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Dear Parents

Celebrations

Before half term we spent a deserved chunk of time listening to the many new entrepreneurs we have in school. These astute business people formed new companies, engaged in marketing strategies, generated account sheets, proposed business models and worked energetically and enthusiastically on our 'Grow a £1' enterprise project.

We have found out about how they: made and sold cookies and cakes; bought and sold a variety of products for a profit; picked wild garlic to make pesto; undertook chores for a fee; washed cars and valeted them inside; bagged and sold horse poo as manure; collected nettles and made fertiliser; held home spa sessions; set up a football training camp – bacon sandwiches were also available; made and sold original postcards; constructed nest boxes and made bird food; made and sold candy floss; sold old clothes; made jewellery; made and sold lemon curd; pom-pom knitting; made glittery candles to buy; created original artwork for sale; bought an APP to make a film and charged the general public to see the film; provide dog walking services; growing and selling tomato plants; providing baby-sitting services; making and selling dog biscuits; had slime and foam cakes thrown into faces – for a fee; sponsored running; holding a film night and spray painting fidget spinners! The list goes on – as does the income generated as it seems some children wish to carry on with projects. However, the current total raised is an incredible...

£3246.91!

...which is quite incredible. We are all so amazed and very proud of the innovators we have here in school and I am personally blown away by the response to my scheme. A big thank you from myself, the governors and school staff – we will ensure we keep you posted on when we spend these monies.

Awesome Author

We were very lucky recently to have had a visit from Steve Cole, writer of over 160 books for children including: Cows in Action, Astrosaurs and Young Bond. Aided by a ukulele, Steve gave two truly hilarious and inspiring presentations where he encouraged the children to use their imaginations and showed them that anyone can make up stories. In Years 5 and 6, the children dreamed up superheroes and in Years 3 and 4 they invented monsters (with big purple bottoms!). After the presentations, children created their own characters and Steve dropped into the classrooms to chat to them. Book sales (organised by Wells Book Shop) went really well and children were excited to get their copies signed. The visit was funded by **FODs** so a huge thank you to them for making it possible. It was great to see the children so animated about reading and I think Steve went home with a few new fans.



National Gallery, London trip.

The children in Years 5 and 6 had an awesome enrichment experience recently. Given recent events, parents were understandably nervous about the trip going ahead. However, after consulting the Home Office, the Local Authority school trip advisors, our transport providers; our school governors and school staff we went ahead as planned as did many other schools on the day (including Portsmouth Grammar School).

It was a fantastic learning opportunity, linked to our art and English curriculums as well as being a valuable cultural experience. Children who weren't able to go on the day had an enjoyable study linked to the same learning outcomes and produced some great work back at school!



Healthy School Week

Monday 19th June – Friday 23rd June 2017

Sports Day is scheduled for Wednesday 21st June at 1pm. The children will be divided into twelve all age teams. We will endeavour to put brothers and sisters in the same team. The teams will aim to achieve the highest score at each event. After each team has completed each event there will be competitive individual and relay races for those athletes who have qualified through heats that have taken place in recent PE lessons. These children will compete in up to two of these races. Your child will need to have their normal PE kit in school.

You are most welcome to come and support. Please make your way down to the field to see the action! FODS will provide a refreshment stall and a second-hand school uniform stall. They will also provide fresh fruit and water for the children.

At the end of the afternoon, after the spectator chairs have been carried off the field, the children will return to class and will then be dismissed from their learning bases. Please note that after school clubs will be taking place as per normal.



School fair

Thank you to everyone who helped set up, make and sell toffee apples and organise apple bobbing and came to say hello at the Droxford Fair. We raised approx £200.

PE kit

Next time you are replacing PE kit please buy **black shorts** and a **blue T-shirt**. We want to change from 'anything will do' to a well presented DJS blue and black team! Please label all items of school uniform.

Upcoming events

Art Gallery and coffee café – Thursday 8th June pm – in the school hall



BBQ – Friday 21st July (note date change)

Summer BBQ tickets will go on sale in the next couple of weeks. We hope the date – Friday 21st July – is already in the family diary. At this time of year we put together a large raffle to be drawn at the BBQ. If you work for a business that you think could offer us a prize (or sponsorship) please email us as soon as possible : friendsofdroxfordschool@gmail.com

We are always happy to accept second hand uniform. Unfortunately we don't have room to store unbranded items so just clothing with the Droxford logo on please. We especially need good quality larger sweatshirts. (no frayed cuffs!)

