



Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

14.01.2022

Covid Update

From Monday 17th January, people who are self-isolating with Covid-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Please be reminded that day 0 is the day symptoms start or when no symptoms are present, the day of the positive test. This day should not be counted as day 1.

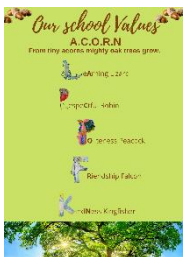
New School Kitchen – Impact on Hot Lunches

During February half term and the two weeks following (Week beg 21.2.21 & 28.2.21), our school will be having a new school kitchen fitted. This is very exciting for the kitchen team! The kitchen at Drayton Infants has not been updated for many years, with many of the appliances being unreliable and inefficient.

The Trust supported the school in bidding for financial support which was successful and plans have been underway.

The work is expected to take 3 weeks, meaning we will not have a working kitchen for the two weeks after half term for cooking or cleaning/sterilising. Unfortunately, we will only be able to offer school packed lunches during this time, which will be prepared offsite in another school kitchen and brought to the school at lunch time.








Mrs Quinn will send out full details regarding the menu and ordering during this period.



*** The Golden Acorn Awards ***

The focus this half term is going to be

Friendship

  Booking lines now open <small>Booking lines for Tots2Teens are now open!</small>	<h2>Tots2Teens</h2> <p>Tots2Teens run holiday activities for children aged five years and upwards during all school holidays. For further information:</p> <p>https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/t2t</p>
	<h3><u>Resources</u></h3> <p>Are you having a clear out after Christmas? We are looking for some resources in school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dressing up clothes - Barbies - Construction- Lego, mobilo, building blocks, - Books for classrooms - Cardboard tubes (large and small), guttering
<p>Parent Forum</p> 	<h3><u>Parent forum</u></h3> <p>The Parent forum will unfortunately have to be postponed a week from the 13/1/22 to the 20/1/22 at 9:30.</p> <p>We still do not have any representatives from: Squirrel, Starling, Hedgehog and Fox.</p> <p>Please email Mrs Findlay if you would like to be a representative for one of the above classes, deputydrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk .</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At the next meeting we will be discussing how we can support the food bank and school meals. Please give any agenda items to one of our Forum members or email Mrs Findlay on deputydrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk</p>
	<h3><u>Parking- School car park</u></h3> <p>Please do not use the school car park unless you have been given permission. There are lots of parents using it for drop off and pick up from Ballet class after school, please park on the road and walk into school. The staff car park is for staff only.</p>
	<h3><u>Change of menu next week</u></h3> <p>Please note that we will be swapping next week's menu.</p> <p>Thursday 20th January – We will have <u>Friday menu</u></p> <p>Friday 21st January – We will have <u>Thursday menu</u></p> <p>Pre-ordered meals on Pupil Asset will be swapped on Wednesday night. The staff will ensure children have correct meals in the mornings.</p>
	<h3><u>Warm Clothing</u></h3> <p>Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for school each. With the weather taking a dip in temperature, children seem to be forgetting to bring in hats gloves and scarves to keep warm at playtimes.</p>

Big Garden Birdwatch 2022

Sign up for free on the link below to take part in a UK wide birdwatch at the end of January and for more activities to do at home in the garden and in a local park with your family.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

Learning taking place in our classes this week!



This week in Reception, we have all had new visitors to our classes. We all got a letter from a new Teddy friend. We voted on names for our new friends and they will be helping us to learn all about our local environment by coming home to visit us all “virtually”. Please keep a close eye on Tapestry over the next term to see when he or she is visiting you.

Our class friend is a cousin of “The Everywhere Bear”. This is our new Power of Reading book by Julia Donaldson. We will be reading lots of books by her over the next few weeks too. Please do let us know if you have a favourite.

We have also been learning some new skills this week. We have been using watercolour paints to make careful pictures using pencil outlines first. We have practised our cutting skills by making dressing up bears. Some of us found this a little tricky and so we will be coming back to that again next week too.

In Maths, we have been thinking about the whole and the parts that make the whole. We looked at different ways to make number 4 and number 5. We said number sentences out loud that matched our different ways and began to record them with the signs + and =. Can you remember any of them at home?

Don't forget to share anything you do as a family on Tapestry over the weekend. We will be using all your exciting news to think about where we live and what we can see.



This week in maths we have been comparing lengths, weight and capacity. We have been using different means for measuring including cubes, rulers and scales. We found out how tall each of the native penguins of Antarctica are and compared our heights to find out if we were taller or shorter than an Emperor Penguin. Did you know that an Emperor penguin can reach the height of 122cm?

In literacy, we were focusing on the artist Nerys Levy. We shared some interesting adjectives to describe her artwork and used these to create our own similes. As part of our artwork, we have been sketching in the style of Nerys Levy and looking at the perspective in our landscapes.

As part of geography, we have been using Google Earth to see the distance between England and Antarctica. We located Antarctica on the map and researched some facts. In music, we have been thinking about the four seasons and in particular winter. We listened to Vivaldi's Four Seasons Winter orchestra and reflected on how winter has been represented through music.



In maths this week our focus has been number and place value. We have counted forwards in multiples of 2, 5, 10 and 3, looking at patterns in these sequences. We have also challenged ourselves by counting back in these multiples. We have used our knowledge of place value to estimate missing numbers on number lines.

We have made a start on our information books about the rainforest. The children have been collecting facts and making notes before organising their ideas and writing up what they have learned under matching subheadings.

In topic work this week we have been focussing on art work by John Dyer. We looked at how his backgrounds for his paintings were a lighter wash of colour with the foreground bringing a flash of vibrant colours depicting the rainforest and all its beauty. We found out there are 4 different types of forest in the world, one of which is rainforest. We also learned different facts about Ecuador, where part of the Amazon Rainforest is.

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

Thursday	20.01.2021	Reception Disco 4.30pm-5.30pm
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February 2022

Friday	11.02.2022	Last day of half term
Monday	21.02.2022	School reopens
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 as your favourite book character more information to follow.
Friday	11.03.2022	British Science Week starts
Thursday	17.03.2022	Year 1 & Year 2 – Road Safety Magic Roadshow St. Patrick's Day
Friday	18.03.2022	Red Nose Day

Tuesday	22.03.2022	Year 2 trip to Gressenhall (more information to follow in due course)
Monday	28.03.2022	Reception Vision & Hearing test
April 2022		
Friday	01.04.2022	Last day of term
Thursday	21.04.2022	School reopens 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	Last day of half term
June 2022		
Monday	06.06.2022	School reopens
Monday	06.06.2021	June Child Safety Week
July 2022		
Friday	22.07.2022	Last day of term

Reception Disco



With Moore Madness –
Children's Entertainment

Thursday 20th January 2022



School Hall 16.30-17.30

A Voluntary Contribution of £2.50, is kindly being asked from the Friends to help support the school.

Every child is welcome, and it would be lovely to see them all get together. Please scan the QR code or go to the link to donate.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dcisfriends/#.YUuafiV4XDt>