



# Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

06.10.2023

## Staff Absence

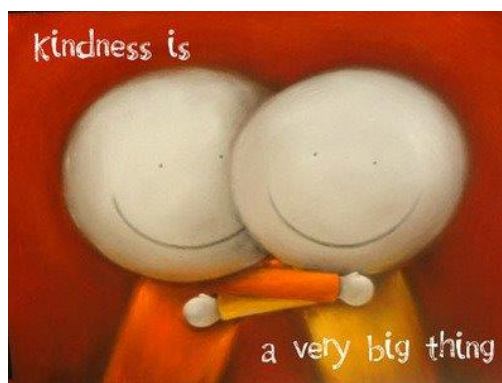
As you may be aware, Mrs Quinn has been absent from school due to being very unwell. We're pleased to hear she is beginning to improve, and we are hopeful she will be well enough to return in the next couple of weeks.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, the office is very much the hub of the school and trying to cover someone who does so much and knows so much is a challenge. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we try to cover this as best as we can. Mrs Arnold and Mrs Davy have been working tirelessly and working many additional hours which is greatly appreciated. Our secretary at Nightingale, Mrs Baldry is also absent from school which makes things more challenging to cover.

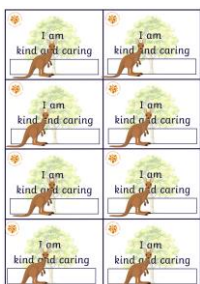
Please could we ask that any messages are passed directly to class staff where possible or less urgent matters are sent via email rather than phone. There may be points where the office phone is unable to be answered so, please bear with us.

## Oak Tree Values

The value of the week this week was Kind and Caring



In our Assembly we found out who won the Kind and Caring OAK Award, and they will be on our Facebook Page.



There are now stickers and tokens for the children who are seen keeping the values in school. All staff members can give out the rewards. We have a kind and caring kangaroo. What shall we call them??

## Wellingtons

Just a reminder to all parents in Reception - please can you provide your child with wellies and if possible, a waterproof coat/puddle suit. More children are wanting to visit the mud kitchen and although we do have a small selection of wet weather clothes in school, we do not have enough for every child. We do encourage the children to explore the outside in all weathers so a puddle suit/waterproof coat that can get muddy/wet is strongly advisable.

Thank you

Reception Team



Please ensure all wellies/ puddle suits are labelled with your child's name.

Please can parents in **KS1** provide your child with named wellies and a waterproof coat.

### **Extra Dates – Maths Sessions for Year 1 and Year 2**

We have some extra dates to share for up-and-coming maths sessions in year 1 and year 2.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2-3pm – Year 1**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2-3pm – Year 2**

Come along and find out how maths is taught in school and spend some time working with your child in class.

**\*\*\*School dates for 2024-2025 have now been confirmed. Please see below \*\*\***

### **EBooks**

Please look out for a guide to accessing your child's eBooks which will be sent via Weduc.

Ebooks are a great way to encourage your child to access their Little Wandle reading and explore new texts. Your child has been assigned a range of books so please ensure you select the right phase when looking on the online library.

### **Parent Forum**

Minutes from Parent Forum have been sent out with this newsletter. The Forum asked for an outline of the Leadership structure at our school. This has been included also.

## Parent Forum

### Aims

- Work together to improve the education provided for our children.
- Share information, knowledge and skills
- Meet in a mutually supportive environment
- Further improve communication between families and staff.

Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvements

### How can I contribute to the work of the Parents Forum?

If you would like to join the Parent Forum 23-24 please email the school office with your name/ child or children's names/ class.

Parent Forum consists of no more than 10 parents/carers and no more than 2 staff members.

The name of each member is published on the website so that the school community can approach members to make suggestions.

### Parent Forum staff

The Forums are chaired by  
DCIS: Lou Boyce  
NIANS: Meg Watling

Staff provide an agenda. Minutes are taken by the staff and published on the website.

Meetings take place every half term at a minimum. Dates are subject to change and extraordinary meetings can be called if necessary.

### What can not be discussed at the meetings?

Concerns or complaints involving individual children, families or members of staff. These issues should be raised with the teacher, or leaders of the school confidentially.

The agenda is written by the Chair. There is always time for any other business and suggested agenda items can be emailed by the Forum members to the Chair in advance.

