Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

02/11/2026

Dear Families,

We hope you all had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and hear all about their adventures over the holiday.

This week, lots of our learning will focus on Bonfire Night and fire safety. The children will be learning about the importance of staying safe around fireworks, bonfires and sparklers. Through discussions, stories, assemblies and activities, we will explore simple ways to keep ourselves and others safe during celebrations and understand what to do in an emergency.

As always, please continue to reinforce these important safety messages at home, particularly if you are attending any Bonfire Night celebrations.

We look forward to a busy and exciting week of learning.

Sarah Hutt and Lou Boyce and the DCIS Team

Parent Forum

The first Parent Forum will take place on Tuesday 3rd November at 2pm in school. Please sign in at the main office.

Parents wishing to add anything to the agenda please email the office this time and going forward you will know who the Forum members are. Mrs Boyce will collate all the topics and Chair the meeting. If you are interested in joining, please let the office know.

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 22.10.26)
96.08%	95.99%

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

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

At Drayton Community Infants, we are committed to creating a safe, inclusive and respectful environment where every child feels valued, supported and able to thrive. As part of this commitment, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week the week commencing the 16th of November.

Throughout the week, children will participate in a range of age-appropriate activities designed to help them understand the importance of kindness, respect, friendship and inclusion. Learning will be carefully adapted for each year group and will focus on:

- Celebrating our differences and recognising what makes us unique.
- Understanding the qualities of a good friend.
- Exploring how words and actions can affect others.
- Learning how to seek help if they are worried about themselves or someone else.
- Understanding the importance of showing kindness, respect and empathy.
- Developing confidence to speak to a trusted adult if something is concerning them.

We will begin the week with Odd Socks Day on 16th November. Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks with their usual school uniform. This is a fun way to celebrate individuality and remind us that we are all unique and that our differences should be valued and respected.

For our younger children in Nursery and Reception, activities will focus on friendship, feelings and kindness through stories, role play and discussion. In Key Stage 1, children will build upon this learning by exploring respectful relationships, inclusion and the difference between friendship difficulties, unkind behaviour and bullying.

As part of the Year 2 curriculum, children will also revisit learning around online safety and respectful behaviour online, helping them understand how to stay safe and kind in digital spaces.

At the end of the week, we will come together to celebrate the children's learning and reinforce our whole-school message that everyone belongs and deserves to feel safe, happy and respected.

We encourage you to continue these conversations at home by talking to your child about what it means to be a good friend, how we can show kindness to others and why our differences make us special.

Useful Support and Information for Parents and Carers

The following websites offer information and advice for families on bullying, friendships, wellbeing and online safety:

- Anti-Bullying Alliance – www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk
- NSPCC – www.nspcc.org.uk
- Childnet – www.childnet.com
- UK Safer Internet Centre – www.saferinternet.org.uk
- Kidscape – www.kidscape.org.uk

If you have any concerns about your child's friendships, wellbeing or behaviour, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or a member of the safeguarding team. We are always here to help and work alongside families to support our children.

Thank you for your continued support.

DT Cardboard Box Request

In Year 2 for our next Design and Technology unit, we will be focusing on wheels and axles.

Each child will need a coffee sachet sized cardboard box to work with. If you happen to have a couple spare and could donate those for other children we would be very grateful. Cereal boxes are too big so please avoid those.

Thank you everyone!

Running Club

Running Club now welcomes all year groups, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. It is every Thursday at 8.05am until 8.30am. Mrs Boyce will open the gate for you at 8.05am, so please be on time as the gate will be locked again afterwards. You will need a full bottle of water, a raincoat, a change of clothes, shoes and socks as we run in all weathers! You will also need a plastic bag to put your dirty trainers in please. Don't worry if you are at Breakfast Club as we will collect you on our way to the field. We look forward to seeing you all.

Mrs Boyce and Mrs Gamson

Values



Our new tokens with our new values are ready to go. We use this language in our school all the time. We love hearing our children help each other to remember the values. Children receive tokens when they have kept the values over and above expected behaviour. Sometimes we do give stickers but tokens are best.

Please be excited and proud of your children when they bring tokens home. We have a certifiate assembly on a Friday where each class has a child that is the Outstanding Oak.

Christmas Cards

Christmas card designs and order information will be sent home early this week.

Please use the information provided on the order form to place your orders as soon as possible. Orders will be delivered to the school closer to Christmas and distributed accordingly.

If soft toys are ordered, they will be kept in the school office for collection, as we know they may be intended as gifts for the children.

National Tennis



Click Here To Register

Wraparound Resources

The Wraparound Clubs are needing some new resources. If you have any of the following, we would appreciate donations of:

Barbies and accessories

Styling heads and accessories

Dolls house furniture big or small

Dolls clothes

Many thanks

Lego Education Tokens Here



Help us win £1,000 of LEGO® Education resources!

We're taking part in the LEGO® Education Token Collect Competition and need your help!

From 26th September to 5th November, tokens will be printed in your local newspaper. The more tokens our school collects, the greater our chance of winning fantastic LEGO® Education resources worth up to £1,000. Tokens will be printed in Eastern Daily Press and Norwich Evening News.

Thank you for supporting our school and helping us bring more LEGO® Education resources into the classroom!

Open Evenings



Dates for the diary

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

November		
3rd Nov	2.00pm	Parent Forum
10th Nov	9.00am	Reception **Mole** class parents/carer to watch their child's phonics lesson
10th Nov	2.15pm	Reception **Hedgehog** class parents/carers to watch their child's phonics lesson times
12th Nov	9.00am	Year 1 parents/carers to watch their child's phonics lesson at 9.00am
13th Nov		Children in Need – wear something spotty or brightly coloured
16th Nov	Monday	Children wear Odd socks (with normal uniform) to launch antibullying week.
24th & 26th Nov		Parents Evening – details to follow
December		
7th Dec	am	Santa Visit
8th Dec	am	Santa Visit
8th Dec	2.00-3.00pm	Yr R Nativity to parents
9th Dec	9.15-10.15am	Yr R Nativity to parents
11th Dec	9.15am	Rocksteady Concert – performance to parents of Rocksteady children.
16th Dec	am	Santa Visit
16th Dec	2.00-3.00pm	Squirrel Class Xmas Crafts
17th Dec	2.00-3.00pm	Rabbit Class Xmas Crafts
18th Dec	10.00-11.00am	Yr 2 Carol Concert
18th Dec	2.00-3.00pm	Yr 2 Carol Concert

Term dates

