



Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

24.11.23

A little note

Mrs Boyce and I have had the pleasure of completing some planned learning walks this week, looking at the teaching and learning taking place in the classrooms. These are continuing over the next couple of weeks.

The children have astounded us with their eagerness to learn, their amazing learning behaviours and the care taken over their work.

While you may not have seen me out and about over the last week or two (I am trying to follow instructions to have my foot up as much as possible!), I am still in school as normal so please don't hesitate to call or visit the office. The children have been extremely kind and caring, moving to the side in the corridors, writing notes and drawing pictures and even offering to wheel me around in my chair if needed! I hope to be up and about more very soon.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hutt

Christmas Performance Information

Tickets for this year's Christmas performances will go live early next week. There will be 1 ticket per child for each of the performances. This is due to fire safety regulations and our hall capacity.

Tickets will be released on Weduc and can be found under the payments section in 'offers available'

The times and dates for performances are as follows:

Reception – Monday 4th December 2.00PM

Reception - Friday 8th December 10.00AM

Year 1 – Tuesday 12th December 1.45PM

Year 1 – Wednesday 13th December 9.00AM

Year 2 – Wednesday 13th December 1.45PM

Year 2 – Thursday 14th December 9.00AM



Clothing Recycling

There is a recycling bin permanently onsite at school where you can put bags of clothes, shoes and other items.

Please free to drop them in at any time!

What do we collect?

We Only Accept Good Quality Donations For Our Partner Charities



Clothing

- Clothes
- Shoes
- Handbags
- Belts
- Accessories
- Ethnic clothing

Kitchenware

- Pots And Pans
- Cutlery
- Crockery
- Tupperware
- Glasses
- Cups And Mugs

Bric-A-Brac

- Ornaments
- Vases
- Figurines
- Picture Frames
- Knick-Knacks
- Misc. objects

Stationary

- Pencils
- Pens
- Rulers
- Pencil Cases
- Calculators
- Diaries
- Notepads

Pet Accessories

- Collars
- Leads
- Grooming
- Equipment
- Bird Cages
- Dog beds

Wall Art

- Mirrors
- Paintings
- Photographs
- Art

Children's Items

- Soft Toys
- Car Seats
- Push Chairs
- Moses Baskets
- High Chairs
- Childrens Toys
- Board Games
- Jigsaws

Jewellery

- Rings
- Necklaces
- Bracelets
- Watches

Homeware

- Cushions
- Curtains
- New Bedding
- New blankets

I.T Equipment

- Laptops
- Tablets
- Satnavs
- Mobile Phones
- Smart Watches

Other

- Tools
- New Perfumes
- New Toiletries
- Gifts
- Bikes
- Holiday Decorations

info@collection4clothes.co.uk

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served on Tuesday 19th December – please see the poster for the options below:



To order this for your child, please complete their meal choice on the Pupil Asset app as follows:

Turkey = Option 2

Roasted Veggie Balls = Pips Planet Friendly Option

Vegan Option = Pips Planet Friendly Option (we already have recorded those with vegan dietary requirements on our system)

If you are unable to order via the app, please email the school office via the Weduc app.

Menu Change: Please note that due to the Christmas Dinner being served on Tuesday 19th December, the menu on Wednesday 20th December will be changed to **Fishy Friday**.

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION REGARDING LUNCHES

Dear Drayton families,

Following a review of our school meals, changes to charging and funding of meals and the operations within the school, I am writing to you with small changes which will come into effect from January 2024.

As you will be aware, children have a wide choice of meals each day in school such as school packed lunches, hot meals and jacket potatoes. When reviewing systems currently in place, it has come to my attention there are some informal arrangements which have been made with a growing number of families. These include making variations of a menu option such as removing the sauce elements from pasta dishes, providing double portions of sandwiches under the packed lunch option and deconstructing menu items.

As well as the growing cost to the school for these amendments and additions, including the administrative time, the school are not meeting the requirements set by the Government in some cases.

'Food served in all maintained schools and academies in England must meet school food standards so that children have healthy, balanced diets.'

Department for Education

By providing a higher ration of bread and taking vegetables from pasta dishes for example means these requirements are not being met and portions are at times exceeding what the children need.

From January, all children having a school lunch will receive the option ordered without such amendments. Please be assured children will always have some options such as not having gravy on their roast dinner.

If your child has a medical need and you are concerned about them requiring additional items of food during the school day, please speak to Mrs Boyce, our SENCO in the first instance.

Health and Well-being

Health and Well-being is a very important aspect to life at Drayton Infant School. We are lucky to have been able to book Ellise, a member of the West Norwich and Dereham School Sports Partnership (WNDSSP), to come and take a 30-minute session in every class once every half-term.

During Autumn 1, we looked at why it is important for our health and well-being to **CONNECT** with each other: using eye contact, creating mandalas, learning and playing together and spending time listening to each other.

Then this half-term, Autumn 2, Ellise came into our classes again to teach us why it is important to our health and well-being to **LEARN** new things every day. The children and the staff learnt some words in sign language, which they can use during the day and different ways to use our hands to help us to be calm and positive.

