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Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Another, brilliant, busy week at Drax Community Primary School!

Today, we are celebrating our 121st Birthday as a school, so the children have enjoyed biscuit decorating, party games and cake! More on our Birthday celebrations later on in the newsletter.

We also had out local MP, Nigel Adams, visiting the school this morning, to discover more about our new project of admitting 3 year olds for 15 hours a week. He enjoyed meeting our current children and helped them to decorate their biscuits!

Also this week, Class 1 have been learning about baby animals and Neil Armstrong, and yesterday, 3 pupils from Class 2 attended an "Able Writers" day at Riverside School in Tadcaster. They spent a day learning how to write scripts with one of the writers from the acclaimed BBC series "Dr Who". I was lucky enough to accompany the three children, and of course, added to the day by wearing my Dalek earrings!

House Points

House Points are awarded for positive displays of social and emotional behaviour.

This week's winners are Red Eagles with 40! (Dino Sam: 30 Minion Madness 31) Well done to all the teams for their efforts in this week.

(Cumulative points: Red Eagles: 96 Dino Sam: 83 Minion Madness:72)

Attendance

Our overall school attendance this week has been 93.7% So close to our school target of 96%!! Let's aim for that next week!

Well done Class 1 for having 94.3% attendance this week!!!

Please remember that the bell goes at 8.55am in the mornings and your child(ren) should be in school before this time.
ALL children should be bringing a warm coat to wear at playtimes as we continue to be suffering cold weather

Pick-it-up Tidy-up Award

Class 1 has won this week! Well done!!

Merit Certificates

Class 1	Oliver Br for persevering with his numeracy when he found it tricky, Maia for excellent Numeracy work
Class 2	Millie for excellent accuracy in drawing and sketching, Molly for taking great care to be accurate when painting with watercolours, Imaan for thinking hard and answering difficult questions about teamwork, Erin for giving sensible and thoughtful answers to questions from our cricket coach.

Behaviour

The designated person for Safeguarding is Miss CM Habbishaw
The deputy designated person for Safeguarding is Mrs J Warrington

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As usual, overall, behaviour has been excellent this week. I am always very proud of the way our children behave when we have important visitors in school, but also when they are involved in an event at another school, they confidently promote themselves and the school in a very favourable light.

Dinner Money

Once again, please can I remind parents that ALL dinner monies should be paid in advance on a Monday and that meals are £2.10 per day (full week is £10.50). You are welcome to pay for more than a week at a time, but that should also be in advance.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please make use of our wonderful Breakfast club on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.30! Each session costs £1 to cover the cost of food, and you can use it as little or often as you like. I'm delighted to inform you that on **23rd March**, at morning break, lovely hot, buttery toast will again be available for 20p a slice.

STAY AND PLAY

Stay and Play will take place on Tuesday morning. Parents and/or adult friends or family of children in Reception, or Year 1 are welcome to spend some time in school finding out about their child's learning.

PARENTAL SURVEYS

Please place any completed parental surveys (Sent out just before half term) in the box in the entrance hall.

BIG BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

As well as our fairly low key celebrations today, we will be holding a "High Tea" event on **Wednesday 16th March at 2pm**, to which all family members, or other people known to you who have attended the school in the past, are invited to come in and talk to pupils about the school in the past. If anyone has any photographs or other mementoes, please bring them along. We are also asking children to come along dressed in Victorian dress for the day – as simple as a white shirt or blouse and short or long trousers for the boys and a long skirt for the girls. Any additional extras to authenticate the costume further are of course welcome!

JOSEPH AND HIS AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

If you have not already given your contribution for this trip, or need to make further contributions, please remember to do so by the end of term, 24th March 2016. If you have lost the original letter, please ask Mrs Seager for another copy.

Key Dates

16th March Our 121st Birthday Celebrations!

24th March – Term Finishes 3.30pm

12th April – Summer Term begins 8.55am

13th April - Theatre Visit to see Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor DreamCoat

2nd May - May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed

W/c 9th May – Year 6 SATS week

Yours sincerely,

Claire-Marie Habbishaw
(Head Teacher)