



Drake Primary School & Little Pirates Newsletter



08/10/18

Harvest

As part of our Harvest Festival your child is welcome to bring an item of food to school, to put on our harvest table. We are then going to be giving the donations to the **Thetford Food Bank**. We will be taking food donations from Tuesday 9th October. We are also going to have a special Harvest assembly, for the School, Nursery and Little Pirates, on Wednesday 17th October.

Harvest Dinner

On Wednesday 17th October 2018 the school dinner menu will change to reflect a harvest theme:

Main - Succulent roast pork with apple sauce served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots and gravy.

Vegetarian Option - Vegemince Pasty served with the above vegetables and vegetarian gravy.

Dessert - Orchard Crumble with custard

The jacket potato and pick and mix options will also be available.

Volunteers

Thank you to all of the volunteers who came to our first induction! As soon as your Safeguarding checks are complete you are able to volunteer at school. This week we need volunteers in our library, helping to put books on the system. If you are able to help then let us know. Dennis our site manager will be setting up gardening club this term and I know there are a number of volunteers who are keen to help. Letters with more information about this exciting opportunity will be written and sent out via our new School Council.

Parent Champions

Letters will be written and sent out via our new School Council regarding this important role.

School Council

This week we vote for our new School Councillors! We are also voting for our Eco Schools council. Thank you to Mr Hughes who has organised the Hustings and voting booths. The children are really excited about this chance to work alongside staff and volunteers to take part in wider aspects of school life.

Term Dates

Autumn Term

6/9/18 opens

18/12/18 closes

October Half Term

18/10/18 – 26/10/18

Christmas Holiday

19/12/18 – 02/01/19

Spring Term

03/01/19 – 05/04/19

February Half Term

18/02/19 – 22/02/19

Easter Holiday

08/04/19 – 22/04/19

Summer Term

23/04/19 – 24/07/19

May Bank Holiday

06/05/19

May Half Term

27/05/19 – 31/05/19

Summer Holiday

25/07/19 – 04/09/19

Inset Days – Closed

02/01/18 & 18/10/18
& 19/10/18



Pod News We have had a busy half term being season detectives, looking at the Autumn changes we see around the school. Look out for us photographing the same trees every week to watch the changes, going for walks in the school grounds and looking at the plants and trees. We have collected conkers, leaves and seeds and explored how they feel, smell and look. In Art we have been looking at all the autumn colours and mixing paint to make them. We then made leaf prints with our hands using the colours - we love the way the paint feels on our hands and how it looks on the paper.

Fridays are **Forest School Days** and WE LOVE IT! We have been climbing, sliding, building, playing, mixing, experimenting and see-sawing.

Little Pirates Play & Stays

Tiddlers - Monday 10th December - 2pm - 3:15pm -

Tuesday 11th December - 9:15am - 10:30am

Turtles - Tuesday 11th December - 2pm - 3:15pm

Friday 14th December - 9:15am - 10:30am

Friendly Fish - Wednesday 12th December - 2pm - 3:15pm

Thursday 13th December - 9:15am - 10:30am

Crew - Wednesday 12th December - 9:15am - 10:30am

Friday 14th December - 2pm - 3:15pm

Little Pirates Half Term Holiday Club

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th October and Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October 2018

If you require a place for your child during the October half term, please speak to Karen or Susan as soon as possible.

Little Pirates Christmas Closure Dates

Holiday Club - Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st December 2018. Little Pirates will close for the Christmas break at 5:30pm on Friday 21st December 2018 and re-open on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

Dates for your Diary

Heads Meeting with Parents - Thursday 1st November - 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Please come along to find out about volunteering and take part in the blue sky thinking about our school. Please let a member of the office staff know if you will be attending.