



Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

02.02.24

Phonics Mornings

Thank you for coming to our Phonics Mornings. We were so thrilled with how many of you came and we were so pleased with the feedback. Some of the things shared have been put together as a reminder and is included with this newsletter.

Miss Higgins did a great job with the presentation and had to be nervous three days in a row – well done Miss Higgins. Well done to the children and teachers too. We hope you really enjoyed coming into Fun with Phonics!

Attendance Reminder

Please be reminded that classroom doors and the gates are locked from 8.40am. Anyone arriving after this time will be asked to sign in their child late at the office.

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, we ask that you call the school **before** the start of the school day, clearly leaving your child's full name and the reason for absence. We are unable to record 'unwell' and are required the specific illness. Where the school isn't informed, the office will call all contacts we hold on record and the school may be required to conduct a home visit to ensure the safety of you and your child.

Reception End of the Day

From next week Year R will have a soft finish. Once the gates are open and we can see you under the canopy we will let your child out to you. Giving you time to get to the door of a sibling and to ensure the end of the day is safe and calm.

Before and after School

Please could we remind parents that children should not be playing on school play equipment, including using the field for football before or after school. Children should enter the site and wait with their grown up until the bell rings/the doors are opened. We will remind children in assembly also.

Children sharing their work with their grownups

In the past parents and carers have been invited into school so the children can share their work with you. Parents have said they have loved this and would like it to continue. We will get some dates out to you next week for next half term.

Monday mornings closure

We would like to thank you all for your understanding regarding Monday morning's unexpected closure due to a suspected gas leak at the nursery next door. We understand it wasn't possible to get some children back into school when we reopened so would like to assure you, on this occasion, absence will be authorised.

Reception Easter Visit to St Margarets Church

Reception will be walking down to St Margarets Church on Thursday 21st March.

There we will be exploring the church, looking at the signs of Easter and meeting Rev Marc.

We are looking for some parent helpers to enable us to safely walk down to the church and back to school.

We will be leaving school after register and then we will be back at approx 11am.

If you can help out, please can you book a space on Weduc by Friday 15th March.

Dragonfly Temporary Room Move

Dragonfly parents, please be aware that on Monday 5th February the class will be moving temporarily to the spare classroom next door so some essential maintenance can be carried out.

Please drop off/collect your children at the door next door.

Thank you, Dragonfly Team 😊

Reception Food Tasting



伴手禮
HAPPY CHINESE
NEW YEAR 2024

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Reception Food Tasting
Week commencing 5/2/24 we will be looking at the celebration of Chinese New Year.

As part of this the children will be able to taste a selection of foods.

On offer will be-

- Noodles
- Rice
- Water chesnuts
- Prawn Crackers
- Hoisin Sauce
- Sweet and Sour Sauce

Please discuss with your class teacher if you have any questions/concerns regarding this.

Ink Cartridges

We are still collecting and recycling printer cartridges. Please drop any empty cartridges you have from home to the school office for recycling. Also, if you have printer toners from work or toners from larger printers that need recycling, we can take these too! (No waste toners please)

Last term we raised £37.75 through recycling – Thank you



Empties Please
Congratulations to ...

 **Drayton Community Inf School** 

For raising **£37.75** and **38** green points
From their printer cartridge collecting 'to date'

The Empties Please Team
Nina Cruxton - Recycling Co-ordinator

25th January 2024
Date

PARENT FORUM

PARENT FORUM will meet this coming week on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 1:45

This meeting will be online due to Mrs Boyce being at NIGHTINGALE now on Wednesdays and has a club there after school.

If you are wanting to join the Forum, please contact the school office. Members will be sent a zoom link.

The topics for conversation will be the field and the grounds/transition and feedback on school events so far this year.

Please see your forum members with any thoughts you have. Any other business is also welcomed.



OAK VALUE OF THE WEEK

Value of the week: Learn

Next week: Kind

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

February 2024

07.02.2024	Wednesday	Reception National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
07.02.2024	Wednesday	Parent Forum 1:45pm
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

07.03.2024	Thursday	World Book Day – Dress up as a book character
10.03.2024	Sunday	Mothering Sunday

15.03.2024	Friday	Red Nose Day – wear red clothing or an item of clothing 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
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

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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 Yellow dates - pupil holiday
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2024-2025

Norfolk Model Calendar

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.