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Dear Parents

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2018 at Droxford Junior School! We hope you had an enjoyable, fun-filled, Christmas holiday. Thank you to everyone who attended the lovely Christmas Services before the holiday break and to all the children and staff who worked so hard behind the scenes. A special thank you to Ms Jacobs (who wrote the service) and the Year 3 / 4 team. We all feel very proud to be working here at our lovely school.

Our aim for your holidays is to enjoy time with family and friends, recharge batteries and recuperate. However, if you are ever at a loss for ideas please use our website for ideas of enrichment activities.

<http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/enrichment-tasks/>

There are times however, when there will be some extra consolidation work for our older children. Towards SATs in May there may be some additional, specific tasks set by our Year 6 teachers for homework. Nonetheless, in school we aim to motivate and inspire and are dedicated to make your child's learning enjoyable and enriching! Our vision for Droxford Junior School is that we provide outstanding opportunities for all our children to excel.

We welcome any support from yourselves to enrich the learning in any way and look forward to working in partnership with parents, governors, staff, our village community in order for our children to flourish! If you wish to come and talk to our children about your profession, religion, culture or hobby for instance, then please don't hesitate to contact us. The children would really enjoy it!

Library

We are very pleased to announce some exciting new additions to our non-fiction stock in the library this term. With the help of some suggestions from our school librarians, we have purchased books on a wide range of non-curriculum related subjects from coding to cuddly animals. We focused on books that would really appeal to all readers with amazing illustrations and interesting content. The books have been shared with the children in an assembly and are now available to be borrowed.

We would like to thank FODS for this generous contribution towards our permanent library stock.



School Improvement Priorities 2017-2018

Each year the school evaluates its working practice and produces a developmental document called a School Improvement Plan (SIP). As you can imagine the school has many strengths but we know we can always develop and strengthen our practice.

Our objectives are as follows...

- Ensure disadvantaged, SEN and 'at risk' children make excellent progress.
- Develop Droxford Junior School (DJS) Assessment for Learning (AfL) to ensure all children make excellent progress.
- Ensure DJS curriculum is dynamically designed to meet the needs of all children.
- Maintain the development of leadership capacity throughout the school.
- Ensure the collegiate approach to pedagogy at Droxford Junior School enables higher levels of resilience and independence within our children.
- Develop the profile of PHSE and safeguarding to ensure all our children make positive contributions to school life and understand how to stay safe in modern Britain.

I fully appreciate that some of this terminology may not be readily understood. To put this in to perspective our core purpose is for all children to learn in a safe and enjoyable school. Our curriculum is key to this as are the adults that teach it. Therefore we are continually developing our curriculum and assessment process to meet the needs of all learners. We are also teaching the children to be more resilient and learn by their mistakes through the 'Growth Mindset' approach, developed by the University of Portsmouth.

To view the School Improvement Plan please visit our website...

<http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/school-improvement/>

Curriculum overviews and Year group Newsletters

Each term Ms Jacobs and Mrs Smith put together a newsletter and curriculum overview to ensure you have an understanding of what your child will be experiencing in the forthcoming weeks. Paper copies will be sent out shortly. Electronic copies can be viewed on our website following the link below...

<http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/letters-forms-newsletters/newsletters/>

Calendar

Dates for diaries can be found on our website on our interactive calendar. This can be synched to any electronic device. The instructions for this are on the same page...

<http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/calendar-4/>

Dates worth noting include: Year 3 applications close Monday 15th January (we have plenty of places and still some in the current Years 3-6); Year 3 / 4 trip to the Gilbert White Museum on Thursday 25th January and two days before on the 23rd January its NATIONAL PIE day!



'Drox' electric kit car.

The 2018 racing season beckons!

We are looking for a new team of interested **Year 5** children and parents. If **you and your child** would be interested in taking part in the project please complete the reply slip or email the school office.

It is essential that families commit to attending practice sessions and the two racing events if possible:

Saturday 10th March 2016 – HMS Excellent, Portsmouth

TBC – 'Gathering of the Goblins' - Goodwood

<http://www.greenpower.co.uk/node/681>

There will be a half an hour planning meeting for **just interested parents** on Monday 15th January at 6:00pm. This will be to schedule dates and allocate tasks. We will need parents to join either the technical team or the administration team. Commitment to the whole two term project is key and extremely welcomed! Please complete and return the reply slip at the end of this newsletter or contact the office if you wish to attend.

School Dinners

The cost of lunches is £2.15 per day. Total cost for the first half of Spring Term will be £58.05 and the second half will be £62.35. If your child is in Year 4 and going to Runways End please deduct £6.45. If you wish to pay by cheque please make it payable to 'HCC'.

Parents evening

This term's parent & child consultations will be on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February. Details of which will be made available in a separate communication. The hugely successful 'Roving Bookshop' will be with us on the Thursday and open for business from 8:30 a.m until 7p.m.



Finally, I believe this will be a highly successful term for all our children and have every confidence it will be. The staff at this school are highly committed, creative and talented and will do their utmost for all children to achieve!

Once again I wish you all a very **Happy and successful New Year!**

Yours sincerely

Matthew Dampier
Headteacher



The Drox - Greenpower Goblin kit car project 2018 – Year 5

We would like to take part in the after school / weekend project.

Child's Name

Learning Base

Name of parent:

I will be attending the meeting for parents on Monday 15th January at 6:00pm

Signed:..... Date:.....

WILLIAM COLLINS TRUST



CAN WE HELP YOU?

Our local trust was set up to benefit the children and students from The Bridge parishes who could do with a bit of financial help with their education.

We have recently helped fund:

- School residential trips
- Students books
- Equipment for coursework
- Extra-curricular educational activities

So if you would like our help are under 25 and live in Droxford, Meonstoke, Corhampton or Exton, go to the William Collins Trust link at www.bridgechurches.org.uk and fill out our form. Or contact us in confidence:

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