



# Drayton Community Infant School

## Weekly Newsletter

26.11.21

Dear Drayton Families,

With 3 weeks left Christmas preparations have begun to sneak into school. Please see details below regarding the Breakfast with Santa, Christmas carols and Christmas dinner. The team have worked hard to ensure we can carry out these events while still ensuring we adhere to current Covid restrictions in school. Please could I ask that you follow the procedures put into place to ensure we can continue to include you in events in school during these challenging times.

Have a lovely weekend

Sarah Hutt & The Drayton Team  
Acting Partnership Headteacher

Golden Acorn Award



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







Well done to the children who got the Golden Acorn awards this week for their kindness in school. The acts of kindness were empathy towards others, saying kind words and helping others in school.



### The values competition winners



Our focus for next week is random acts of kindness

	<p><b><u>Christmas song performances</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Reception 8<sup>th</sup> December 2:00-2:30</b>  <b>Year 1- 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00-2:30</b>  <b>Year 2- 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00-2:30</b></p> <p>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!</p>
	<p><b>Breakfast with Santa</b></p> <p>The Children of Drayton Infant School will have a wonderful opportunity to come to this event this year!</p> <p>The children can attend on the following:  <b>8th December – Year Reception</b>  <b>9th December – Year 1</b>  <b>10th December – Year 2</b></p> <p>The children will enjoy stories, breakfast, and a little treat from Santa for just £4 per child and tickets are available at <a href="https://www.ptaevents.co.uk/dcisfriends/#.YZ1TXvHP0-S">https://www.ptaevents.co.uk/dcisfriends/#.YZ1TXvHP0-S</a>  These are available until Monday 6th December so that all dietary needs can be provided for. If your child cannot attend this event we are asking that a voluntary contribution of £1 could be given on this link as well and they will also receive a gift from Santa.  Please drop your child off at the school hall fire exit door for 7.50- 7.55am and they will be taken to their classrooms by their teachers for 8.45am.</p>
	<p><b>Spudsey</b></p> <p>The school council have picked the winners of the Spudsey competition. These will be announced in next Wednesday's assembly</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. Deputydrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk 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. The first meeting will be held via Zoom at <b>9:30 on 2/12/21</b></p>
	<p><b>The Friends of DCIS</b></p> <p>Thank you to everyone who contributed to the smarties challenge.  The smarties raised <b>£1034.38</b></p>
	<p>We are going to have a <b>Santa Dash</b> for all year groups on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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</p>



**Food bank collection in school 6<sup>th</sup> –10<sup>th</sup> December please drop items off at your child's classroom or in the foyer in the front of the school.**

Taverham, Thorpe Marriott & Drayton Help Group.

The list of items that we are always in need of are:-

**Rice, Pasta, Cereals, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Biscuits, Cakes, Crackers, Dried Instant Noodles, Sweets, Tinned: Meat of any kind (Meatballs, Hot Dogs, Mince, Ham, Corned Beef etc.), Tuna Fish, Spaghetti Hoops/Rings, Ravioli, Baked Beans, Baked Beans with Sausages, Rice Pudding, Fruit (peaches, fruit cocktail, pears etc.,) Tomatoes, Peas, Carrots, Potatoes. Squash: Orange or Blackcurrant, Jam, Shower Gel, Soap, Toothpaste. Cleaning products such as, washing up liquid, bleach, toilet cleaner, bathroom cleaner, kitchen cleaner. Toilet rolls.**

They do ask for any items donated to have at least a two-month shelf life.

**What to do if you need the food bank.**

They provide help to anyone that needs it, they ask no questions, they do not have to provide any vouchers or letters of any kind, they are a voluntary food bank to help those in need in our community. They can arrange delivery to you and if you are not in then they can leave it in a designated safe place or on their doorstep. Within the shop they include fresh fruit, veg, bread, cheese, and butter which they purchase the day before. Please contact them below.

