



Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

12.01.24

EAL

English as an Additional Language

We are committed to supporting children who are exposed to additional languages. Please let the class teacher know if your child is hearing and/or speaking another language in the home.

Why is it important to support a child who speaks a different language at home?

Being bilingual helps children maintain strong ties with their family, culture, and community. All of these are key parts of a child's developing identity. They make new friends and create strong relationships using their second language — an important personal skill in our increasingly diverse society.

It is essential that our records are up to date. Children who speak, listen to, hear an additional language at home should be recorded as EAL.



Clubs start on Monday 15th January

Please make sure that you know the password for collection. Please expect to be asked the password when you are collecting from a club.

Year 2 D&T project

Year 2 will be designing, creating and evaluating their own cars for Paddington to help him on his travels. This project is part of this term's D&T unit 'Moving Vehicles'. The children will be learning about the different parts of a vehicle and how it moves. **Please send your child into school with a named small, light cardboard box (a rectangular tissue box or mini cereal box that they can use for their design).**



PE KIT

This week a lot of the children have not worn school PE Kit. They have worn home clothes. The children should wear a navy sweatshirt for PE and blue or black joggers or shorts.

High Standards of Dress - PE

Please DO NOT wear anything else.



Parent Forum

There are minutes of the last Parent Forum going out today with this Newsletter. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th 2 – 3 pm. We are still looking to recruit from Year R – please contact a forum member or Lou Boyce Deputy Head (on the gate Monday Thursday Friday)

Running Club

Running Club is starting next Tuesday, 16th January at 8.10am

The gate should be open at 8.10 for you to come through and drop your child off outside Mole Class, where I will be there to greet you.

Children must be in clothes suitable for running in all weathers and must be wearing sturdy trainers. They must also bring a plastic bag to put their muddy trainers in after running club and, if it is not their PE day, they must bring their school uniform to get changed in to.



Phonics - Stay and Learn

We would like to invite parents and carers to come and watch their child's phonics lesson. This is a great opportunity for you to see how phonics is taught and to get some ideas of how to support your child at home. Please can we ask that only one person comes to a session for each child and if you can please do not bring siblings along.

Please come to the hall on the morning of your child's session, after dropping them off, for a talk with Miss Higgins before going down to your child's class.

Reception: Wednesday 31st January 2024

Year One: Thursday 1st February 2024

Year Two: Tuesday 30th January 2024

Eco Schools

In assembly this week the children learnt about the RSPB and the annual RSPB bird count. The children are looking forward to helping with this by counting the birds in our school grounds. They were also keen to do the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch with their families which this year takes place on the weekend of 26th – 28th January. If you would like to sign up to take part, please visit: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/register>



Year 1 PE

Please note there will be some changes to Year 1 PE next week, all Year 1 classes will take part in an exciting tennis taster session on Monday 15th January. PE days will return to normal in the following week.

Starling PE – Monday and Friday

Rabbit PE – Monday and Friday

Owl PE – Monday and Tuesday



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
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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

07.02.2024	Wednesday	Parent Forum 2:00pm
16.02.2024	Friday	School closes for half term 3pm
26.02.2024	Monday	School re-opens
26.02.2024	Monday	Book Fair in the hall after school – 3.05pm start. Last day will be 3.03.24.

March 2024

07.03.23	Thursday	World Book Day – Dress up a book character
10.03.23	Sunday	Mothering Sunday
15.03.23	Friday	Red Nose Day – wear a red item of clothes or with red on it
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
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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

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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.