



Drapers' Pyrgo
Priory School

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Newsletter January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year

Office Opening times

To ensure the safeguarding and confidentiality of all our staff and pupils, as from January 14th 2019 we will only be opening the school foyer for office enquiries 10 minutes before and 10 minutes at the end of the school day. We ask that you kindly wait for your children on the benches outside. We will also be applying for more all-weather waiting shelters to be erected as part of our School Travel Plan.

Reception places

If you have any friends or family that are interested in their child starting at Drapers' Pyrgo please encourage them to apply. They can book a personal tour of the school with me by contacting the school office.

Children born between 01 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 are due to start in Reception in September 2019

The application deadline to apply for Reception for September 2019 is Tuesday 15 January 2019, applications received after this date will be late.

Full details about applying for Reception including the admissions criteria for all Infant and Primary schools are available at www.havering.gov.uk/admissions.

Nursery Open Days

Please note that, as well as morning and afternoon nursery sessions, we are now providing 30-hour nursery places. For more information, please contact our school office in the first instance.

We will be holding Nursery Open Days on:

Tuesday 5th March 2019 - 9.30 am and 1.30 pm

Please call the school office on 01708 342165 to register your interest.

If you are unable to attend on the above date, personal tours are also available on request. Please call 01708 342165 to book an appointment.

Jigsaw: a PSHE Programme

We are pleased to announce that the school is introducing a new PSHE programme this term. Jigsaw is a mindful approach to PSHE which integrates personal, social, health and economic education with an emphasis on emotional literacy, mental health and spiritual development. The programme aims to help children know and value who they really are and how they relate to other people in this ever-changing world.

This term the whole school will be focusing on 'Dream and Goals' with a particular focus on developing perseverance, working towards a goal and supporting others to achieve their goals.

For further information about the programme please visit: <https://www.jigsawpshe.com/information-for-parents-and-carers/>

Attendance

We welcome our new, full-time attendance officer who will be based in the school. Mrs Can will be here to support you in ensuring that your children arrive on time and attend regularly.

She will also be checking on children who are not collected on time at the end of the school day as this affects theirs and their peers learning.

Farewell

We say farewell to Mrs Judd and wish her every future success.

Clubs

Clubs will resume from the week commencing 14th January.

School Uniform Sale

Friends of Pyrgo will be selling our stock of school uniform at much reduced prices. The sales will be held in the school hall each Friday before school begins, starting on 17th January from 8.30am.



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House Team Competition

The closing date for children to return their entries has been extended to Friday 17th January.

sQuid Reminder

Please check your child's account to ensure that outstanding debts are paid and that it is in credit for the commencement of the Spring Term. If debts go over £10, then your child will be provided with a sandwich if they order a school dinner until the debt is cleared.

Adverse weather

You should have received a letter before Christmas explaining our bad weather plans. A copy can be found on our website. It is very important that we have up-to-date contact numbers in the eventuality that the school has to close for any reason. Please contact the school office if you are not receiving parent mails.

Safeguarding reminder

Please can parents and carers close the school gates behind them when entering and leaving the school.

Term Dates

2018-2019

Spring Term

Monday 7th January 2019 – Friday 12th April 2019

(Half Term Holiday Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February)

Summer Term

Monday 29th April 2019 – Wednesday 24th July 2019

(Half Term Holiday Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May)

Inset Days (School closed to pupils on these dates)

- Friday 15th March 2019
- Friday 21st June 2019

2019-2020

Autumn Term

Wednesday 4th September 2019 – Friday 20th December 2019

(Half Term Holiday Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October)

Spring Term

Monday 6th January 2020 – Friday 3rd April 2020

(Half Term Holiday Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February)

Summer Term

Monday 20th April 2020 – Wednesday 22nd July 2020

(Half Term Holiday Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May)

Inset Days (School closed to pupils on these dates)

Dates to be confirmed.

Dates for the diary

JANUARY 29th YOUNG VOICES AT O2 ARENA

FEBRUARY 5TH YR5/YR6 ROAD SAFETY SHOW – “CHICKEN”.

FEBRUARY 12TH YR1/YR2 – DOGWORTHY'S MAGIC SHOW.

HALF TERM: 18TH FEBRUARY 2019 – 22ND FEBRUARY 2019

FEBRUARY 25TH SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO PUPILS

FEBRUARY 26TH PARENT CONSULTATION MEETING 3:30PM-5:30PM

FEBRUARY 28TH PARENT CONSULTATION MEETING 4:30PM – 6:30PM

APRIL 12TH SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER

EASTER HOLIDAYS: 15TH APRIL 2019 – 26TH APRIL 2019

APRIL 29TH SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO PUPILS' FOR SUMMER TERM