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## *Library Update*

THE LIBRARY IS COMING ALONG NICELY IN SCHOOL. MISS ROBERTS AND MRS FINLDAY MANAGED TO GET LOTS FINISHED ON TUESDAY EVENING. I THINK YOU WILL ALL AGREE THAT IT IS LOOKING GREAT. IT WILL THEREFORE, BE OPEN TO USE FROM NEXT MONDAY. UP UNTIL CHRISTMAS STAFF WILL BE TEACHING THE CHILDREN HOW TO USE THE LIBRARY AND THE LIBRARY RULES. THE LIBRARY SHOULD BE OPEN FOR CHILDREN TO TAKE BOOKS HOME IN THE NEW YEAR HOWEVER, WE ARE CURRENTLY WAITING FOR THE NEW LIBRARY SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS OF DCIS WHO CONTRIBUTED £2,000 TO THE REFURBISHMENT







This winter we are again collecting sugar to support BEFA, East Anglia based charity with its roots in the farming community.

Why sugar?

-Sugar packs, stores and keeps well.

-Sugar is a very important source of energy to the people who need our help.

-It is essential to many Christmas foods and beverages.

-The shelters and soup kitchens we help need large quantities of it, particularly in the winter months.

If you wish to donate a bag or two, please hand it to your child's class staff by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you.



### School car park

May we remind that the school car park is for staff and permit holders only.

We encourage families to walk to school wherever possible and politely request that parents/carers to park in surrounding roads with thought and consideration for the children, other adults and local community. Thank you.

### 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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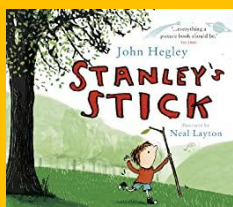
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# Learning taking place in our classes this week!



This week in Reception we have continued reading 'Stanley's Stick'. We have thought about how Stanley would be feeling throughout the book and thinking of adjectives to describe the different sticks. In Literacy, with the support of our adults, we have created poems in groups. We have also been busy creating things using sticks such as paintbrushes, boats and even Christmas decorations for the classroom. We have enjoyed rehearsing our Christmas Carols and are getting very good at remembering all of the words. In Maths we have been comparing quantities and learnt that the word equal meant the same. We have also been working on ordering numbers to ten.



This week in maths, we have been continuing to look at number bonds to 10. We have made fact family houses and used concrete objects to help us find the missing numbers on Part-part-whole models. We played a giant card game that looked at removing the number bonds to 10.

On Thursday, our classrooms were transformed into train stations. We took a train from Norwich Station all the way to Paddington Station in London. We went outside on a hunt for all of the famous landmarks you can find in London. When we arrived back to our classrooms, we wrote down facts all about Buckingham Palace.

We have been enjoying practicing our nativity songs and continuing with artwork in the style of Paul Klee. In History, we have been looking at how trains have changed over time and found out about the first locomotive 'The Rocket.'



Our maths focus this week has been reading the time on an analogue clock for o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour. We have learnt to look carefully at the length and positioning of the minute and hour hands. We have also practised drawing the hands onto blank clock faces to show these times.

This week, we have had lots of fun working on our speeches about climate change and the effect global warming is having on the Arctic. The children came up with actions and solutions to help Boris Johnson make positive changes following the COP26 conference held recently with other world leaders. Stay tuned for examples of the children reading their speeches on seesaw.

## Dates for the diary

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

### December 2021

Wednesday	08.12.2021	Breakfast with Santa by Friends Reception Reception Christmas Carols 2.00-2.30
Thursday	09.12.2021	Breakfast with Santa by Friends Year 1
Friday	10.12.2021	Breakfast with Santa by Friends Year 2
Tuesday	14.12.2021	Year 2 Christmas Carols 2.00-2.30
Wednesday	15.12.2021	Christmas Lunch <b>Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash</b>
Thursday	16.12.2021	Year 1 Christmas Carols 2.00-2.30
Friday	17.12.2021	School closes at 3pm for Christmas Holiday

### January 2022

Wednesday	05.01.2022	School re-opens for Spring Term
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### 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
<b>May 2022</b>		
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