Children In Need



KS1 PE FESTIVALS

This Friday, today, 24th November, Elliot from the School Sports Partnership came into Drayton Infant School to deliver a Dodgeball Festival to our Year 1 children. The children were able to use the skills and knowledge that they have learnt and practised during their PE sessions this half-term to play new games and practise new drills led by Elliot (WNDSSP). As always, they had great fun, learnt new skills and knowledge and echoed our school PE motto:

Fit, Fun, Forever

Next Tuesday, 28th November, it is the turn of our Year 2 children to have Elliot (WNDSSP) come to our school and deliver a Tag Rugby Festival, which will allow them to put the new skills and knowledge that they have learnt and put into practise during their PE lessons this half-term.

Year 2 Performance

Year 2 have already started preparing for their Christmas performance and we are very excited to have family members visit us in school to spread a little Christmas cheer! **Children can bring a bag with an outfit to change into on the day. They can wear festive clothing/Christmas themed jumpers/dresses or Christmas colours along with a Santa hat/reindeer antlers/Christmas headband/bells or a tinsel crown!** See below for a reminder of dates.

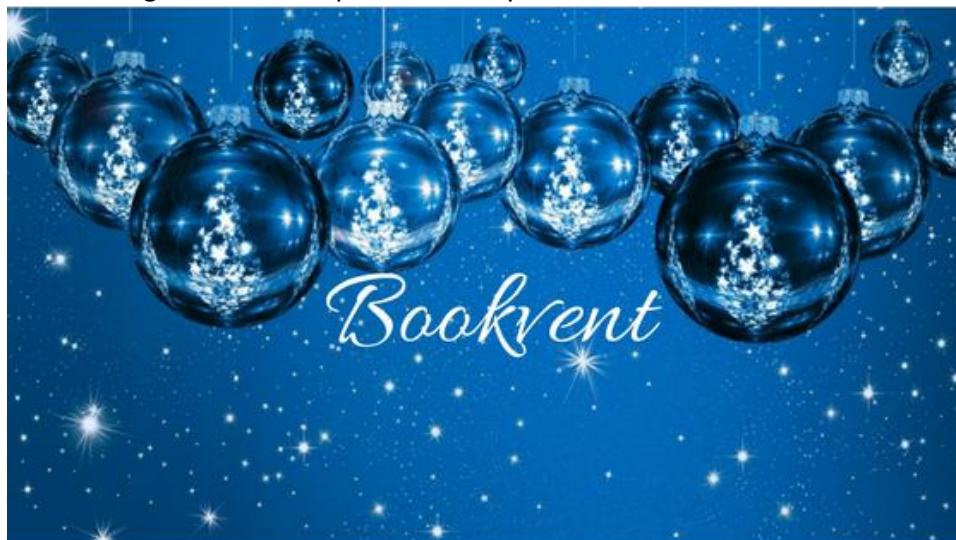


Fox class PE temporary change of day

Please note that for the weeks beginning 20th and 27th November, fox class PE will be on Tuesday instead of Wednesday. Please can the children come into school in their PE kits on Tuesday 21st and Tuesday 28th. Monday PE will be as normal.

Bookvent Year 2

In Year 2, we are doing our yearly Bookvent to help us get into the spirit and countdown to Christmas with a different story each day. **Please wrap up a Winter/Christmas themed book from home and send it to school before the 1st of December.** We will then number the books and choose a different one to read each day. We can't wait to share our favourite stories together for this special time of year!



OAK VALUE OF THE WEEK

The value of week: Listening



Next week: Learning

Sugar Appeal



Christmas School Sugar Collection

Supporting shelters in East Anglia for the homeless and families in crisis

PLEASE BRING A BAG OF SUGAR INTO SCHOOL BY

5th December 2023

For the needy, sugar is instant and vital energy in food and hot drinks



Celebrating 30 years of school sugar collection

BEFA (The Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal)
Registered Charity Number: 1066578

Supported by BRITISH SUGAR

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

Acorn After School Club: Mrs. Haistead acornsdrayton@istnorfolk.co.uk

Dates for the diary

Reception – Yellow

Year 1 – Blue

Year 2 – Green

Whole school – pink

KS1(Y1&Y2) - Grey

November 2023

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 – 2:00PM
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 – 10:00AM

12.12.2023	Tuesday	Y1 Christmas story and carols – 1.45PM
13.12.2023	Wednesday	Y1 Christmas story and carols – 9:00AM
13.12.2023	Wednesday	Y2 Christmas story and carols – 1.45PM
14.12.2023	Thursday	Y2 Christmas story and carols – 9:00AM
15.12.2023	Friday	Parent Forum 9:00am
19.12.2023	Tuesday	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
20.12.2023	Wednesday	School closes for Christmas holiday 3pm
January 2024		
04.01.2024	Thursday	School re-opens for Spring term
22.01.2024	Monday	Reception National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
February 2024		
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
March 2024		
21.03.2024	Thursday	Parent Forum 8:45am
27.03.2024	Wednesday	School closes for Easter holiday 3pm
April 2024		
15.04.2024	Monday	School re-opens for Summer term
May 2024		
15.05.2024	Wednesday	Parent Forum 2.15pm
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		
12.07.2024	Friday	Parent Forum 2:15pm
19.07.2024	Friday	Last day of term

School day times from September 2023

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

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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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.