



Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

22.03.24

Dear Families

This will be our last newsletter of the Spring Term. That went very quickly didn't it!! Have a lovely Easter holiday. Remember to join us on Monday for Easter Story Cafe Crafts followed by the Friends Egg Hunt. We will see you all back in school on Monday 15th April 2024. Don't forget to put your clock forward on Saturday 31st March 2024.



OAK VALUE THIS WEEK WAS KIND AND CARING

We expect the children to do their very best to always be kind. We know that there are sometimes bad days and it's hard to be kind when you are not having a good time yourself. However, the children have really been doing their best all week and we have had a kind time with everyone trying to remember to make kind choices.

Our Marvellous Mud Kitchen has arrived!

As many of you have probably noticed Mr Tame and Mr Lacaille have been working tirelessly trying to build Reception a new Mud kitchen.

It is finally in place, and I am sure you will join me in saying what an amazing job they have both done! The reception team are now very excited to start planting in the new planters and growing herbs. As well as developing the mud kitchen with new resources.

We are looking for any spare plants/herbs/compost/spades/watering cans for our herb garden. We are also looking for any old utensils – spoons/whisks/bowls/baking trays/saucepans that you would like to donate.

Please bring any donations to Mrs Hubbard 😊 Thank you.



Receptions Visit to the Church

Thank you to all the parent helpers who came along to the Church on Thursday, without you it wouldn't have been possible. We were so proud of all the children at how well behaved all the children were and how beautifully they walked.



The children enjoyed exploring the church and looking for the signs of Christianity and Easter and when we got back to school, we discussed what we saw.

"I saw a cross with Jesus on"

"There were crosses on the chairs"

"I spotted some spring flowers"

"The windows had colours on them"

We had a wonderful first trip. Thank you to Rev Marc and his volunteers.

Hopkins Homes

Following the distribution of the Hopkins Homes book bags last week, we have spoken with a few parents regarding the development and their impact on the school. We wanted to communicate with you that we have met with Hopkins Homes and our local councillor several times since finding out about the development and some of the things we have requested as part of the development include: a parking area where the new entrance road is next to the school to allow for safe parking at drop off and pick up times; a gate and pathway at the bottom of the field to provide alternative entry to the school and reduce congestion; a new bike rack to encourage walking to school from the new houses; amongst other incentives and all of which have been unfortunately refused.

The book bags were donated but if you are not using them and would like to return it to school, we will ethically dispose of these in our clothes recycling bin. Whilst we accepted the book bags, we did not take part in any of the publicity that the company requested.

Fox class reward

Fox class are very excited that they have filled their class marble jar by working together to follow their class learning charter. For their reward they have voted to bring in a teddy bear for a day. Fox class may bring in a named teddy bear / soft toy on Tuesday 26th March. The children would also like to watch Paddington on this day. As this film is rated PG, please let a Fox class adult know if you do not wish for your child to watch it.

Book Fair

Wow! We raised a massive £851.77 from our book fair. The school has been able to purchase books worth £425.89 for our classrooms and the library from the sales. Thank you to everyone who came! Miss Higgins

Breakfast Club



Mrs Howe has asked us to let you know there will no Boogie Bounce on Wednesday

Meet the Staff

The graphic is split into two columns, each with a sun icon and the text 'MEET OUR STAFF'. The background features stylized green trees and yellow flowers. Each staff member's name is written in purple, and their personal details are in white text boxes.

Staff Member	Personal Details
Mrs Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I love the Autumn and being able to go for a walk in the crunchy leaves.I have two children who are aged 10 and 7. I also have two cats called Misty and MiloMy favorite colour is purple.My favorite food to eat is pasta, especially lasagne.My favorite country to visit is Italy.
Mrs Harty	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I have a phobia of hedgehogsI have two grown up children and a grandsonMy favourite thing to wear are sunglassesI support Norwich City FC

Mrs Winter is one of our fantastic teachers and currently teaches in Squirrel Class.

Mrs Harty works in Fox Class as one of our fabulous Teaching Assistants.

Year 2 visit to Drayton Junior school

On Monday afternoon the year 2s enjoyed a maths themed visit to Drayton Junior School. The year 4 children and staff hosted a fantastic afternoon of outdoor activities for the children to take part in, including a scavenger hunt, a shape challenge and lots of active fun.



Parent Forum

Parent Forum met this week. The meeting was very useful and mainly centred around WEDUC and Hopkins Homes. The minutes will be available soon. Thank you so much for your time. The next meeting is on 15th May at 2:15pm. We aim to be live but sometimes have to go online. Please speak to Mrs Boyce if you would like to join the Forum.

Dates for the diary

Reception – Yellow	Year 1 – Blue	Year 2 – Green	Whole school – pink	KS1(Y1&Y2) - Grey
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March 2024

25.03.24	Monday	Yr 2 P.E Festival
25.03.24	Monday	Friends Easter event and Easter egg hunt 3-4 pm.
25.03.2924	Monday	Spring Story Cafe and Crafts Class 2 – 3 pm
27.03.2024	Wednesday	School closes for Easter holiday 3pm

April 2024

15.04.2024	Monday	School re-opens for Summer term
25.04.2024	Thursday	School Discos YR/Y1/Y2

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	
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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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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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils Yellow dates - pupil holiday Red dates - bank holiday	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.
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