

Drake Primary School Newsletter



8th September 2023

Dear Families,

We are thrilled to be back for the start of an exciting year ahead. Our whole school trip to High Lodge was a huge success and the children represented our school beautifully. We were complemented by the staff at High Lodge and also members of the public about the children's behaviour and conduct as well as the wide range of opportunities that were provided throughout the day. This will become a tradition for us and we have been thrilled to receive positive feedback from children and families.

Now back in school, the children have settled back into their classes and the routines of school and are well engaged in their learning. We have started looking at our new value 'hope'. We have discussed the difference between hopes and dreams and how hopes can be for ourselves, others or the world and can be significant or small.

Our new children and staff have settled well too and we are looking forward to welcoming the new reception cohort next week as they begin their transition.

A reminder that our leadership structure has now changed.

Executive Head: Ms Clements McLeod

Head of School: Mrs Mulford

Deputy Head: Miss Theobald

Assistant Head: Mr Hewitt

Assistant Head: Miss Sims

SENDCO: Miss Stuart

As always, if you would like to get in touch with a member of the leadership team or a class teacher, please email the office and this can be arranged for you.

We are very much looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.



Archery at High Lodge

Every Day Matters

It is a statutory requirement for children to attend school every day.

The class with highest attendance this week are

Merian

100 %

Congratulations!



**Whole school attendance
this week: 93.6%**

Secret Student

Named secret students this week are:

Year 1: Julieta, Bonnie

Year 2: Finn, Samuel Fi, Charley

Year 3: Jordan, Freddie

Year 4: Katrina, Teddie, Charley

Year 5: Viktoria, Mason,

Year 6: Louie, Max

These pupils have demonstrated our school values and learning behaviours, well done.

Parent cafes and assemblies

This year, each class will usually have either a café or assembly in each half term. We listened to feedback last year about having assemblies for different classes on the same day and how this made it challenging for some families with multiple children in school, so only in exceptional circumstances would this happen. All café's or assemblies start at 9:00 am. Assemblies last about 20 minutes and cafés are 9:00-10:00.

To allow the children to settle in, there are no assemblies in the first two weeks. Therefore for Autumn term, it might be that both are held in the second half term.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Reception	Café 19/10/23	Assembly 12/12/23
Year 1	Café 12/10/23	Merian assembly 14/11 Rashford assembly 21/11
Year 2	Café 28/9/23	Earhart assembly 28/11 Tabei assembly 5/12
Year 3	Joint Assembly 17/10/23	Café 30/11
Year 4	Maathai assembly 3/10 Turing assembly 10/10	Café 16/11
Year 5		Assembly 7/11 Café 23/11
Year 6	Joint assembly 26/9/23	Café 9/11
SRB	Café 5/10	Assembly with year group

Prefect Update

Every week our prefects will provide their highlights from around school.

Our Year 6 Prefects have been selected as role models for the children in our school. They support in assemblies and with showing visitors around school. They champion different aspects of school life such as sports, attendance and reading.

Our Prefects are led by the Head Pupils

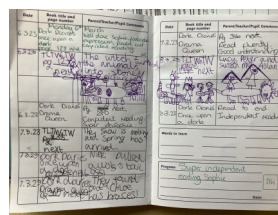
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Our other prefects are:

Caleb, Millie, Emily, Dylan, Summer, Liyana,
Lucy, Amber, Lucas

Reading

It is important that children read every day. On a Monday, reading diaries are checked and teachers award gold stars for children who have read more than 7 times.



Daily run

To support mental and physical health and well-being, children run every day.

This week's award is to:

KS1: Tabei
KS2 Hadid and Turing

PE, Forest School and Swimming in September

PE

Reception— Monday
Year 1— Friday
Year 2—Tuesday
Year 3— Monday
Year 4— Tuesday

Forest School

Year 2—Thursday
Year 3—Tuesday
Year 4—Friday

Swimming

Year 6—Monday
Year 5—Tuesday

Our PE Kit consists of black shorts or trousers with the house colour PE t-shirt. The school white t-shirt can also be worn but will no longer be available to buy. Please buy your child's school colour t-shirt for PE from now on. If not using a t-shirt with a Drake logo, please ensure that the t-shirt is plain.

For swimming, children should wear a navy costume (full one piece or swimming trunks—not shorts)

For Forest school children should wear long trousers and long sleeved top. For wet weather, please bring waterproof clothing and wellington boots. Spare clothes and a carrier bag should also be sent to school on these days so that we can return wet/dirty clothing. Please remember that we will go out to forest school in all weathers and as such, children should have the appropriate clothing.

Feature Podcast

Our children contribute to school life and learning through our Drake Radio.

You can listen live

<https://player.broadcast.radio/?autoplay=1&stationId=730>

Dates for your Diary

All scheduled events are included in class newsletters and added to the school website calendar. <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/diary/grid/2023/01/>

We aim to provide as much notice as possible for school events, but there are sometimes opportunities that arrive at short notice. As new events are created, we will list them here and then to the calendar for future reference.

Autumn Term dates

15th September: Year 4 trip
21st September: Year 6 History experience day
22nd September: Year 3 trip
26th September: Year 2 trip
28th September: Year 5 visit
5th October: Year 1 trip
9th October: Year 2 visit
20th October: Last day of Half Term

30th October: Autumn 2 begins
20th December: Last day of term, school closes at 1pm

MALLARDS

Our MALLARDS are busy planning events to take place for this academic year.

We are still looking for more members to join our team and provide the wide range of opportunities for children and parents and support the school with fundraising. If you would like to join, please email us.

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