

# Drax Community Primary School

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## Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had another busy week at Drax Community Primary School!

Our topic this term of “Stories” continues and this week Class One have been looking at “Room On The Broom” and “Handa’s Suprise” They have made potions for the witch in Room on the Broom and have tasted the fruit that Handa carried in her basket.

Class 2 have been taking time to improve their Mental Maths scores and learning about fractions. In Literacy they have been writing “Twisted Fairy-Tales”!

### House Points

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

**This week’s winners are Dino Sam** with 41! (: **Red Eagles: 40** **Minion Madness: 26** ) Well done to all the teams for their efforts in this week.

(Cumulative points: **Red Eagles:153**, **Dino Sam: 155** **Minion Madness:99**)

### Attendance

*Our overall school attendance* this week has been 97.5%, smashing our school target!!

Well done Class 1 for having 100% attendance this week! Brilliant!!

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 appear to be having a cold snap.**

### Pick-it-up Tidy-up Award

This week Class 3/Library has won! Well done to everyone for keeping those areas so tidy!

### Merit Certificates

Class 1	<b>Maia</b> for creating a fabulous Fairy Garden, <b>Oliver Davey</b> for settling in to school really well.
Class 2	<b>Florence</b> for an <b>excellent</b> effort with Homework, <b>Joe</b> for <b>excellent</b> independent writing of a twisted fairy-tale, <b>Reece</b> for <b>excellent</b> effort and concentration in Mental Maths

### Behaviour

Behaviour has continued to be excellent this week! Well done everybody! Let’s keep this going for the rest of the term!

### 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.

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

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## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Please note on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January ONLY Breakfast club will run from 8am to accommodate the early start for KS2.

## **KS2 CROSS COUNTRY AT TADCASTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

If your child is not attending Breakfast Club on Monday morning, please remember they MUST be at school by 8.25 am at the very latest. They will require a Packed-Lunch to eat on our return to school. Please remember WARM CLOTHING and a water bottle. Please also supply a carrier bag to store clothes in when competing. Due to the consistency of the grounds at Tadcaster Grammar School, we have been advised that children should wear football boots with studs if at all possible, or failing that, strong trainers. Pumps and plimsolls will not be suitable!!

## **STAY AND PLAY**

STAY AND PLAY will take place **TUESDAY** from **9am**. Family members of children in **NURSERY, RECEPTION and YEAR 1** are most welcome to stay.

## **MATERIALS PLEASE!**

If you have any laces, wool or ribbons that you no longer require, we are desperate for these type of items at school for craft purposes. Please leave any donations with Mrs Seager. We also need the insides of kitchen rolls, newspapers and buttons.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Would parents please note that due to a requirement to change aspects of the 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**

**25<sup>th</sup> January – KS2 Cross-Country at Tadcaster Grammar School**

**2<sup>nd</sup> February – KS1 visit to St George's Hall, Bradford to see "We're Going on a Bear Hunt"**

**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term Holiday**

**22<sup>nd</sup> February – INSET day**

**w/c 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS week**

Yours sincerely,

Claire-Marie Habbishaw  
(Head Teacher)