Drayton Community Infant School

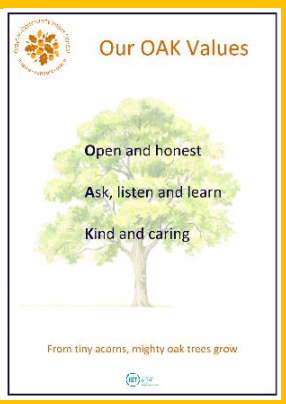
Weekly Newsletter

20/01/25



OAK VALUE this week is ASK





Today in assembly we watched a bit more of The Boy, the Mole, The Fox and The Horse. We talked about not being afraid of the wild (the unknown) and about being brave. This includes asking for help.

Dear Families

As you will probably be aware, there are lots of bugs circling in the community at the moment. We had lots of movement of staff during last week following several staff being unwell. The children were fantastic and coped well with the changes. Please be reminded that children should remain off school for 48 hours following the last time they were sick.

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting John Neenan, the new Headteacher at Drayton Junior. Mr Neenan visited us, and we discussed how we can further improve communication and joined up working between the two schools.

Thank you to everyone in Reception and Year 1 who were able to attend the book looks. The children have loved sharing their hard work with you. Year 2's book look is next Monday afternoon. We look forward to seeing you then.

Have a great week!

Mrs Hutt, Mrs Boyce & The DCIS Team

Attendance

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 17.01.25)
95.82%	95.78%

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



Thank you

A big thank you from the Reception team to all the parent/carer helpers who gave up their time to accompany the Reception children on their walk around Drayton last week. All the children and staff had a great time.



School Council

Our long-standing school Councillors are now stepping down.
Many thanks to
Robyn
Aiden
Noah
Arthur
Matilda
Harley
Flora
Willow
Maya
Reid
Thank you so much for all your hard work and commitment to School Council. You have been outstanding.

Practical Parenting Sessions

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The School and Community team from Norfolk County Council are hosting a free course (3 sessions) around Practical Parenting for our parents/carers here at Drayton Infant School.

The approach that will be taught is called Norfolk Steps – which is the same approach already used by school. Therefore, this is an excellent opportunity for you as parents/carers to learn more about this approach and support your child with a consistent approach at both home and school.

Using the Norfolk Steps approach, we will be covering:

- Set responses through Scripts and Positive Phrasing
- Removing the power of negative behaviour
- Using limited choices and now / next
- Supporting children to communicate and to self-regulate
- Supporting parents and children use restorative approaches.

These are 2-hour sessions, held over 3 weeks to help support parents embed the strategies discussed.

Dates:

Session 1 – Wednesday 29th January, 9-11am

Session 2 – Monday 3rd February, 1-3pm

Session 3 – Wednesday 12th February, 9-11am

(In order to receive the full benefit of this course, we would recommend attending all 3 sessions if possible)

Location:

Drayton Infant School

Limited to 12 spaces!

Please book your space now by contacting the school office ASAP – places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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

Useful maths app:Regular practise, even short bursts, of maths skills such as counting, subitising, times tables, number bonds, doubling and halving is very beneficial in helping children to build fluency in maths.

The One Minute Maths app is a useful tool for practising fluency for children in all year groups. It is available to download for free from google play and will support your child's maths learning in school.

1-Minute Maths - Apps on Google Play

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 we run till the bell rings at 8:30. Children can stay in school pe kit for the day after running club. The children need one pair of trainers for running and another pair of shoes for the rest of the day. A change of socks is recommended too. Please tell breakfast club staff that your child is attending if you would like them to come and the staff will ensure their safe delivery to us on the field

Fun Sports Club - Fun Sports Club – spaces still available.

Boogie Bouncy – Boogie Bouncy is now full for this half term.

National Tennis After School Club - National Tennis takes place on a Wednesday 3.05 – 3.50, a space has become available for tennis please follow the link below if you are interested.

National Tennis Club Bookings

Parent Forum



The Parent Forum met this week, and the minutes will be available soon. Next time we meet the main item on the agenda will be school reports. If you have any thoughts on our end of year report formats, please speak to a forum member. If you would like to add anything to forum agenda the members will be happy to let Lou Boyce Deputy know.

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
Sophie Hughes – Mole

Current Vacancy

Please find below link to a job vacancy for an MSA position at Nightingale Infant and Nursery School.

Nursery MSA Position Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

Dates for the diary

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

January		
27th	2.30	Yr 2 Book Look
29th	9-11am	Practical Parenting session 1 of 3 (requires sign up, contact school office)
February		
3rd	1-3pm	Practical Parenting session 2 of 3 (requires sign up, contact school office)
12th	9-11am	Practical Parenting session 3 of 3 (requires sign up, contact school office)
26th		Book Fair – 26th Feb to 3rd March
March		
4th & 6th		Parents Evening
6th		World Book Day – Children to dress up as book characters
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.

September 2024

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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.