



# Drayton Community Infant School

## Weekly Newsletter

1.12.23

Dear Families

There is a huge amount of information on this Newsletter!

We suggest you settle down with your calendar and a Christmassy hot beverage to work out all the dates and timings over these last few weeks of term.

Please do not hesitate to talk to us on the gate if you need anything clarifying – if we don't know the answer we will find out. Happy Advent and I hope those pesky Elves are Kind and Caring!

### Christmas Performance Information

The times and dates for performances are as follows:

**Reception – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2.00PM**

**Reception - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10.00AM**

**Year 1 – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1.45PM**

**Year 1 – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.00AM**

**Year 2 – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1.45PM**

**Year 2 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.00AM**



We are sure you will love the Christmas Performances. Please don't spoil what should be a wonderful experience for the children, staff and families by trying to bring extra people. This puts us in a very difficult position, but the extra person will be asked to leave. It is not fair on the families who have accepted the capacity issue. One preschool child per adult is allowed but attendance is not encouraged. The children will not be allocated a seat and must sit on a lap. The younger children are the responsibility of the adult and we kindly ask that you leave the hall if they become unsettled. The children are working hard to use their big voices so you can hear them and it would be shame if everyone wasn't able to enjoy the show. Only wheelchairs can be accommodated – no pushchairs and prams will be permitted.

We apologise for the rules and regulations. We must keep everyone safe, and these guidelines are in line with Health and Safety Policy and the limitations we have on hall space.

### Christmas Crafts

We would love you to join us for a Christmas crafts afternoon on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** between 2-3.

Please come and enjoy a wonderful hour making crafts with your children.



## Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> December, the menu on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Christmas Decoration Appeal**

If you have any unwanted Christmas decorations at home we would love you to donate them to us to share with your children and decorate our classrooms! Any unwanted decorations can be dropped off at your children's classrooms. Thank you in advance!



### **Year 1 Request**

We are really looking forward to our craft afternoon with you all. To help us with this if anyone is able to bring in some pine cones we would really appreciate it.

Thank you in advance.



## Year 1 Performance

Year 1 are getting ready to share their performance with you all! We have lots of songs to share with you all!

Children can wear Christmas jumpers or party outfits for our performances.

See below for reminder of dates.



## 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.



## Clubs

The last sessions for clubs will be the week commencing 4.12.23.

**Singing club will finish Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

## Reception PE

Due to a very busy week next week. Please note there will be **no PE on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December for Reception.** We will be doing PE during the week at another time when the hall is available but please do not worry we will do something appropriate in their school uniform.



**OAK VALUE OF THE WEEK**

**The value of week: Learn**

# Next week: Kind

## Car Park Users



If you are entitled to use our car park please park in a marked space.

Switch off your engine.

Please take your child to their line or class. It is not acceptable to drop them in the car park to walk over themselves

If you are leaving older children in your car on our car park you do so at your own risk.

Please be aware that there is traffic and pedestrians passing through and using the car park.

If you do not have school parking permission, please DO NOT use the car park.

## 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

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

## 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

18.12.2023	Monday	Christmas crafts afternoon 2-3PM
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**

<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**

**September 2023**

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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.