

# Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School

## Newsletter - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025



*'I pray that your love for each other will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.'* Philippians 1:9

Dear parents and carers,

What a fabulous time the children had in and out of school last week.

The key stage 2 residential was a resounding success so a huge thank you to Mrs Scarrow for organising a great four days of exciting activities and to Miss Hampton, Mrs Sweetnam, Miss Corr and Mrs King for being part of the hardworking team to make it happen. I joined the group from Thursday afternoon and what a pleasure it was. The children were delightful, being kind, including everyone and having so much fun simply being together. Every coach and instructor praised the children's manners, enthusiasm, knowledge and engagement, many saying that they were the best they'd ever had. All the staff felt justly very proud and it brought even more enjoyment of the residential.

The infants had an interesting week in school making fabulous musical instruments as part of a DT project (hopefully you have been serenaded by their masterpieces!). Following the DT theme, another day the children designed a pizza of their choice for their lunch. They certainly enjoyed this activity!

The Eco committee have led the last two Monday collective worships about conserving energy and water. They asked the children to be on the look out for lights, screens and taps which have not been turned off and have a pot of 'Eco spots' which they will be sticking around the school to highlight both good use and wastage.

They showed how to use less water when washing your hands and reminded everyone to make sure the tap is turned off afterwards. Ask your child about it and see if they can help you to use less water at home!

They then demonstrated which is the only paper to flush down the toilet! Surprise, surprise, it's toilet paper and NOTHING ELSE!! No more blocked drains with paper that doesn't break down quickly or properly. These are two of our actions for our Sustainability Action Plan. Mrs Arnold is going to keep a check on our water and electricity bills to see if we are making a difference. Eco committee would like to remind you to mend any leaking taps to save wasting water that way. We are getting ours sorted at school.

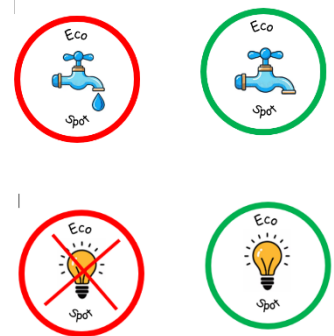
If any children have music lessons outside of school and would like to perform in the Summer Music Concert next Thursday 26th June, they should bring their music and come and play to me by Wednesday please.

Don't forget, the Summer Sizzler is taking place next Friday 27th June. Please do sign up to help when the rotas are out on the playground, thank you.

For those who have book, don't forget to bring dad or a stand in dad to breakfast this Friday 20th and if you'd like to be in non-school uniform, please bring along a contribution to the bottle stall.

Well done to Erica with Annabel, our worship leaders, who led Celebration collective Worship the Friday before last.

Kind regards,  
Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.



### St Julian class

We had a lovely and exciting week this week in the Infants. The school was a whole lot quieter with half of the children (and adults!) missing. We used our DT making skills to design, plan and make a variety of musical instruments. We did Science, exploring our favourite foods and we learnt how to keep our body healthy. We also used our DT food technology skills and we planned our pizzas, wrote instructions how to make it and then we made them. We then had the enjoyment of eating them for lunch which was a massive hit and in the afternoon we got to write a review for them.

Last week the Year One children and a couple of Year Two's did their phonics screening test. Well done to those children for all their hard work.

Please remember to send your child to school with a NAMED sunhat and sun cream applied (if you have provided a named bottle to keep in school we remind the children to apply for the afternoon).



### St Etheldreda class

Well done to all the children on their fantastic behaviour, manners, effort and engagement on last week's residential. It was a truly brilliant few days. I hope they all had a great time and managed to catch up on some sleep over the weekend.

We have lots of fun ahead of us over the next few weeks, and lots of the curriculum to cover too. In maths we will be moving on to a short unit of work on decimals and in English we will be moving on to non-fiction writing. We will also be spending time practising for the play. Year 4s all have some narrator lines to learn. The children will bring their scripts home today. The singing is coming on wonderfully. Please do continue to support your child in practising their lines/singing at home. As usual, comprehension homework is due in this Thursday.