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| <p><b>DCIS:</b></p> <p>8:45am - Thursday 28th September</p> <p>8:45am - Thursday 14th December</p> <p>2:15pm - Wednesday 7th February</p> <p>8:45am - Thursday 21st March</p> <p>2:15pm - Wednesday 15th May</p> <p>2:15pm - Friday 12th July</p> | <p><b>NIANS:</b></p> <p>9:15am - Wednesday 11th October</p> <p>9:15am - Thursday 14th December</p> <p>9:15am - Wednesday 7th February</p> <p>9:15am - Thursday 21st March</p> <p>9:15am - Wednesday 15th May</p> <p>9:15am - Thursday 11th July</p> |
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If any parents would like to join our parent forum, please contact Mrs Boyce via the office: [officedrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk](mailto:officedrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk). We have an extra meeting on

# SEND



<https://us19.campaign-archive.com/?u=32e34d30559c96493a4986ddf&id=4be66a3162>

This is the link to the SENDIASS newsletter. It contains many interesting and useful links to services in our area

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**Please vote for us!**



**We are now live at Tesco in Drayton.**

**Please use the blue coins given to you at the checkout or behind the screen at self service to post into the Drayton Infant School fundraising collection point.**

Raising money to repaint the artwork on the school playground for all the children to enjoy



## **Wraparound Care**

If you have any questions regarding our wraparound care such as availability, bookings or general queries please email the club directly:

**Breakfast Club:** Mrs. Howe [breakfastdrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk](mailto:breakfastdrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk)

**Acorn After School Club:** Mrs. Haistead [acornsdrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk](mailto:acornsdrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk)

## 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.

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

|            |          |  |
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| 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. |
| 06.10.2023 | Friday   | AGM PTA meeting 2:00pm-3:00pm  |
| 13.10.2023 | Friday   | School photos (both individual and with sibling)   |
| 14.10.2023 | Saturday | Open Day for Reception children starting in September 2024 10:00-12:00<br>Nightingale Infant and Nursery also holding an open day 9:30-11:30         |

### November 2023

|            |           |   |
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| 03.11.2023 | Friday    | FRIENDS EVENT - Fireworks Spectacular / Gates open 6:15pm   |
| 06.11.2023 | Monday    | All pupil Flu vaccination   |
| 28.11.2023 | Tuesday   | 2.00-3.00pm - Big Maths Share – come and work with your child in class and find out how maths is taught and how you can support at home |
| 29.11.2023 | Wednesday | 2.00-3.00pm - Big Maths Share – come and work with your child in class and find out how maths is taught and how you can support at home |

### December 2023

|            |           |   |
|------------|-----------|---|
| 04.12.2023 | Monday    | Reception Nativity – PM time to be confirmed  |
| 06.12.2023 | Wednesday | FRIENDS EVENT - Reception Breakfast with Santa 8am (children will be taken to class by staff) |
| 07.12.2023 | Thursday  | FRIENDS EVENT - Y1 Breakfast with Santa 8am (children will be taken to class by staff)        |
| 08.12.2023 | Friday    | FRIENDS EVENT - Y2 Breakfast with Santa 8am (children will be taken to class by staff)        |
| 08.12.2023 | Friday    | Reception Nativity – AM time to be confirmed  |
| 12.12.2023 | Tuesday   | Y1 Christmas story and carols –PM time to be confirmed  |
| 13.12.2023 | Wednesday | Y1 Christmas story and carols –AM time to be confirmed  |
| 13.12.2023 | Wednesday | Y2 Christmas story and carols –PM time to be confirmed  |
| 14.12.2023 | Thursday  | Y2 Christmas story and carols –AM time to be confirmed  |
| 14.12.2023 | Thursday  | Parent Forum 8.:45am  |

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| 19.12.2023           | Tuesday   | Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day             |
| 20.12.2023           | Wednesday | School closes for Christmas holiday 3pm               |
| <b>January 2024</b>  |           |   |
| 04.01.2024           | Thursday  | School re-opens for Spring term                       |
| 22.01.2024           | Monday    | Reception National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) |
| <b>February 2024</b> |           |   |
| 07.02.2024           | Wednesday | Parent Forum 2:15pm                                   |
| 16.02.2024           | Friday    | School closes for half term 3pm                       |
| 26.02.2024           | Monday    | School re-opens                                       |
| <b>March 2024</b>    |           |   |
| 21.03.2024           | Thursday  | Parent Forum 8:45am                                   |
| 27.03.2024           | Wednesday | School closes for Easter holiday 3pm                  |
| <b>April 2024</b>    |           |   |
| 15.04.2024           | Monday    | School re-opens for Summer term                       |
| <b>May 2024</b>      |           |   |
| 15.05.2024           | Wednesday | Parent Forum 2.15pm                                   |
| 24.05.2024           | Friday    | School closes for half term                           |
| <b>June 2024</b>     |           |   |
| 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                                       |
| <b>July 2024</b>     |           |   |
| 12.07.2024           | Friday    | Parent Forum 2:15pm                                   |
| 19.07.2024           | Friday    | Last day of term                                      |

## School day times from September 2023

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| <b>8.20am</b> | <b>Gate Open</b>             |
| <b>8.30am</b> | <b>Classroom doors open</b>  |
| <b>8.40am</b> | <b>Classroom doors close</b> |
| <b>3pm</b>    | <b>End of the school day</b> |

## Term dates

### 2023-2024

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

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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| January 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| July 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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 Yellow dates - pupil holiday  
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Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 2 & 3 September, 25 October, 6 January and 22 April. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.