

# SRB Newsletter

## Thunberg and Arday



### Autumn 1

Dear Families,

We are really looking forward to welcoming your children back for the start of the new school year and hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays.

As you know there have been some changes in the SRB, we now have two classrooms names after Greta Thunberg and Jason Arday. Mrs Grainger will be teaching Reception and KS1 children in Thunberg and Mrs Saleh will be teaching the KS2 children in Arday.

We have an experienced SRB support team with Ms Creswell, Mrs Smith, Ms Sinden and Ms Scofield and we are also welcoming Mrs Fosker to our team. We would also like to congratulate Ms Burke on her marriage during the summer holidays. She will now be known as Mrs Jones and will continue to be the SRB lead.

Just a little reminder that drop off time is 8:40am in the main hall unless your child goes directly to their mainstream classroom. The school day ends at 3:15pm and you will be aware of any accommodations made for your child at the end of the school day.

Our school rules are in place to keep everybody safe:

- 1) Praise, no put down
- 2) Hands, feet and objects to yourself
- 3) Follow instructions
- 4) Talk quietly, stay on task

Don't forget to let us know of any changes in your circumstances or new interests that have developed for your child over the summer holidays. You can do this by emailing the office or sharing any news in your child's communication book.



## Transition week

Last term we really enjoyed spending time with all of the children in the SRB during transition week. In Thunberg class, the children enjoyed carrying out activities such as cooking, painting, playing in the outdoor space along with making shapes and faces out of playdough. It was lovely to meet so many parents at the SRB café and Mrs Grainger looks forward to spending time with all the children during the Attention Autism interventions.

In Arday class we were very fortunate to have a visit from Jason Arday himself! This was an exciting and inspiring meeting, which we hope to be able to repeat in the future. The rest of the week was spent on Art projects, baking and getting to know each other, in and outside of the classroom.

## School Value

This half term, our value focus is Hope. We will be working with the children closely to help them understand what their hopes are for this academic year and how we can best support them to achieve. We will build confidence that we are all able to grow through both our successes and our failures.

## Forest School /Music

**Forest school:** This half term Arday class will join Year 4 for Forest School every Friday morning commencing the 22nd of September. Please come into school in forest school clothing (with a change of clothes, wellies and waterproofs).

**Music:** This term we will be having weekly music sessions with Mrs Carruthers, our music in residence. Music sessions will be on Wednesday mornings, we will let you know in due course which instruments the children will be learning to play.

### Home Learning

**Reading (including reading diaries):** Please listen to your child read any text, aim for 5 times every week. Remember to record any reading in your Reading Record. Children who read 7 times will get a star and extra merits.

A fun way to encourage your child to read is a game called 'tag reading'. In this game you model reading a sentence/paragraph or page then 'tag' your child to continue reading. Your child can 'tag' you back if they get stuck.

#### Suggested websites:

**Sumdog** Use this website to practise your maths skills: [www.sumdog.com/en/](http://www.sumdog.com/en/)

**BBC Bitesize:** Explore this website for all areas of the curriculum to support your child: <https://www.bbcbitesize.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

### Reading Diaries

Reading is a fundamental part of our school. Children must read every day, this supports learning across the curriculum. The reading diary should be completed every time the children read, starting a new page each week.

### Important Dates

**6th September:** High lodge—whole school

**15th September:** Norwich Castle Museum—Year 4

**18th September:** Gressenhall—Year 6

**21st September:** Flu vaccinations—whole school

**22nd September:** Norwich Castle museum—Year 3

**26th September:** Time and Tyde Museum—Year 2

**5th October:** Measurement nurses—Year 6

**9th October:** Music event Carnegie—Year 2

**5th October:** SRB cafe

**W/b 23rd October—**Half term

## We look forward to sharing our learning with you over the next half term....

Take a look at our pictures from back in July and from our transition week by using the QR codes bellow.



## School Councils and groups

The pupil led councils will continue this year with the same members. These will change in January. School councils work within their specialist areas with a member of staff to discuss what is done currently at school and share ideas to develop their areas further.

## Behaviour

In school, we earn merits for demonstrating our learning powers, positive behaviours and outstanding effort and achievement.

We can also earn a class marble when we work well as a class to achieve something.

Secret students are picked randomly daily. The class staff will observe the secret student throughout the day. When the secret student has made good choices throughout the day. We share these on our school website.

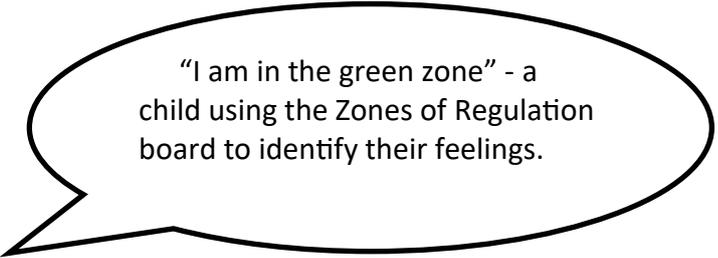
To see the secret students for last half term, visit: : <https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.secure□primarysite.net/secret-student>

## Attendance

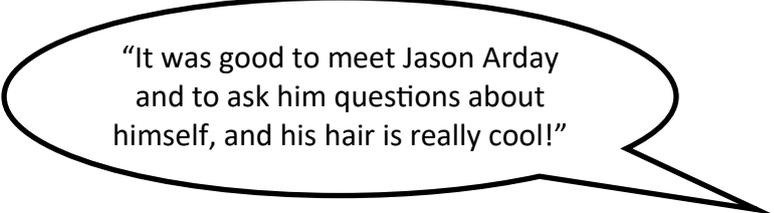
The attendance expectation attendance at Drake Primary School is 100%.

We look forward to working together to ensure high attendance across the year.

## Pupil voice



"I am in the green zone" - a child using the Zones of Regulation board to identify their feelings.



"It was good to meet Jason Arday and to ask him questions about himself, and his hair is really cool!"

## Safeguarding Notice

At Drake, we understand that it is important for all of us to work together as a community to take an active role in teaching children about online safety. In school, we use National Online Safety resources which provide us with resources for our teachers and our families.

Use the links below to find a variety of resources and helpful videos/posters which provide vital information about current games, apps, and platforms that the children may be accessing and steps you can take to keep them safe.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/drake-primary-school>

You can also download the National Online Safety app on any device

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

The website is a fantastic window into learning at our school. SRB information including photos and curriculum content can be found at <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/autism-specialist-resource-base-srb-1/>

If you have any questions about the classroom or any other school related issue, please do not hesitate to email the school office:, we will either email you or arrange a time to call you.

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