

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School

Newsletter – 11th October 2024



Dear parents and carers,

Well done to Annabel for leading Celebration collective Worship this morning and to Michael for supporting her. Also the Year 6 leaders, Buddy and Erica for last Friday. Super, confident delivery, well done!

We have been delighted to be able to award Bronze certificates already this year. This is primarily because children have been reading regularly, so not only are they improving their learning, but the house points have been mounting up too. Well done! Don't forget that we are helping the children learn to read so that they may read to learn! If you would like any help with supporting your child to read at home, please contact your child's teacher by emailing the school office.

You will see a large quantity of building materials and two skips in the playground which are in preparation for a new shed at the back of the school to make space for breakfast club and other school equipment in the hall. We are keeping the grounds closed over the weekend and into next week as more machinery will be around. The children have been fantastic following the rules we have in place to keep them safe and I am sure they will continue to be sensible next week. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

I was very proud of the Year 5 children who volunteered to show prospective parents around the school last week. They spoke most eloquently about their experiences in school, the activities they enjoyed and the structure of our days here – the parents were blown away by them. Thank you to you all (and a year 6 who joined them!).

Everyone enjoyed National Poetry Day last Thursday, not to mention Mrs King's amazing chocolate cake for pudding that day. The children studied poems and also delivered short recitals in class.

Don't forget that the school photographer is visiting on Monday, so smart uniform with hair tied back and stud ear-rings only please! (As always)

I hope you have a lovely weekend and maybe we will be lucky to have more fantastic Northern Light displays.

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.



St Julian class

This week in reception, we have been looking at the book 'Just Imagine'. We have been imagining ourselves big and small. We made mini-mes and took them for adventures in the garden – we only lost one mini-me in the sandpit for a couple of days!

In maths we have been exploring the number 3 and deciding whether it's 3 or not 3!

Year 1/2 have worked hard in art making their moving dinosaurs, and the children are very proud of their work. In PE, the children have been working on their teamwork. They have worked extremely well together in their activities to ensure that through teamwork they can complete their missions.

The children are now a lot more independent in accessing their Sumdog accounts but we have been made aware when looking at the diagnostic reports that a lot of children are guessing answers just to get to their games. Please could you check when they are playing that they are answering the questions correctly.

Thank you



St Etheldreda class

The children have been doing a lot of super writing this week! We began the week with our independent writing morning. They all wrote stories inspired by this magical, celestial picture. There were some very dreamy settings.



The children also wrote up neat copies of their 'Cinderella' style stories. Next week they are looking forward to reading them to the children in St Julian class.

We have also taken advantage of our lovely village and have been out and about getting inspiration for our next few pieces of writing – Autumn Haiku poetry and non-fiction recount.

In maths we have moved on to addition and subtraction. The children have learnt some fancy new vocabulary to help them talk about and explain their thinking in maths. Do ask them about addend, sum, minuend, subtrahend and difference. They might be new words for the adults too. Some of them were new for Miss Hampton!

To explain:

- addend + addend = sum, e.g. 3 (addend) + 4 (addend) = 7 (sum)
- minuend - subtrahend = difference, e.g. 10 (minuend) – 8 (subtrahend) = 8 (difference)

We have started to see some lovely topic and Science homework being brought in. Do take a look at the homework menu for ideas.



St Edmund class

Another busy week for St Edmund class. Last Friday we were lucky enough to have a speaker from the Humanist Society – Rishi. The children asked interesting questions and were particularly impressed by his presentation on Evolution.

On Tuesday, Year 5 attended the annual CB23 Careers Fair. Whilst there, they chatted with different stallholders, had an opportunity to take part in coding activities and returned to school with some free goodies.

In maths we are moving onto written methods for Multiplication and Division. The homework seems to be going well, so thank you for your support. Enjoy the weekend.

