

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School

Newsletter – 27th September 2024



Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to so many of you for braving the rain today for **Celebration Collective Worship** which was led beautifully by Michael with Annabel supporting him. Well done also to Erica who was lead last week and to James for supporting her. What a great start to the year from our new Year 6 leaders.

Please do remember to send your child into school with a named coat because we do like to send the children outside as much as possible at break and lunch time, even in light drizzle.

Harvest Festival: Another thank you for all of your generous donations for the Cambridge food bank. There was a wonderful selection of gifts by the altar to start our service in St Peter and St Paul, followed by beautiful singing, prayers and poems by the children. Thanks to Revd Clare and Mrs Vincent too.



I hope you have noticed our beautiful stained glass window on the office door panel. It was kindly funded by St Peter and St Paul church here in Dry Drayton and looks even better from the inside.

All the children last year created a design for the window, they then voted for their favourites and Miss Wright very cleverly, brought all of their ideas together to form this wonderful reflection of our school. Can you spot our motto and the class crosses?

The whole school will be enjoying some special poetry sessions on Thursday 3rd October to mark **National Poetry Day**. As a school we will be focussing on Michael Rosen's famous Chocolate

Cake poem. We will enjoy the poem, and also enjoy a very tasty chocolate cake pudding made by Mrs King for our school lunch pudding on the day...don't forget to order your child a school lunch!



Parking around school: a reminder to please take care around pedestrians and cyclists if you drive your children to/from school and try to park away from the school. Please, no turning outside of the school gates. The school car park is for staff use only between 8:15am and 4pm. Thank you. We are aware that parking is difficult in the area, and that building work at True Jesus Church is likely to make this worse. This was discussed at a recent governing body meeting and it was agreed that we would hold a formal meeting with the parish council and Highways to attempt to improve the situation.

Don't forget to let any prospective parents know that it's our **Open Morning** next Thursday 3rd October. Bookings should be made through the school office 01954 780618 for 10am or 11:15am.

I hope you have a good weekend and have some indoor activities planned too – perfect weather for an indoor den!

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.



St Julian class

This week in Reception we have been reading the story 'The Rainbow fish' which focuses on sharing and kindness. We have been showing off our creative sides by making our own rainbow fish.

Earlier in the week we were surprised with a collection of cardboard boxes. So, with the help of some paper plates, some paint and a bit of tape we've been to the moon in our rocket ships, across the oceans in our boat and stayed at home in our very own town of houses!

Year 1/2 have had a great time in Science over the last couple of weeks, deciding which will be the strongest material for the three little pigs' house. The children had to predict, build and evaluate their experiment and really enjoyed watching the wolf (a disguised hair dryer) attempt to blow down their houses.

In English the children have been writing amazing stories using great adjectives.

Please could you continue to read with your child a minimum of five times a week as it really makes a difference – when a child is able to read fluently it opens up a bigger world to them.

Sumdog homework has now been set. Please could all children spend some time each week on playing on the Sumdog app.

Each month there will be a competition for each maths group that lasts for one week. The winners for September were Isabella and Max. A big well done to them, but they need to watch out next month, as some children were hot on their heels!



St Etheldreda class

In year 3/4 we have enjoyed reading the traditional version of Cinderella, and The Egyptian Cinderella. The children are now planning and writing their own versions of the story. In maths, the children are working hard at developing their understanding of Place Value. They have also been very keen to use Sumdog to practise their maths skills.

Thank you and well done to the children who completed their comprehension and spelling homeworks on time. Your support at home really does make a difference to the children in class. Remember spelling homework needs to be completed by a Wednesday, comprehension by a Thursday

It has been wonderful awarding lots of house point for reading quizzes on AR. The children have a bookmark showing their level and they are doing a great job at reading and quizzing.



St Edmund class

This week Year 5 and 6 have finished reading The Unforgotten Coat and have started to reflect on the life of refugees. In maths we are finishing off place value and will be moving onto addition & subtraction. As we continue to study Humanism in RE, the children have been asked to find out the history of their names. Are they family names? Why were they

chosen? Were they christened or did they have a naming ceremony? Thank you for your continued support with homework and reading. Many children have spoken of the half-termly projects they are working on, so I look forward to seeing these soon.

Maria won the certificate this week for her hard work on her comic.

Harvest Festival



Last Wednesday the whole school took part in a harvest celebration in church, led by Rev. Claire Coates. Each class performed their own harvest celebration beautifully and the children joined in with some wonderful singing. Thank you to everyone for all the donations for the food bank in Cambridge, and thank you also to the parents who volunteered to help us walk the children to church and back safely.

