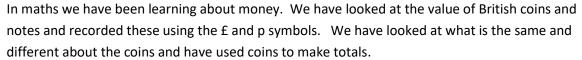












We have been using our storyboards and plans from last week to write our own story about a polar bear who finds himself far away from home. Being able to refer to our plans has helped us to write a clear beginning, middle and end. The children have been working hard to edit their writing and make corrections as they go using purple pens for 'polishing'.



We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and stay safe.

The Year 2 team

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/

| January 2022 | | | |
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| 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 | |
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| Tuesday | 08.02.2022 | Safer Internet Day | |
| March 2022 | | | |
| Thursday | 03.03.2022 | World Book Day- Dress up as your favourite book character more information to follow. | |
| 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 | |