



School Newsletter

Friday 4th March

We hope you had a relaxing week and it is lovely to have all the children back in school after the half term break.

World Book Day

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day 2022. We shared our favourite books with other classes, dressed up as book characters, watched the live world book day feed, and participated in quizzes and competitions. We finished our day with a parade and had great fun whilst further developing our love of books!



This is what our pupils thought.
 "I enjoyed dressing up because it was fun getting the costume and seeing everybody else's costume". **Emilia**

"I really liked world book day because dressing up is really fun and seeing everyone in their costumes is even better. I also enjoyed it because of the competition, this year we drew our own version of our books". **Marcy**

Parent's Forum

On Wednesday 9th March at 1:30pm parents are invited to join Mr Halford on Teams for a virtual cup of tea. The forum topics will be communication and reading, parents can also email in any topic they would like to discuss by Tuesday 8th March. If you would like to come to this online event, please contact the office and you will be sent a Teams link. We look forward to seeing you on online, on Wednesday.

Important Dates	
Wednesday 9th March	Parent's Forum
Thursday 10th March	KS2 Dance Festival
Thursday 17th March	DSSP Virtual Gymnastics
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 24th March	ELC Cross Country, Bicton College
Tuesday 5th April	Hockey/Handball Competition
Thursday 7th April	DSSP KS2 Cross Country
w/b 10th April	Reports out

After School Sports Club

Mr Luxa will be running an After School Multi Sports Club for years 1-6, every Tuesday afternoon until Easter, 3.05-4.00pm. The club starts on Tuesday, 8th March. It will be £3 per child per week. If your child would like to attend please email the school office and make the payment on ParentPay.

After School Football

The Exeter City Community Trust fun football is back on every Monday 'til Easter. Next session Monday 7th March 15:30-16:30 Stantyway Field, £3 per child per session. This is for children aged 5-11, please contact Ed Suttie on 07799847670 or at Ed2NorthPole@gmail.com

Attendance

Drake's C of E Primary School wants **all** the children within our care to have the best possible attendance at school to enable each and every one of them to **reach their full potential**.

Every child is entitled to an education, parents who do not ensure that their child receives an appropriate education put their whole future at risk. Being absent from school means a lost learning opportunity. The **minimum satisfactory attendance as set by the Government is 96%** Absences soon add up **80% attendance is the same as having 1 day off a week!** Any child with attendance **below 90%**, regardless of the reason for the absence is considered to be a persistent absentee. Persistent absentees are less likely to achieve their full potential and may be referred to the Education Welfare Officer.

There are **2 types** of absences from school:

Authorised Absences—Where a child has a valid and legitimate reason for being absent which is accepted by the school

Unauthorised Absences—Where an absence is unexplained or the reason given for the absence is not accepted by the school.

Why attend school regularly?

Take full advantage of the educational opportunities available
 To make a positive contribution to the school and the local community
 To increase the opportunities of being successful in later life

Some tips to help with getting ready for school every day

1. Help your child get their school bag ready the night before
2. Make sure uniforms are washed and put out ready to put on
3. Make sure your child goes to bed at a reasonable time on a school night
4. Set your family alarm clock to allow plenty of time to get ready and have breakfast
5. Punctuality is important - make sure you allow enough time to get to school on time
6. If you have any worries about your child, their learning, their health or any change in your family circumstances speak to your child's teacher

Punctuality

Thank you to everyone that has given a big push and improved their punctuality! When your child is late it is not only impacting on their attendance but it is also disruptive to the rest of the class when they are settled and starting their lessons. School drop-off starts from 8:45am and children will need to be in school by **8:55am** to start their lessons. Parents must drop off their child at the gates where a member of staff will be present. Any child arriving between **8.55 and 9.05 will be marked as late** and any child arriving **after 9.05 will be marked down as an unauthorised absence. If mornings are a struggle, why not give Early Morning Club a try, open from 8am, breakfast and activities are included.** If your child is not going to be in school you must let the office know by 9.00am please. If your child has a school dinner booked then this cannot be cancelled after 9.10 so if you have not let us know then you will still be charged.

Joshua 1:9

This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go