

# Drax Community Primary School

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## Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Drax Community Primary School.

We have had a super start today! All the children (and staff!) have started the new term with joy and enthusiasm and I am so proud of how smart our pupils looked in their uniforms this morning.

There have been a few changes around school over the Summer including the new gates and fencing, which will help us to keep your children safe, and even a new Library in the old Class Three classroom. It is lovely to have a space in which children can enjoy reading, as well as where we can eat our lunch and gather for assembly without disrupting the learning environments.

There has also been a change to the organization of the school day in Class 1, where morning and afternoon playtimes are now built into the free-flow provision, with the children joining Class 2 for lunchtime playtime. This is something we are trialing this year to enable learning to happen at the rate of individual pupils enabling them to work in a calm and relaxed atmosphere.

As part of our Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education, we have chosen Global Learning as a driver for our curriculum this year. Linked to this we shall be participating in UNICEF's 'Rights Respecting Schools' Award; we shall send you more information about this shortly.

We have a number of clubs running this year too, with KS1 Multi-Skills (after school Tuesdays), KS2 'Ninja Club' (before school Thursdays) and I shall be hosting a KS1 story club (Story Explorers) in our Library on the first Monday of every month (3.30-4.00pm) – dates will be in Friday's newsletter.

Parents continue to be invited to Award Assemblies every Friday at 3.00pm (we have some new awards too!) starting next week on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September; this year, this is open to all parents every week.

We are really hoping to start a PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) this year to help provide as many valuable and enjoyable experiences for our children as we can. If you would like to be a part of this, please let Mrs Seager know!

Yours sincerely,

Claire-Marie Habbishaw  
(Head Teacher)

The designated person for Safeguarding is Miss CM Habbishaw  
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