Drayton Community Infant School

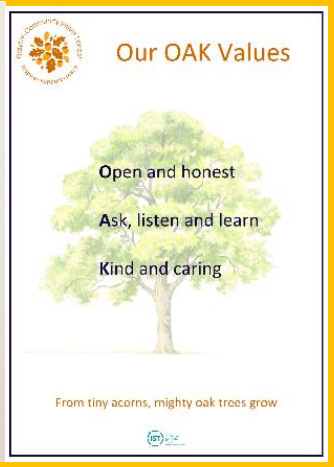
Weekly Newsletter

07/01/25



OAK VALUE this week is Open and Honest





This half term we are going to spend some time looking at that book The Boy, the mole , the fox and the horse. It is the tale of a curious boy, a greedy mole, a wary fox and a wise horse who find themselves together in sometimes difficult terrain, sharing their greatest fears and biggest discoveries about vulnerability, kindness, hope, friendship and love.

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the new year at Drayton Infants. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

We're excited for the spring term in school. It's always very busy with lots of new learning. The staff have put together some useful information outlining the plans for this half term as well as some ideas for home learning.

The children love sharing their work with you, so we have some new dates for 'book looks' below. This is an opportunity to come into class and give your child the chance to share their books and work from last term. Please check the dates below other things happening this term.

Mrs Hutt, Mrs Boyce and the DCIS Team

Attendance – Whole School

Should your child/ren be absent from school for a reason which we cannot authorise, we would still appreciate being informed and the truthful reason for the absence provided.

Unfortunately, we have had some instances of parents providing dishonest reasons for their child/ren's absence, and furthermore – some also asking their child/ren to also be dishonest about their absence. This puts them in a very awkward position as all the children here strive to follow our OAK value of being Open and Honest.

If we find this is the case, we will subsequently mark the absence as unauthorised (and if the absence meets the criteria for a Penalty Notice Fine - the local authority will be made aware).

We are more than willing to support you in any way that we can with your child/ren's attendance, but we can only do this if parents are honest with us.

We appreciate your support with this and thank the vast majority of you who are Open and Honest.

Medical appointments

Please continue to contact us if your child needs to attend a medical appointment during school hours. Please also include a copy of the appointment details with your email/Weduc (this can be a copy of the appointment letter, forwarding the appointment confirmation email or a screenshot of the confirmation text).

Punctuality

Please be reminded of the school hours below. Arrivals after 8.40am will be marked as late and children are required to sign in via the school office. Parents/carers will be required to fill in a late form which will be put on your child's file. We continue to monitor attendance and punctuality. You will receive a record of your child's attendance shortly and again after each term.

8.20am	**Gates Open**
8.30am	**Classroom doors open**
8.40am	**Gates Closed** **Classroom doors close**
3pm	**End of the school day.**

Attendance last week	Attendance this term (up to 20.12.2024)
90.83%	94.62%

Our aim is to maintain the attendance above 96%. Thank you for your continued support.



Reception Local Area Walk

On Wednesday next week Reception will be going for a walk around Drayton to learn more about the local area.



We would really appreciate some parent volunteers to accompany us on our walk. We will be leaving around 9:45 and will return by 11:15. If you think you can help, please speak with your child's class teacher ASAP.

Many thanks,

EYFS Team.

Pharmacy First

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.
There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	**Patient eligibility**
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

More information can be found:
https://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-services/pharmacy-first/

Home Learning

Home learning for Spring 1 can be accessed via Weduc and our School website using the link below:

EYFS Home Learning

KS1 Home Learning

Clubs

Running Club – Running Club is back! Spaces are still available so please contact the office to join. This is an 8:05 meet ready for the children to be on the field at 8:10 and will run till the bell ring at 8:30. Children can stay in school pe kit for the day after running club.

Fun Sports Club - Fun Sports Club starts Thursday 9th January, please remember to book you place.

Boogie Bouncy – Boogie Bouncy will restart on Tuesday 14th January for yr 1s please sign up via the school office.

National Tennis After School Club

National Tennis will restart on Wednesday 15th January. The club is now fully booked but you can add yourself to the waiting list by following the link below:

National Tennis Club Bookings

Parent Forum



Thank you so much to the parents/carers who have come forward to be on the Forum
Rob Lee – Otter and Fox
Hannah Howard – Mouse
Francesca Allen – Hedgehog
Fiona Taylor – Otter
Abigail Etchells – Rabbit
Holly Ireson - Starling
Clare Tavernor – Starling
Sophie Siddall - Squirrel
Thank you all so much for volunteering
Lou Boyce – Deputy and Senco
Mole Class – we are still looking for a parent from your class!
Our next meeting is on January 16th at 2pm

Dates for the diary

Reception – Yellow	Year 1 – Blue	Year 2 – Green	Whole school –NO COLOUR	KS1(Y1&Y2) - Grey

January		
7th	8:30	School opens for Spring Term
15th	2.30	Yr 1 Book Look
17th	2.30	Reception Book Look
27th	2.30	Yr 2 Book Look
February		
26th		Book Fair – 26th Feb to 3rd March
March		
4th & 6th		Parents Evening
6th		World Book Day
10th		British Science Week
14th		Parents in for science meeting and experiments

Term dates

Norfolk County Council

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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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.