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JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Open afternoon

Giving parents the opportunity to view children's work before the end of term, we are having an 'open afternoon' on Wednesday 19th July. Anyone is welcome in to school (via the front door) to go to their child's class, between 3 – 5p.m. **Years 3 / 4** are having their **Roman day** so it will be an exciting, colourful and memorable afternoon. Children are invited to dress up in Roman costumes and throughout the day, they will take part in fun, Roman-themed activities which give them a greater insight into how the Romans lived. It will also be an opportunity for you to have an informal conversation with the teaching staff, post reports, if you so wish. Time to celebrate!

Sport Update

Thank you to all who attended Sports day #1. Just a reminder that the competitive races for Sports day #2 will take place on Monday 24th July at 10 a.m.

School Uniform

A number of individual school uniform styles are beginning to creep in. Please could I remind parents of the uniform policy. It is worth noting we only have dark grey trousers now and the school logo should be on shirts and jumpers – Thank you.

Sweatshirts / Cardigans	-	Blue school issue (with logo) or similar colour
Fleeces	-	Blue school issue.
Polo shirts	-	White or blue school issue (with logo) - collar or polo
Skirts/Pinafore/Trousers	-	Dark Grey
Socks/tights	-	White, grey or black
Footwear	-	Black Shoes or sandals suitable for school activities (no trainers in classroom)

PE Kit

Trainers for outdoor PE	-	Socks must be worn
Shirts	-	School issue or plain blue
Shorts	-	Black
Track suits	-	(optional) Black or plain blue

PE Kit items must be in a named drawstring PE bag (or similar)

Staffing for September

Your child will find out this week who their class teacher is next year. Exciting times, especially for Years 2 & 6 who we wish every success with their new school transition. A staffing list for September can be seen below. Pen portraits of staff will be put on the website giving more information about each member of staff. You may even meet them at the open afternoon!



Droxford Junior School 2017.18

Headteacher

Matthew Dampier

Deputy Headteacher

Sarah Jacobs

Office

Tina Clark (Finance Officer)
Liz Hinks (Senior Admin)
Denise Bury (Admin)
Rachel Swinburn (Admin)

Site Manager/Cleaning team

Ben Vardy (Site Manager)
Clair Hill
Lynne Rich

Years 3 & 4

Droxford Base

Teaching Staff

Sarah Jacobs (Yr 3/4 Leader)
& Kelly Goodwin (Thur & Fri)

TA's

Sarah Cook
Deb Chapman
Hilary Kuiper (pm)

Hambledon Base

Teaching Staff

Sophy Barnett
Val Lockett (Fri am)

TA's

Nic Christie

Meonstoke Base

Teaching Staff

Vicky Kirby
Jude Davey (Fri)

TA's

Sarah Evans
Natasha Beckley

Years 5 & 6

Exton Base

Teaching Staff

Amy Jones
Louise Wright (Fri)

TA's

Hilary Kuiper (am)
Lucia Smith (until 2.30pm)

Soberton Base

Teaching Staff

James Todd
Val Lockett (Fri pm)

TA's

Elizabeth Fowler

Newtown Base

Teaching Staff

Jenny Smith (Yr 5/6 Leader)
& Dawn Vardy

TA's

Vicky Barnett
Jackie Proctor

SENCo

Jane Miles (Mon & Thur)

Rector

Father Tony Forrest

ELSA

Jackie Proctor

Road traffic supervisor

Julia Lovejoy-Brinkman

Sports Coach / Club Leader

Duncan Banham

Music teachers

Heather Graham
David Burgess

Lunch Supervisors

Sylvia Gamblin



Environmental Hygiene Inspection

On the 8th June 2017, Environmental Health visited the school to inspect our kitchens. We received a five star 5/5 rating. Congratulations and well done Ms Clair Hill our fantastic school cook.

Pokemon cards, other trading cards and fidget spinners

The children have had a good run of it but there have been little issues with cards, especially pokemon cards recently. Therefore, from September, none of these items are allowed in school. We will take them off children and then hand them back at the end of the day. We don't even want trading on the bus as the temptation will be too large and cards will emerge from bags in school.

