



# Drayton Community Infant School

## Weekly Newsletter

21.01.2022

Dear Drayton Families,

As you may be aware, we have seen a significant rise in positive Covid-19 cases across the school. As expected, cases are now being seen across the school and are rising sharply. This is being seen across the county, particularly with primary age children where regular testing for early identification is not advised.

We have notified the Outbreak Management Team due to meeting a threshold as detailed in our contingency plan. They have looked through the measures we have in place to try to prevent further outbreaks and have advised us that no further action is required at this time. While we continue to reduce contacts for staff and children in school, regularly clean high touch points, ask staff to test twice weekly and promote and supervise hand hygiene we are aware contacts outside of school are beyond our control.

Thankfully, from what we have been told, those who are currently isolating are well and not experiencing severe symptoms. While isolating and testing can be extremely disruptive to families, we strongly urge parents to ensure they are vigilant of any symptoms and test where appropriate. The most common symptoms currently being experienced in young children is a sore throat and/or tummy ache/upset stomach. There is a rising number of children and adults who are testing positive, following a positive result in the autumn term due to the new variant. This again is common across the county.

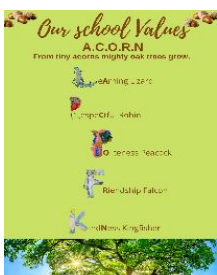
We have seen an increase in staff testing positive which is heavily impacting on capacity in school. While we have cover plans in place for Monday, we are aware these may change over the weekend if more staff test positive. To ensure we can remain open and provide an education for the children, we may need to merge classes and/or move staff around.

We will continue to monitor the situation, ensuring we have safe levels of staffing for supervision, first aid and cleaning. If we are required to close classes, we will give as much notice as possible.

**DUE TO RISING CASES THE OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT TEAM HAVE PROVIDED FURTHER GUIDANCE THIS AFTERNOON. THEY ARE NOW ADVISING THAT ALL KS1 CHILDREN LFD TEST DAILY FOR THE NEXT 7 DAYS (OR UNTIL THE CURRENT WAVE HAS PASSED). PLEASE SUPPORT US IN TESTING YOUR CHILD DAILY SO WE CAN KEEP ALL CLASSES OPEN TO THE CHILDREN.**

Thank you for your continued support during these times. Take care and have a restful weekend.

Mrs Hutt & Mrs Findlay





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

The focus this half term is going to be

## Friendship

Well done to the children who received the golden acorn award this week for friendship.



	<p><b>Food Bank</b></p> <p><b>Food bank collection in school 24/1/22- 28/1/22 please drop items off at your child's classroom or in the foyer in the front of the school.</b></p> <p>Taverham, Thorpe Marriott &amp; Drayton Help Group.</p> <p><b>Rice, 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.</b></p> <p><u>Please ensure items have at least a two month best before/use before date</u></p> <p><b>What to do if you need the food bank.</b></p> <p>The Food Bank provides help to anyone that needs it, no questions are asked, you do not have to provide any vouchers or letters of any kind, we are a voluntary food bank to help those in need in our community. We deliver to you and if you are not in then we leave it in a designated safe place or on your doorstep. Within the delivery we include fresh fruit, veg, bread, cheese, and butter. Please contact them below.</p> <p>Sarah Jane Douglas - Mobile: 07921 120822 - email: <a href="mailto:sarahjane69@sky.com">sarahjane69@sky.com</a> or Gerry Munday 07494 554836 - email: <a href="mailto:gerrymunday2811@gmail.com">gerrymunday2811@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Further collection dates this term:  21/2/22-25/2/22  21/3/22-25/3/22</p>
	<p><b><u>Resources</u></b></p> <p>Are you having a clear out after Christmas? We are looking for some resources in school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dressing up clothes</li> <li>- Car play mats</li> <li>- Barbies</li> <li>- Construction- Lego, mobilo, building blocks,</li> <li>- Books for classrooms</li> <li>- Cardboard tubes (large and small), guttering</li> </ul>
<p>Parent Forum</p> 	<p><b><u>Parent forum</u></b></p> <p>Meeting notes from the Parent Forum are available on the school website.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on the 3/3/22</p>
	<p><b>Naming Clothing in the Reception Classes</b></p> <p>We are gathering a large number of hats, gloves, scarves etc everyday that do not have names in them. Please try to make sure that anything your child brings into school has their name in it. We know this can be hard with items such as gloves, but many of the items look the same and it is becoming increasingly tricky to reunite them with their owners.</p>



**A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!  
ARE YOU LOOKING TO GET  
INTO COACHING OR IF YOU  
HAVE A CHILD IN YEAR 1  
AND WOULD LIKE TO  
COACH THEIR TEAM. EMAIL  
draytonyouthfc@yahoo.com**



### **Warm Clothing**

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. Please make sure these are named.



### **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, we have continued to think about our book “The Everywhere Bear” by Julia Donaldson. Each class has their own class bear and we voted for a name for them. The bears have continued to set challenges for us around the classrooms and the outside area. The class bears will also be coming home “virtually” this week. We will be asking the children to keep diaries to let us know what the children have been doing at home. To help us with this, we have been practising writing recounts in class. We have also been practising writing in sentences and using our phonemes to sound out words we know. We are all looking forward to seeing where the bear goes first and what we find out about where we live. We also practised using adjectives to describe Everywhere bear and our class bears.

In maths this week, we have continued to think about parts of numbers before adding them back together to make the whole. We have also been thinking about the word “equal” and making sets that are equal to each other. We have also been practicing using positional language to think about where our bears might be and went on an outside bear hunt, where we kept a tally chart to find out how many we had.

We also started a new unit of dance in PE. We practised making our own standing “poses”! The children were brilliant at this and remembered to use all their poses when they came to the disco too! It was great fun and we can’t wait to do some more dancing next week. Please remember our PE day is TUESDAY for all three classes and children should come to school in their PE kit for the day.



Our week started off with a scavenger hunt around the field as part of our orienteering PE lesson. We were looking for letter clues to help us spell out a word. Once we found the word, 'Pirate ship,' we were able to locate where the mystery item was. We found an Emperor's egg!

The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins is our new Power of Reading book that we will be reading during literacy. This week, we have been learning all about verbs to describe how Penguins move. We used verbs to create our own poems.

In maths, we have reading, writing and interpreting mathematical statements including addition. We have been challenging ourselves to add 1-digit numbers to 2-digit numbers using concrete and pictorial representations.

This week in art, we have been colour mixing with paint to create different shades of blue. We have painted our artwork in the style of Nery's Levy. In History, we have been finding out all about Robert Scott Falcon and Roald Amundsen's expeditions to Antarctica.



In maths we have been exploring number bonds to and within 20. We have learnt that when we add two odd numbers they equal an even number, two even numbers added together equal an even number, and an odd and even number added together equal an odd number. We have looked at patterns within number bonds to help us use a system to find all possibilities. We have learnt that addition and subtraction are inverse calculations and used this to help us solve missing number problems.

## 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

### 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