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Newsletter

12th February 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

Here we are at the end of another half term and already half way through the school year. Where has it gone?!

This week was Science Week in school and the children have really enjoyed learning about materials through creativity and investigation. We were so excited to have the opportunity to work with a real scientist, Mr Warrington, on Wednesday to support our learning. You can see our work in Big Books which will be on display in the Library after half term.

Yesterday, I received a very touching email from a family who were at Mansion House on Wednesday morning visiting a relative at a very sad and painful time. The email was thank our children, and Mrs Longden who accompanied them, for making a difficult occasion happier as they listened to the children singing in the main lounge and for repeating a favourite song by request.

I am so proud of our children, your children; they make Drax Community Primary School a very special place.

I hope you and all the children have a lovely half term break and use it to relax and rejuvenate, ready for next half term which begins on **TUESDAY** 23rd February.

House Points

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

This week's winners are **Minion Madness** with 68! (**Red Eagles: 35** **Dino Sam: 39**) Well done to all the teams for their efforts in this week.

(Cumulative points: **Red Eagles:338**, **Dino Sam: 307** **Minion Madness:258**)

Attendance

Our overall school attendance this week has been 94.05%, just missing our school target.

Well done Class 2 for having 95.6% attendance this week! Fabulous!!

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

Last week (w/e 5/2/16), the Staff room won the award! This week, the award has been shared by both the girls' toilets and the boys' toilets. Mrs Iles says "the girls' toilets are very tidy and the boys are a lot better!" Well Done for keeping these areas of the school tidy!

Merit Certificates

Class 1	EVERYONE IN CLASS ONE for excellent behaviour and fabulous effort in our whole-school Volleyball session with GB athlete Ben Pipes!!
Class 2	Nicola for always making an excellent effort with homework and returning it on time, Phoebe for showing maturity and good grace, Finley for excellent participation in discussions in Science

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Behaviour

Behaviour has continued to be excellent this week and this half term! Well done everybody! Let's see if we can continue this for next term!

CRAZY HAIR DAY – FRIDAY 5th FEBRUARY and WEAR RED DAY – MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Thank you to everyone who participated in both of these fundraising days. I am delighted to inform you that the Crazy Hair day raised £78 which will be divided between the Clic Sargent and Cancer for Children UK charities and the Wear Red day raised £38 for Children's Heart Surgery Fund.

GB ATHLETE VISIT

Today, we had the GB Volleyball athlete, Ben Pipes, coming in to work with the children. **ALL PE KITS MUST BE TAKEN HOME TONIGHT FOR THE HALF TERM BREAK.**

HOMEWORK BAGS

Further to the letter last week regarding homework, please can I request parents check the contents against the list in the bag to ensure all the contents are returned in the bag ready for the next child

Dinner Money

Please can I remind parents that all Dinner monies should be paid in advance on a Monday morning. A full week costs £10.50 (each day is £2.10). You can pay for longer periods if you wish, but this should still be paid in advance. Please pay any arrears as soon as possible. If you are unsure whether you have any arrears, please see Mrs Seager. If anyone has problems in paying any arrears in one lump sum, please speak to Mrs Seager or myself in confidence to arrange payment terms. If no contact is made, we are required to send the debts to NYCC to chase.

CHANGES TO THE MENU W/B 22nd FEBRUARY

MONDAY- INSET DAY

TUESDAY – AS MENU Week 1

WEDNESDAY – **Chocolate banana cake** NOT yoghurt and Shortbread

THURSDAY – **Fish Fingers, Ketchup, Broccoli, Carrots, Sauté potatoes, wholemeal bread and Yoghurt**

FRIDAY – **Minced Beef Tortilla Wrap, Veg sticks, Potato Wedges, Peach Crumble and Vanilla Sauce**

The changes are due to staffing issues at Camblesforth, and are for the week after half term ONLY.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please make use of our wonderful Breakfast club on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.30! Each session cost £1 to cover the cost of food, and you can use it as little or often as you like! Every time the children come to Breakfast club their name is put into a draw, which is drawn at the end of each half term. This half term's winners are:

1st: Jake, 2nd: Casper, 3rd: Ryan, 4th: Nicola, 5th: Florence, 6th: Maia!

After half term, on **24th February** and **9th March**, at morning break, lovely hot, buttery toast will be available for 20p a slice. If this proves popular we may look at providing it on a regular basis.

STAY AND PLAY

STAY AND PLAY sessions will resume on 23rd February, after the half term holiday.

SAFEGUARDING

Would parents please note that due to a requirement to change aspects of Safeguarding the back door of the main building is now on an automatic lock. If you come into school via that door, please try and ensure you shut the door behind you.

Key Dates

15th – 19th February – Half Term Holiday

22nd February – INSET day

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23rd February – Term resumes 8.55am

24th March – Term Finishes 3.30pm

w/c 9th May – Year 6 SATS week

Yours sincerely,

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