Annual governance statement

Our governing body plays an important role, ensuring that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined, that our headteacher performs her responsibilities for the educational performance of the school, and that the school's financial resources are used properly and effectively.

You can find out more about the impact of the governing body's work in the [Annual Governance Statement 2023/24](#).

Update on the new parent app – My Child at School

We are still in the process of moving all of our systems over to Bromcom and My Child at School (MCAS). Everyone should have received an invitation link to access MCAS. Please do set this up if you haven't done so already. If you are having any problems, or need a new link sending, please let us know in the school office. It may have slipped into junk mail, so do check there too.

Once you have access to MCAS, please could you take the time to check that we hold up-to-date contact details, and also check the photo permissions for your child(ren).



Online safety tip of the week: games consoles

Think about the location of the games console.

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.

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 2nd October	3/4 – Group 2 – Chestnuts
Wednesday 9th October	2
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

20th September

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Adele, Maxwell and Erica.

Daria, Robin, Gian and Maria were chosen to sit on the **golden table** next week with a friend of their choosing.







27th September

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Jason, Darya and Maria.

Gucio, Isla, Erica and Marnie were chosen to sit on the **golden table** next week with a friend of their choosing.



House Points			
		Totals for last week	 
Ennis - 92	Farah - 111	Simmonds - 103	Wiggins - 125
Totals for this week			
Ennis - 104	Farah - 129	Simmonds - 92	Wiggins - 161
Totals for the year so far			
Ennis - 283	Farah - 341	Simmonds - 296	Wiggins - 411

Proposed Diary Dates

New dates added in red.

Thursday 3 rd October	Open morning for prospective parents Year 3/4 Team Challenge Event
Thursday 10 th October	Year 5 Careers Fair in Bourn
Monday 14 th October	Individual and sibling photos
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	DDGT 2pm (tbc)
Friday 29 th November	Year 3/4 Boys Football Development Competition
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)

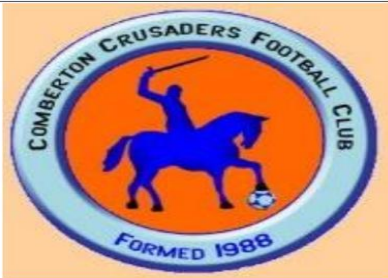
Don't forget full term dates, curriculum information, photo gallery and lots more can be found on our website: www.drydraytonprimaryschool.co.uk

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COMBERTON CRUSADERS FOOTBALL CLUB

PLAYERS WANTED FOR OUR U9 GIRLS TEAM

WE TRAIN EVERY WEDNESDAY
5:45pm to 6:45pm at Comberton Village College
(Astro pitch)
& play SATURDAY mornings

Contact Sam Nash Club Secretary on
07903 705966 or email clubsecretaryccfc@aol.com for more info
Follow us on [facebook @combertoncrusadersfc](https://www.facebook.com/combertoncrusadersfc)

*If you'd like to play football for a family style club this season, then please
get in touch as we'd love to hear from you*



Coaches are referenced and DBS checked



Bar Hill Warriors

Now recruiting
Year 5 and Year 6 players



Bar Hill Colts is a friendly local football club, and we are looking for new Year 5 and Year 6 players to join our U11 Warriors team for this season.

Everyone is welcome and the focus is on having fun and playing football with your friends.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact Nick on 077255 69686.



○ **Cambridge Junior Chess & Go Club** ○

● **St Augustine's Church Hall, Richmond Road CB4 3PS** ●

○ Wednesdays in term time, from 5:30pm to 7pm (£3 per week) ○
○ First half hour is teaching, it usually alternates between Chess & Go ○

● **Café Area, St Philip's Church, 185 Mill Rd, Cambridge CB1 3AN** ●

○ Thursdays in term time, from 5:35pm to 6:50pm (£3 per week) ○

○ Our club is a place for both beginners and more experienced ○
● players aged 6 to 16 to meet and play Chess, Go and some other ●
○ traditional board games. As well as having a lot of fun, many club ○
● members have gone on to achieve success in competitions at ●
○ regional and even national level. ○

○ The club has been going since 1994. We have competitions and ○
● friendly games. We run heats of the **UK Chess Challenge** and **UK** ●
○ **Go Challenge**, and have teams in the **Online Junior 4NCL** chess ○
● league and **European City Youth Go League**. ●

○ Parents can leave their children at the club, but are very welcome ○
● to stay and watch, help, or join in playing. ●

○ For more details, text or call Paul on **07503 898934**, or you ○
● can email us at **junclub@chessgo.org.uk**, see our website ○
○ <http://www.chessgo.org.uk> ○
● or just turn up at one of our meetings. ●

