



# Drake Primary School & Little Pirates Newsletter



12/02/19

## Half Term

Half Term is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We hope you have a lovely break and will see you back in school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## Little Pirates Holiday Club

Holiday Club will be running from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. There are a few spaces still available. You can also book ahead for the Easter Holidays **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**. The setting is closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Please speak to Karen or Susan in the Little Pirates office if you require a space for your child.

## Parent Hub App

We now have 85% of students with one or more parents on the app! This is now our main way of communicating with parents so please encourage others that aren't signed up yet to join. If you need any help, please see the office staff.

## Parent Cafes

These are a great opportunity for you to come and work alongside your child. Cafes are from **9.15am-10.15am** - please wait at the side door to the main hall.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 3 - Maths

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 2 - Maths

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 1 - Maths

## Class Assemblies

Your child's class assembly starts at **9:05am** - please wait by the side door to the main hall.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** - Corona Borealis

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - Scorpius

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** - Hydra

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - Gentle Gemini

## School Disco

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** we will be having a Valentines Disco. Tickets are on sale at the school office, at a cost of **£2.50**. This includes a drink and a snack. The disco will take place at the following times- **Reception and Years 1 & 2 - 5pm - 6:30pm, Years 3, 4 & 5 - 6:45pm - 8:15pm**. Please arrive at the front door and collect your children from the side door to the main hall.

## Term Dates

### 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 - 03/09/19

### Autumn Term

04/09/19 - 18/12/19

### October Half Term

21/10/19 - 25/10/19

### Christmas Holiday

19/12/19 - 03/01/20



## *Hearing and Vision Checks*

Checks for the Reception children will be held on the following dates -

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

## *Teacher Changes in Year 1*

Sadly Mrs Victoria Kane is leaving after 11 years of teaching in Drake School, most recently as a Year 1 teacher of the Terrific Tucanas. We wish her all the best for the future.

When the children return after half term, Mr Steve Williams will be teaching the class Monday - Wednesday just as Mrs Kane did and Mrs Mace will be coming in on a few extra days to support the children with the changeover.

## *Introducing - Ms Deirdre Kane, Parent Support Advisor*

Ms Deirdre Kane's role is to support parents/carers and children and help everyone gain the best from their school experience. Occasionally you may have concerns or worries about your child and any home issues that are making school life difficult. Ms Kane is here to help or refer you on to other services if necessary. Ms Kane may also contact you regarding attendance and other school matters.

She is available on Mondays and Tuesdays on a drop in basis for quick queries and other days by appointment. Please call in to the office or call/email to arrange to see her.

## *PE kit reminder*

Please bring a full weather appropriate kit in to school on a Monday and leave it in school until Friday.

## *Forest School kit reminder*

As well as arriving in their forest school clothes with waterproofs and wellies, children also need to bring a full set of spare clothes including shoes and a carrier bag to put any muddy clothing in.

## *Free recorder lessons*

Children from years 3-5 are invited to join the Thetford Music Project for recorder lessons. These are held at the Thetford Academy on Thursdays from 5-30pm-6.30pm in term time. For more information please contact their Director Ann Smith on 01493 750465 or [annsmithbrass@aol.com](mailto:annsmithbrass@aol.com)