



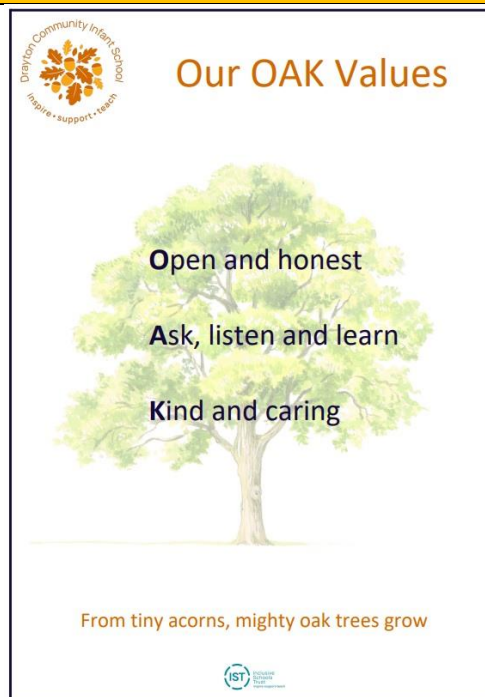
Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

15.09.2023

Acorn Award will soon be renamed the OAK Award in line with our redesigned school values

The core values remain unchanged from those decided upon with children, staff and parents however our aim to redesign is to support the children in remembering and understanding.



What we are learning in school...

Knowledge organisers – you will have received a copy of your child’s knowledge organiser for this half term. The purpose of these is to share the themes of learning in the coming weeks, key vocabulary your child will be learning/revisiting and some ideas of things you could try at home. Vocabulary is a core part of learning new things and we strongly encourage as much practice of these words as possible.

Home learning are suggestions of things children could do at home. We kindly ask that any home learning is physically brought into school so it can be shared with the class and used as part of our learning in school. Home learning can be brought into school at any point during the half term, with children choosing how many pieces they do and which ones they are interested in.

Year 1 and Year 2 – New for this year - Subject overviews. They show what is being taught in each of the subjects this half term. This should support discussions at home with you child about their learning and give you a flavour of what will be covered.







We have recently had our website redesigned and are in the process of uploading these plans along with more materials to support learning at home.

Morning Snacks

As you'll be aware, the Government provide all infant school with a piece of free fruit in school daily. There is a range of fruit available such as bananas, apples, oranges, raisins and tomatoes.

There has been an increase in the snacks children are bringing from home. While we are happy for children to consume a home snack at playtime, there is an increasing amount of unhealthy/high sugared snacks coming into school.

While you are not required to provide a snack, if you would like to, we welcome the following:

					
Fresh or dried fruit	Fresh vegetables	Plain or cheese crackers	Plain breadsticks	Cheese	Small savoury snack

Crisps, biscuits and cereal bars are not to be consumed at breaktimes.

Children with medical plans regarding food continue with arrangements made in school.

All snacks must be in a named reusable tub or reusable bag – no packets or wrappers please. The children have worked hard to become an Eco-School and keep rubbish to a minimum, reducing our use of single use plastics.

Snacks should be brought to school outside of their lunch box. Children will not have access to their lunch boxes until lunch time.

PE Kit reminder



We are aware the standards of PE kit have slipped over recent months. Our PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings and trainers. In cooler weather, children should wear their daily school jumper. **Tops and bottoms with patterns, logos or different colours from our uniform are not permitted.**

Maths App

1-minute maths is a useful tool for helping children build greater number fluency and confidence.

It provides targeted practise in engaging 1-minute chunks for subitising, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

The 1-minute maths app from White Rose Education is available on google play.

Phonics and Little Wandle Event

Please come along to an event to find out more about Phonics and Little Wandle reading in school. On Monday Miss Higgins spoke to the children in assembly about phonics and the groups they will be working in. As some of you may be aware, phonics is now streamed in KS1 so your child may be taught by a different teacher during phonics time. This takes place after assembly, first thing every morning. Grouping the children allows the children to be taught at the stage they are working, based on our assessments. These groups are very fluid. Children are assessed continuously to track their progress, meaning groups will likely change throughout the year.

Little Wandle books will be coming home with your child next week. Please ensure that these books are returned each day as your child will need them every day in class.

Library books and eBooks will be set up before the end of the half term. Thank you for your patience with this.