School photo reminder

Individual school photos take place in school on Monday 14th October, so please remember to wear your smartest uniform and bring your best smile. We are using a new photographer, Marie Barley Photography. If you haven't already given consent, please do so using this link:



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Rudolph Ramble Fundraiser – Message from the Rudolph Ramble committee

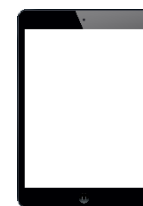
On Tuesday 17th December (the same day as our tasty Christmas lunch), we are fundraising for Arthur Rank Hospice. We are going to go on a

Christmas Rudolph Ramble and after school we will be selling coke, hot chocolate and crafts. Children can wear Rudolph antlers. We have a [JustGiving page](#) where you can make donations. We hope we raise lots of money. If you have any questions ask the fundraising committee (Darya, Emma, Lily, Lola, Luna and Millie).



Parent consultations – booking through MyChildAtSchool

Parent consultations take place in school on Tuesday 22nd October. As you are aware, we are still in the process of moving all of our systems over to Bromcom and My Child at School (MCAS), and parent consultations will now be managed through this. Look out for details next Monday on how to book your appointment.



Online safety tip of the week: tablets

Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the tablet itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

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 following dates, 3-4pm in the Churchyard:

- Sunday 27th October
- Sunday 23rd November

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!



St Peter and St Paul's Dry Drayton
A small church with a big heart

Other Church Dates

- Wednesday 18th December – Carol service, 6pm
- Christmas Eve – Crib service, 3pm
- Christmas Day – Family Holy Communion, 10am

Forest School Autumn 2024

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 16th October	1
Wednesday 23rd October	R
Wednesday 30th October	Half Term
Wednesday 6th November	5/6 – Group 1 – Chestnuts
Wednesday 13th November	5/6 – Group 2 – Oaks
Wednesday 20th November	3/4 Group 1 – Oaks
Wednesday 27th November	3/4 Group 2 – Chestnuts
Wednesday 4th December	2
Wednesday 11th December	1
Wednesday 18th December	R (depending on Christmas activities)

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/>

Celebration Collective Worship

4th October

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Charlie, Lily and Alice.

Aria, Harry, Emma and Maxwell were chosen to sit on the **golden table** next week with a friend of their choosing.

Well done to Jack for achieving his **Bronze** certificate for 200 house points.






11th October

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Vlad, Antonio, Mia and Buddy.

Clover, John-Thomas, Alice B and Ruby were chosen to sit on the **golden table** next week with a friend of their choosing.

Well done to Buddy and Michael for achieving their **Bronze** certificate for 200 house points.

		House Points							
Totals for last week									
Ennis - 129		Farah - 160		Simmonds - 130		Wiggins - 166			
Totals for this week									
Ennis - 143		Farah - 105		Simmonds - 116		Wiggins - 148			
Totals for the year so far									
Ennis - 555		Farah - 620		Simmonds - 543		Wiggins - 725			

Proposed Diary Dates

New dates added in red.

Monday 14 th October	Individual and sibling photos
Monday 21 st and Tuesday 22 nd October	Parent consultations – times tbc
w/b Monday 21 st October	Children can sign up for Dry Drayton's Got Talent
Friday 25 th October	Diwali Day in School
w/c Monday 28 th October	Half Term
Monday 11 th November	Kindness Week Walk to church with poppies for school Remembrance Service
Friday 15 th November	Dry Drayton's Got Talent Show – all welcome- 2pm (tbc)
Friday 29 th November	Year 3/4 Boys Football Development Competition Nasal Flu vaccinations PM
Wednesday 4 th December	KS2 Small Schools Cross Country Christmas Decoration Afternoon – parent volunteers welcome
Tuesday 10 th December	St Julian's Nativity 9:15am – only one performance this year!
Friday 13 th December	Final Celebration Collective Worship 9am
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch and wear a festive top if you wish Sponsored Rudolph Ramble followed by afterschool cake sale
Wednesday 18 th December	Christingle, 9am in church
Thursday 19 th December	Last day of term – Cinderella Panto at the Cambridge Arts Theatre (AM) Party food lunch (book as normal)

Don't forget full term dates, curriculum information, photo gallery and lots more can be found on our website: www.drydraytonprimaryschool.co.uk