



Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

16.02.24

OAK: Kind and Caring

Care for yourself Each other and the World



Drayton Families,

We've had a busy half term in school and are so proud of the children...they are working extremely hard! Next half term is very short but is full of exciting things such as World Book Day, Red Nose Day and Easter events. Parents evenings will also take place next half term. Dates, times and bookings aim to be released on the first Friday back.

After half term, Miss Bell who currently supports in Rabbit Class part time, will be moving over to Nightingale to support Year 1 and 2. Miss Rogers, who currently works across our schools will be joining Rabbit class on a full-time basis after half term, working alongside the current team.

Wishing you all a lovely half term next week. We look forward to welcoming you back in school on Monday 26th February.

Mrs Hutt & The Drayton Team

Meet the Staff

MEET OUR STAFF

Mrs Hubbard
I love to sing and watch Disney Films

Mr Lacaille
I have a dog

Rosie
I love walks with my dog

Girlguiding
I love music and live concerts!

Mr Lacaille
I love to play football

Mr Lacaille
I used to play squash for England under 16s

Mr Lacaille
I played semi professional rugby

Mr Lacaille
I go to the gym nearly every day

Mrs Hubbard teaches in our Dragonfly class and is the EYFS Lead at Drayton Community Infant School.

Mr Lacaille is the Partnership Site Manager across both Drayton and Nightingale Schools and can often be seen on the roof or fixing things!

Invitation to come and share your child's learning

We have arranged the exciting opportunity to invite parents/carers of Year 1 and Year 2 into school and look at their child's books and work with them.

Year 1 – Monday 4th March 2.30-3.00

Year 2 – Tuesday 5th March 2.30-3.00

Please make your way directly to your child's class to sign in. We look forward to seeing you all.

Book Fair

Please come to our the school book fair beginning the 27th Febuary and finishing on the 1st of March 2024.

Every day it will start at 3.05pm in the School Hall – Please enter via the outside door of the hall.

Book Tokens will be coming home this week as they can be used at the Fair.

A percentage of all money raised at the book fair will support the school to buy new books for the library!

LUNCH CHANGE – WEDNESDAY 28.02.2024

Please note that the roast dinner on **Wednesday 28 February 2024** will be sausages rather than chicken.

If your child cannot have sausages, their usual alternative menu will be provided.



World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March 2024.

Children can come dressed up as one of their favourite book characters on this day.
We will be celebrating a love of reading with lots of fun reading activities in school.

Competition - (Optional Entry)

Please complete 1 or more of the activities below to be entered into our school competition.

Please hand in to your class teacher before Wednesday 7th (World Book Day). Prizes to be won!

1. **Extreme Reading** – Take a photo of you reading in unusual places and send your photo to the office email or bring in to school! You could read on a slide, in a den or read to a pet.
2. **Reading Poster** – Make a poster to encourage others to read – the best ones will be displayed around school!
3. **Book Review** – Design a poster or write about your favourite book. Why do you love it? The best ones will be displayed in our school library!

Reception PE Change of days after half term

After half term our PE day will then be changing to a Monday for the whole of Reception. So please ensure all children in Dragonfly and Hedgehogs come into school in PE clothes every Monday starting on Monday 26th February.

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, please can you book a space by emailing the office by Friday 15th March.

Punctuality

Here at Drayton Infant School, the school day starts at 8:40am. The gates open at 8:20am which allows a 20-minute window in which children can arrive at school, ready for the day ahead.

We understand that sometimes events happen outside of your control which mean your child arrives late at school. However, we are finding that for some children – this is happening frequently. We would like to work together with these families to provide support to ensure children are present in school on time.

Therefore, after the half term break, if you arrive late to school – you may be asked to complete a questionnaire which will enable us to know how best to support you and your child/ren with punctuality. Please be assured, this will not delay your child getting to class – they do not need to wait with you whilst you complete the document.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Why does it matter?

Poor punctuality could lead to your child:

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

What can be done to make it better?

Consider the following:

- Bedtime routines – setting a regular bedtime and when the child should switch off TV, games consoles and other electrical equipment
- Being organised – ensuring school bags are packed with all equipment ready and school uniform prepared. Packed lunches are made.
- Morning routines – setting an alarm to ensure sufficient time to get ready, have breakfast and leave in good time to arrive at school.
- Attend Breakfast Club – scan the following QR code for more information:



Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching in the school year
5 minutes per day	3.4 days missed a year = 98.4% Attendance
10 minutes per day	6.9 days missed a year = 97.6% Attendance
15 minutes per day	10.3 days missed a year = 94.6% Attendance
20 minutes per day	13.8 days missed a year = 92.9% Attendance
30 minutes per day	20.7 days missed a year = 89.2% Attendance

Missed minutes = missed learning = missed opportunities

Guidance for Parents / Carers

Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

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Norfolk County Council

Year 1 Science







Year 1 will be studying seasonal changes next term, and how plants including trees grow. We would love for the children to take home their own plant to nurture, however we do not have enough plant pots and gardening materials for all. Any donations of plant pots, seeds, or compost would be very much appreciated to extend our learning! Thank you very much.

Boogie Bounce

Boogie Bounce will be on Wednesday and Friday next half term. Not Monday

School Snacks

NO WRAPPERS PLEASE

					
Fresh or dried fruit	Fresh vegetables	Plain or cheese crackers	Plain breadsticks	Cheese	Small savoury snack

The extra school snacks that the children are allowed to bring to school are shown above. BUT they must be in a container from home please. This week the ECO Council and friends have been picking up the packaging round the field. We appreciate this is not always a child dropping the wrapper. The packaging gets blown out of bins etc. Please bin or recycle the packets at home. Only the snacks above are acceptable for break times. We would encourage you to support your children in eating the fruit provided by school. We have plenty for everyone and everything is healthy. We don't want school fruit going to waste.

Some of our children do have other foods other than those listed above for medical reasons, and these are kept in the classroom.

Friends

The friends committee are recruiting. The fundraising that they do for our school is invaluable. New members are required to carry on the torch.

If you feel you could help within this much needed role, please do see further information attached.

Many thanks.

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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February 2024

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
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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.