Year 1 and Year 2 parent and carer meeting will be happening on Monday 25th September at 2.20pm in the school hall.

Reception meeting will be on 2nd October at 2.20pm. As well as phonics, come along to find out about the more about Reception and the curriculum your child is following.

We're aware not everyone will be able to attend all of the events we hold in school. We will be putting together a video recording which will demonstrate how phonics is taught in school which will be shared with you. We will also send out all of the information covered in the sessions as well as making this available on our website following the meetings. Throughout the year we aim to vary the day and times of our meetings and events so to make accessible for all.

Parent Forum 28th September 2023 9am

Parent Forum will be on Thursday 28th September 2023 at 9am. This will be a hybrid meeting. More details in the next week.

Parking

It has been reported from the neighbours that their driveways were blocked and there was a near miss accident as parents were driving into their property to turn around rather than using a roundabout. Please park sensibly, being considerate of our neighbours.

Please be reminded that the school car park is for Drayton, Childerwood Nursery and ECFS staff only. Those holding a blue badge are also welcome to use the car park where designated spaces are available. In the exceptional circumstances, it may be appropriate to issue a parking pass. Please contact the Partnership Head or Deputy Headteacher.

Thank you.

Wraparound Care

The first invoices via the new invoicing system have been sent out this week. As with any new system, there are a few wrinkles to iron out. We really appreciate the feedback received as this is so helpful when releasing a new procedure and Mrs Arnold is working hard to get back to any queries as soon as possible.

Please note, we are adding our bank details to the invoices which are:

Bank Name - Inclusive Schools Trust T/A Drayton Community Infant School
Sort Code: 30-96-17
Account Number: 85580368

We would also like to inform you that we do accept Tax Free Childcare Vouchers.

Invoices will be issued as close to the 1st of the month as possible each month and should be cleared prior to the following month's invoicing period.

Several parents have contacted to inform about alternative pick up times, or settling in days for Reception children. These invoices are currently being amended and will be reissued by the end of the week. This is also true of anyone owed sessions for strike days from July 2023.

Any questions regarding our wraparound care such as availabilities, bookings or in general please email directly:

Breakfast Club: Mrs. Howe breakfastdrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk

Acorn After School Club: Mrs. Haistead acornsdrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk between the hours of 2pm and 7pm only please

Dates for the diary

We're working hard to gather all the dates for events in school up to Christmas. We hope to share these with you next week as we appreciate plenty of notice is required to enable you to attend.

Reception – Yellow	Year 1 – Blue	Year 2 – Green	Whole school – pink	KS1(Y1&Y2) - Grey
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September 2023

25.09.2023	Monday	Y1 and Y2 Phonics and Little Wandle event for parents and carers. Start time 2.20pm in the school hall.
28.09.2023	Thursday	Parent Forum 9am – this will be a hybrid meeting. More details next newsletter

October 2023

02.10.2023	Monday	Reception welcome meeting for parents and carers – information about phonics and Little Wandle to be included. Start time 2.20pm in the school hall.
13.10.2023	Friday	School photos

November 2023

06.11.2023	Monday	All pupil Flu vaccination
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December 2023

20.12.2023	Wednesday	School closes for Christmas holiday 3pm
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January 2024

04.01.2024	Thursday	School re-opens for Spring term
22.01.2024	Monday	Reception National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

February 2024

16.02.2024	Friday	School closes for half term 3pm
26.02.2024	Monday	School re-opens

March 2024

27.03.2024	Wednesday	School closes for Easter holiday 3pm
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April 2024

15.04.2024	Monday	School re-opens for Summer term
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May 2024

24.05.2024	Friday	School closes for half term
June 2024		
03.06.2024	Monday	School re-opens
03.06.2024	Monday	Reception - Vision and Hearing
04.06.2024	Tuesday	
05.06.2024	Wednesday	
20.06.2024	Friday	School closes for October half term 3pm
30.06.2024	Monday	School re-opens
July 2024		
19.07.2024	Friday	Last day of term

Starting time in September 2023

8.20am	Gate Open
8.30am	Classroom doors open
8.40am	Classroom doors close
3pm	End of the school day

Term dates

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White dates - schools open to pupils
 Yellow dates - pupil holiday
 Red dates - bank holiday