



Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

09.09.2024

Dear Drayton Families

Welcome to the 2024/2025 school year, whether you're returning after last year or joining us for the first time. We hope you've had a wonderful Summer, and the children are excited to get into school.

We welcome several new staff who are joining the Drayton and Nightingale Partnership. As we move through the new term, we will ensure we share their '5 facts about me' sheets with you in our newsletters, which can be found for all staff on our websites.

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Kingsley back to our partnership following her family leave. Mrs Kingsley has been a Head of School in the Trust for many years and we are excited to have her back working in our team to support both schools, ensuring we have strong leadership to continue to move forward. She returns on a part time basis, currently based at Nightingale, supporting myself and the senior leadership team across our schools.

Our senior leadership team is made up of the following:

Me, Mrs Hutt - Partnership Headteacher working across both schools, predominantly working at Drayton
Mrs Kingsley - Part time Head of School currently based at Nightingale
Mrs Boyce - Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo for both schools, predominantly working at Drayton
Mrs Watling - Part time Assistant Headteacher for both schools

We also have a number of middle leaders who take responsibility for key areas of the school such as specific subjects and Early Years. We will share our full staffing structure with you in the coming weeks.

As some of you may know, I am currently away from school on compassionate leave. I hope to be back in school in the next few weeks. In my absence, Mrs Kingsley and Mrs Boyce will lead with the support from external leaders in the Trust. Please do not hesitate to speak with one of the team if you have any questions.

Wishing you all a great start to the new year. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hutt

Welcome from Mrs Boyce

Welcome back to school. It was fab to be back after a rather gloriously hot Summer. I hope you all had a lovely time. Thank you so much for your patience with the kitchen and school lunches. We have sent an email to express how unsatisfactory the situation was, and we appreciate it caused unnecessary distress for a few children. The new Chef has started with Edwards and Blake in the kitchen today. It is smelling lovely already. A big thank you to the kitchen staff who really did their absolute best for us in difficult circumstances

The Reception children are settling in well and there are lots of smiles in the EYFS areas. EYFS stands for Early Years Foundation Stage. We look forward to welcoming the children for lunch tomorrow. Reception are waiting on the big playground this year and coming into the EYFS area when the morning bell goes. Reception grownups can leave that area through the single gate or the big double gate. The school gates open at 8:20. The bell goes at 8:30 and all gates close at 8:40 on the dot. After 8:40 children enter through the school office and are marked as late. Lateness affects education and your child's attendance. Please be on time.



One more thing. The school car park is for Staff and those with a disability parking badge or a school parking permit. Please do not use the school car park. Please do not be offended if we stop you at the gate if you are trying to use the car park.



Please have your parking permit on display if you are allowed to use the car park

Thank you so much for your continued co-operation. It really helps us if everyone works as a team

Have a good week

Best wishes

Mrs Lou Boyce



Our OAK Values



From tiny acorns, mighty oak trees grow



At Drayton we follow our own set of OAK values. The values stand for :

O – Open and honest

A – Ask Listen and Learn

K – Kind and Caring

Today in assembly we talked about being open minded-we talked about being open minded about other people's way of doing things, about trying new food or activities, being open to having another go at some work, being open to listening to other points of view. The children listened well and came up with great ideas. We shall have our Oak Assembly on Friday in the afternoon and the adults will give out certificates to the children who have been open all week and another child might get the Outstanding Oak certificate if all the values have been kept or one of the other values particularly well.



We are so proud of Mrs Yaxley and the Eco Council The school has been awarded the

Eco Schools Green Flag with distinction. The letter Miss Yaxley received is attached with this newsletter.



Well done DCIS!

Who's Who

MEET OUR STAFF

Mrs Boyce
I am rubbish at cooking but I like trying
I love running with my dog Frank
I love being a teacher
I love singing and dancing
I have 4 children who make me laugh every day

MEET OUR STAFF

Mrs Hutt
I love cooking
Swimming is one of my favourite things to do
My favourite country to visit Iceland I even got married there
I have a dog called Rolo and a cat called Arnold

MEET OUR STAFF

Mrs Dobson
-My favourite colour is purple
-I love spending time at the coast, particularly Sheringham and Cromer
-I enjoy attempting to keep fit at Zumba classes!
-I love going swimming with my 2 daughters
-My first ever job was fruit picking (raspberry bushes are prickly - ouch!)

Mrs Lou Boyce is the Partnership Senco and Deputy at Drayton.

Mrs Sarah Hutt is Partnership Head.

Mrs Louise Dobson is our Family Liaison Office. Mrs Dobson works Tuesday Wednesday (usually Drayton) and Thursday (usually Nightingale).

Breakfast club



Please note that from Monday, if your children attend Breakfast Club, we would like you to drop them off at the following times: 7:30, 7:45 or 8:00

PE

PE days

Please come in to school wearing PE kits on the day your class has PE

Fox class – Wednesdays and Fridays (beginning Friday 6/9)

Squirrel class – Mondays and Fridays (beginning Friday 6/9)

Otter class – Mondays and Fridays (beginning Friday 6/9)

Rabbit class – Tuesdays and Thursdays (beginning Tuesday 10/9)

Starling class – Tuesdays and Thursdays (beginning Tuesday 10/9)

Dates for the diary

Reception – Yellow

Year 1 – Blue

Year 2 – Green

Whole school – pink

KS1(Y1&Y2) - Grey

September 2024

		Tuesday staff meeting all dates will be decided and will be on the next newsletter

School day times from September 2023

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

Term dates

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.