



Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

28.01.2022

Dear Drayton Families,

It's been a challenging week in school (and at home for many too) but the children continue to amaze us with their resilience to the changes they've faced. The staff have continued to pull together to cover colleagues who have been unwell and/or self-isolating and have done everything they can to make things as smooth for the children.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

With cases of Covid-19 still high in school we are continuing to recommend daily LFD testing for children. The staff are continuing to test daily and wear face coverings in communal areas. While wearing a face covering is not mandatory on the school site (outside), we kindly ask you to wear one if you need to speak with a member of staff, to ensure we are doing everything we can to slow the spread and keep all classes open. With many staff not having had the virus, particularly the current variant, it is still highly likely staffing and classes will be impacted in the coming weeks. We will continue to update you as soon as we can.

As well as Covid-19, we are seeing an increasing number of sickness cases. While this can be a common symptom with young children who have Covid-19 this isn't always the case. Please could we ask that you continue to be vigilant and even if your child is not positive, you keep them off school until they are well enough to attend (at least 48 hours from the last bout of illness).

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hutt & Mrs Findlay



Library update

We are very excited to announce that our library will be opening shortly. We will be sending out a home school agreement via Parent Mail. Please ensure you complete this so that your child is able to borrow a book from our school library.

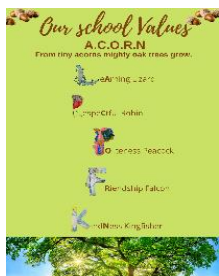


Vacancy at Nightingale Infant & Nursery School

Midday Supervisory Assistant

More information, please see:

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/midday-supervisory-assistant-43/?fromSearchPage=true>








*** 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><u>Resources</u></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"> - Dressing up clothes - Car play mats - Small world (small toys)- animals, people, vegetation - Barbies - Construction- Lego, mobilo, building blocks, - Books for classrooms - - Cardboard tubes (large and small), guttering
	<p><u>Parent forum</u></p> <p>Meeting notes from the Parent Forum are available on the school website. The next meeting will be held on the 3/3/22</p>
	<p><u>Naming Clothing in the Reception Classes</u></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>
	<p><u>Warm Clothing</u></p> <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. Please make sure these are named.</p>
<p>Learning taking place in our classes this week!</p>	
	<p>This week we have continued our learning all about The Everywhere Bear. We have been sharing where our class bears have been and looking at a map to help us to find the locations. We have been exploring how he might feel on his journey through drama and role play. We have made story maps to record the bears journey and retell the story too. We have continued writing sentences to help us with this.</p> <p>In maths, we have been taking photographs of small groups with our “maths eyes” and using this to think about part and wholes of 4 and 5 again. This time we have been representing the number using different objects. We have started to think about recording these with number sentences. Can you remember any of the pairs of numbers that add up to 5? We have been using number tracks to help us use the language of more and fewer to compare numbers.</p> <p>We have had lots of fun making our own maps. We have used words such as on, next to, under, behind etc to describe where we need to go next. We have also been exploring designing, making and evaluating a boat for the Everywhere Bear to travel on. We wonder where he will go next?</p>



In Literacy, we turned ourselves into weather reporters. We worked in groups to create scripts using present and future tense to describe the weather in Antarctica and then acted this out.

In maths, we have been reading, writing and interpreting subtraction sentences. We have been subtracting 1-digit from 1-digit and 2-digit numbers. Additionally, we have challenged ourselves to find the missing number in problems such as $7 - ? = 2$.

We have been exploring mechanisms this week in DT and thinking about how sliders can make things move. We will be working on making our own Antarctica moving pictures over the next two weeks.

This week in Science, we have carried out an experiment to explain which conditions melt the ice the quickest and the slowest. Additionally, as part of the RSPB bird watch, we went outside to look for birds and discussed the importance of looking after wildlife.



In maths we have been recognising and finding fractions of shapes. We have consolidated one whole, one half, one quarter and one third. Our new learning has focussed on 2 quarters and three quarters.

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