### **Cuddly Toy Appeal!**

**Just a reminder that St Etheldreda class will be running a cuddly toy tombola as one of their stall for the summer sizzler. If any of the children have any cuddly toys they would like to donate, please bring them into the office, or send them in with a year 3/4 child. Many thanks.**



### St Edmund class

Year 5 and 6 had an excellent time camping in their little glen behind the Chellington Centre. They thoroughly enjoyed the night hike across fields with a glorious late evening sunset in the background and returning by torch light. Mrs Hegan had a fabulous bowls lesson with some of the class on an indoor green (which was blue!). The coach was very impressed with their skills and support for their classmates. We loved returning to the centre to the sound of an ice cream van followed by a delicious, cooling cone!

So we are back to normal school this week, with comprehension due tomorrow and regular lessons with many opportunities for play practice throughout the week. Please may you continue to support your child with learning their lines and the songs too, thank you.

### **Cake Appeal!**

**For the summer sizzler, St Edmund will be running a cake stall. We will be needing lots of cakes to sell please.**

## Shavuot Day

On Monday 2nd June we had our termly special RE enrichment, focussing on Judaism and specifically the festival of Shavuot. We were pleased to welcome Rabbi Ruth and Cantor Chaya into school to speak to all the children about the giving of the Torah, along with some songs and dance instructions. In the afternoon the children enjoyed activities in their house groups: making paper flowers, cheesecake, and trying some foods that are uniquely associated with the Land of Israel and mentioned in the Hebrew Bible.



## KS2 residential trip to the Chellington Centre

In the 15 years of my teaching career this has been by far the best residential I have been on. The children have been absolute delights, helping each other and the adults. They have cooked, cleaned, played, listened and supported each other.

Every external company that we used for activities said that we have been the best school that they have worked with in terms of participation, listening and knowledge.

I hope that the children enjoyed it as much as the staff have. If your child is missing something it will be with someone from their room/tent, please speak between parents to locate the missing items.

More photos from the residential are on the website [here](#).

Mrs Scarrow



## Summer Sizzler – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June



We are in the final stages of planning our major summer event for the whole family, please get involved if you can. We are still accepting prizes for our main raffle – if the company you work for might be able to donate a prize, or you have any ideas of businesses we could approach for prizes, please let us know in the office. Let's make this a fabulous family event! Please sign up to help for half an hour on one for our stalls. The list will be on the playground later in the week. Thank you.

### **Safeguarding at Dry Drayton C of E Primary School**

Mrs Sonia Hegan, Mrs Nicole Spink and Mrs Fiona Sweetnam are the designated safeguarding leads at Dry Drayton C of E Primary School.

If you have a concern about a child, please inform **any** member of staff.

If you think a child is at immediate risk of harm you can access further advice and guidance here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection/>

## Forest School Summer 2025



Forest School sessions take place every week on the following days. Please ensure that your child always has their Forest School Gear at school which is a pair of wellies plus a waterproof jacket and trousers (or an all in one). Remember, it's never the wrong weather, it's the wrong clothes, so please don't let your child miss out. We have some second-hand wellies in school if you need to borrow them, so do ask in the office. We are happy to have any

outgrown waterproofs for our spares. PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHES AND SHOES.

**Infants – Mondays** (No need to wear PE kit. School uniform, plus Forest School gear will be fine.)

**KS2 – Tuesdays** This year KS2 will have either half a term of Forest School or of DT, they will then swap for the following half term.

In addition to these, each year group will have a whole afternoon of Forest School on the following **Wednesdays**. Please send your child to school in PE kit including their PE sweatshirt (and not a hoodie).

Date	Year Group
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 Residential – no Forest School
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3/4 – Oaks
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 3/4 – Chestnuts
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day – no Forest School



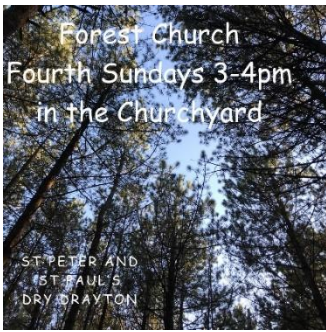
### Online safety tip of the week: smart TVs

How to start a conversation with your child about using a smart TV safely: What do your friends like to watch on smart TVs?

You can ask your child about what shows their friends like to watch and what apps they like to use on the smart TV. You can also ask them if they have used a smart TV whilst visiting friends..