I wonder what the next craze will be? Here's hoping bottle flipping disappears soon!

The Drox - Good luck at Goodwood on Sunday 9th July!!!

Summer BBQ

The Summer BBQ is on Friday 21 July. Please do buy some tickets, enjoy the BBQ and support the school!

Please donate a tombola prize; this can be sent in to the school office at any time.

Don't forget to buy and sell the raffle tickets you have been sent; the school budget is very tight so the money raised by FODS is vital.

Leavers Service

Parents of Year 6 children are invited to attend the Leavers Service which is at 10.30am at St Mary and All Saints Church, Droxford on Tuesday 25 July. This is an opportunity for the children to celebrate their many achievements and share memories of their time at Droxford Junior School.

The children will be given a CD of photographs and memories. The children will also have an opportunity to collect signatures on a card or in an autograph book. On the last day of term they can, if they wish, bring in a suitable clean T-shirt to be signed. However they will not be allowed to sign the shirt they are wearing that day. Leaver's party details will follow shortly via Mrs Smith.

New Learning Base Day

Year 6 children who are moving to Swanmore College in September will be visiting Swanmore on Thursday 6 July. This enables all the other children to work in their new learning bases, together with the Year 2 children. The children will be told their teacher(s) and learning base for next academic year on Wednesday 5 July. The decisions are based primarily on the learning needs of the children but peer relationships are also very carefully considered.

Library

Will you please ensure that your child returns all school library books by Friday 14 July.

If anyone can spare some time to help in the library please do volunteer!

Thank you.

A request from the Office

Will you please ensure that all outstanding dinner money (including dinners to the end of term), trip money etc is paid by Tuesday 11 July. Your help with this will be very much appreciated by Liz and Tina. Thank you.



Parking

A couple of emails that I feel are worth sharing with you regarding parking...

Dear Mr Dampier

...The roundabout gets full of people stopping to drop kids off. They all just stop in the road! There are a lot of 4x4s and cars in general driving too quickly which worries me, especially when I have a child walking home. The other thing that is on the rise is people driving down to the garages to drop off. That is a tight road which is walked down by a lot of children and again I worry for their safety...

(Parent of child in the school)

Dear Mr Dampier,

Please would you express my pleasure in the exemplary behaviour of the school children this morning in the square. Faced with the huge articulated lorry that had broken down and the traffic build up as a result of this, all the children listened and acted sensibly, making my job so much easier. Also to the mum's that gave assistance to me in getting the children over safely.

Kind regards

*Julia Lovejoy-Brinkman
School crossing patrol.*

In the main, people are careful and considerate and we are all so grateful for this. Thank you.

Summer Holiday Enrichment activities

It is my belief that holidays are for holidays, children and their families deserve a break.

Therefore holiday homework in the traditional sense can be seen as contentious and at times tiresome for some. On the flip side, some children like activities to do and some parents like their children to be learning, linked to school topics. The balance is hard to achieve. If you are stuck for some ideas to inspire and occupy and just have fun then please investigate the link below for some suggestions.

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

Summer Holiday Reading

A fantastic opportunity to relax on holiday with a book! If you want more, then go to your local library and sign up for the summer reading challenge. This year's challenge is called 'Animal Agents'

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Keeping Safe

As you may be aware we focus on healthy life styles and safe choices whenever possible. In the past we have had a visit from a local RNLI education officer who taught the whole school about beach safety and more recently I led a refresher assembly on beach safety.

Take care this summer!

<http://rnli.org/Pages/default.aspx>



End of term

A reminder that term finishes, for the children, at 2.30pm on Tuesday 25 July. The school buses will leave Droxford Square at 2.30pm.

The start of term is Monday 4 September 2017

Day Closures arranged for 2017/18 are:

Monday 4th September 2017

Friday 20th October 2017


Monday 19th February 2018

Friday 25th May 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

I hope you all have a brilliant summer holiday and thank you for your continued support! Enjoy the time off with loved ones – we will see you all refreshed in September.

Thank you once again for all you do.



Matthew Dampier
Headteacher

