Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

21/07/25

Dear Drayton Families

We've come to the end of what has been a great year at Drayton Infants and one we have thoroughly enjoyed. The children have worked incredibly hard and we are extremely proud of them all.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who continue to amaze me in their dedication and commitment to continue to make Drayton Infants the best it can be. They have planned countless events and opportunities for the children to immerse themselves in their education and support their love of learning.

This year we have some of the highest academic outcomes the school has seen. As you may know, phonics has been a key school improvement area for the last 2-3 years and has shown improvement year on year, with this year being 10% above national. This is testament to the staff's drive for improvement, parental support at home and of course, the children's hard work. Being secure in phonics not only supports the children with their reading and writing but also allows them to access the wider curriculum with confidence.

Whether this is your last year with us or you join us again in September, we would like to thank you for your support and wish you a fantastic summer. We look forward to seeing the children back on Wednesday 3rd September.

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 18.07.25)
96.67%	94.95%

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

Job Vacancies

We currently have a job vacancy at Nightingale for a cleaner. This is for 12.5 hours per week, hours can be completed in the morning, after school or a mixture of the two. See link below for applications.

Cleaner | Education Job Finder

We also have a vacancy for a playworker in our breakfast club at Drayton. This is every Friday 7.30-8.30. If you are interested please contact the school office.

PE Award

We have been awarded the Platinum Award for PE

This has been sent from The West Norwich and Dereham School Sports' Partnership:

Dear Mrs Dearden,

I would like to send a huge thank you for taking the time to complete our KS1 'Sporting Stars' Award for 2024/25 — and I'm absolutely thrilled to announce that your school has been awarded the PLATINUM award!
This is an incredible achievement and a true testament to the passion, dedication, and commitment Drayton Infants shows towards PE, sport, and physical activity across the school. Your efforts are nothing short of inspirational and truly deserve to be celebrated in style!

I would personally like to send a massive well done to all staff at DCIS, outside coaches and of course the children at our school — thank you for all your support and enthusiasm. What a fantastic recognition of all our hard work!

Mrs Dearden

Safeguarding

Whilst anger is normal, it can be tough to handle. Helping your child understand their feelings and healthy ways to release anger is a great place to start and will give you both a valuable life skill. Visit for more advice

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/arguments-conflict-family-tension/



Clothes Labels

If you need name labels for uniform, water bottles, bags etc Stikins are simple and easy to use.

Plus any order placed using the code **36407** will earn fundraising towards the school.



Teddy Bears Picnic Special Lunch

Don't forget your Teddy! We will be celebrating the last day of term, Tuesday 22nd July, with a pre ordered picnic lunch. The children can bring a teddy into school and enjoy a Teddy Bears Picnic on the school field with all the school staff. There will be no hot options on this day, special diets will be catered for.



Summer Clubs and Activities











Dates for the diary

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

July		
22nd		Special Lunch – Teddy Bears Picnic
22nd		Last day of Summer Term 2 – Summer Holiday
September		
3rd		School reopens - First day of Autumn term

Term dates

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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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