Find more online safety tips here: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

## Church update



### **Forest Church**

Forest Church takes place on the fourth Sunday of the month, 3-4pm in the Churchyard. The next Forest Church will be Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Forest Church is a service for all ages, and everyone is welcome! There will be a bible story, songs and craft, with lots of space to run about, explore nature and make noise during this short, informal service. The service meets outdoors whatever the weather so do please come prepared and wrapped up warm!



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## **Lordsbridge Team of Churches Team Administrator vacancy**



### **Team Administrator Lordsbridge Team of Churches**

We are seeking a highly organised, skilled person to serve as Team Administrator for the Lordsbridge Team of Churches. The Team Administrator has a pivotal role in the smooth running of the benefice, supporting and enabling the Team's varied ministries.

The Lordsbridge Team is made up of 11 Church of England parishes just to the West of Cambridge. It is led by the Rector and 3 Team Vicars and is supported by a wide group of other ministers.

We are looking for someone who is:

- Committed to the vision of The Lordsbridge Team.
- Enthusiastic, energetic and possessing a good sense of humour.
- Excellent with detail and has strong organisational skills.
- Able to work on own initiative and manage a busy workload.
- A completer/finisher, implementer, team player.
- Someone who is a good relationship builder and communicator.

For the full job description and an application form, please go to [www.lordsbridge.org](http://www.lordsbridge.org)

Applications should be returned to Rebecca Herrick: [rebeccaherrick@lordsbridge.org](mailto:rebeccaherrick@lordsbridge.org)

Deadline for applications: 12noon, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Interviews will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

## Celebration Collective Worship





6<sup>th</sup> June

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Bella, Emma and Lucas.

Jonah, Lucas, Erica and Raphael were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.

Well done to Guccio, Jason and Maxwell for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.



House Points	
	
	
<b>Totals for last week</b>	
Ennis - 135   Farah - 97   Simmonds - 92   Wiggins - 127	
<b>Totals for the year so far</b>	
Ennis - 3,578   Farah - 3,782   Simmonds - 2,921   Wiggins - 3,788	

### Proposed Diary Dates New dates added in red.

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	CB23 Humanities Quiz
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Girls Football Tournament – years 3 & 4
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Belated Father's Day celebration – breakfast butties from 8.30am. Bring your Dad or stand-in Dad to breakfast before a special Celebration Collective Worship Non-school uniform day – bring a bottle for the Summer Sizzler as "payment"
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Dry Drayton Feast Week
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	S&VA Fun Run from the school field – 6.00pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Music Concert – 1.45pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Sizzler on the school field from 5.00pm – volunteers wanted!
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Production – 9.15am
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Production – 2.00 pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – PM on the school field
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Forest School fun morning and picnic – whole school
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers service in the church – all welcome – 9.00am Year 6 Leavers Assembly in the hall – all welcome – 2.00pm End of term

*Don't forget full term dates, curriculum information, photo gallery and lots more can be found on our website: [www.drydraytonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.drydraytonprimaryschool.co.uk)*

## School Clubs – Summer term

Day	Club	Adult	Cost (per term)	Dates
Monday	Cooking Club (years 2-6 but priority given to KS2)	Mrs King, Mrs Arnold, Miss Wright	£52.25	28 <sup>th</sup> April-21 <sup>st</sup> July
Monday	Sports Multi-Skills Club (years R-2)	JS Sports coach	£52.25	28 <sup>th</sup> April-21 <sup>st</sup> July
Tuesday	Science Club (years R-2)	Mrs Sweetnam	£49.50	29 <sup>th</sup> April – 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Tuesday	Multi-Sports Club (years 3-6)	JS Sports coach	£52.75	29 <sup>th</sup> April – 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Wednesday	Craft Club (years R-6)	Mrs Sweetnam	£45	30 <sup>th</sup> April – 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Wednesday	Code Club (years 5-6) FULLY BOOKED for 24/25	Claire Shih		30 <sup>th</sup> April – 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Thursday	Musical Theatre Club (years 1-6)	Mrs Vincent	£49.50	24 <sup>th</sup> April – 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Thursday	Football Club (years 3-6)	JS Sports coach	£52.75	24 <sup>th</sup> April – 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Friday	Gymnastics Club (years R-6)	JS Sports coach	£52.75	25 <sup>th</sup> April – 18 <sup>th</sup> July

**Dry Drayton Primary School**  
**SUMMER SIZZLER!**  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 5pm on the school field  
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