Thank you from the FODS team.

Skoolkit – uniform sale

Skoolkit will have a stall in the school hall on Thursday 15th June 3.30pm – 4.00pm for parents to buy/order Droxford school uniform.

Upper School Production – Ye-ha

Details of the musical will be sent out soon to parents of the Upper School. Performances will be at 6:30pm on Wednesday 12th July and 6:30pm on Thursday 13th July. There is an expectation that all children in the upper school will make a valuable contribution to both the evening performances. We appreciate your co-operation with this request, there is no charge for tickets but they will be limited so grandparents and other relatives may wish to attend the Matinee performance at 1.30pm on Tuesday 11th July. FODs will be providing refreshments. Photographs of the children in costume will be available to purchase on a CD.

Medicines

We are happy to administer prescribed drugs and medicines, including Calpol, from the school office providing parents have completed a medical form giving their authorisation and details of dosage etc. All medicines and drugs must be kept in the school office. The only exception to this is the medication used to relieve asthma. Children are encouraged to self-medicate when necessary and therefore inhalers are allowed to be kept in the classroom or with them for PE and offsite visits. Please note we are unable to administer Ibuprofen/Calprofen etc unless it has been prescribed by your GP.

Head Lice Guidance

Head louse infection is not primarily a problem of schools, but of the wider community. It cannot be solved by the school, but the school can help the local community to deal with it. Head lice are transmitted by direct and prolonged head to head contact. Transmission of lice within the classroom is relatively rare. When it does occur, it is usually from a 'best friend'. Head lice will not be eradicated in the foreseeable future, but a sensible, informed approach, based on fact not myth, will help to limit the problem. "Blitzing" a school after several cases have occurred is not effective as a method of prevention and control of head lice. Success is more likely to be achieved with a calm, consistent and thorough approach, based on authoritative information and advice. Please see the information sheet at the end of the newsletter to help detect and treat head lice.

Staffing – September 2017

Congratulations to Miss Lowe who, due to relocating, has secured a new teaching post in another school. Therefore she will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. We will miss her enthusiasm and good humour and wish her every success for the future. Mrs Miles has also decided to move away from classroom teaching to concentrate on developing her SENCo role.



This has given the school the opportunity to appoint two new members of staff. After a rigorous interview process involving a school governor, myself and members of the strategic team we were able to whittle down a field of 20 applicants to appoint two new talented and enthusiastic members of staff. Starting in September, Miss Amy Jones will be teaching in Year 5 and Miss Vicky Kirby in Years 3 and 4.

From September 2017 the classrooms and teachers will be as follows.

Years 3 and 4

Droxford Base: Ms Jacobs (*Year 3/4 leader and Deputy Headteacher*) Monday - Wednesday and Mrs Goodwin Thursday - Friday

Hambledon Base: Miss Barnett and (Mrs Lockett – Friday - a.m.)

Meonstoke Base: Miss Kirby and (Mrs Davey - Friday)

Years 5 and 6

Exton Base: Miss Jones and (Mrs Wright - Friday)

Soberton Base: Mr Todd and (Mrs Lockett Friday - p.m.)

Newtown Base: Mrs Vardy Monday - Tuesday and Mrs Smith (*Year 5/6 leader*) Wednesday – Friday

The children will be informed of their new learning base and teacher(s) on Wednesday 5th July. The children will then be working in their new learning bases the following day.

Reports

Reports and assessment results will be given out to the children on Friday 14th July. If you would like to collect the report please e-mail or write to the school office.

Holiday dates and day closures for 2017/18:

The start of the academic year is Monday 4th September 2017 (which is an INSET day) therefore children will be back in school on the 5th September.

Holiday dates for 2017/18 are:

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2017

Friday 22nd December 2017 – Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2018

Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April 2018

Monday 7th May 2018

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018

Tuesday 24th July – Friday 31st August 2018?

Day Closures arranged so far for 2017/18 are:

Monday 4th September 2017

Monday 19th February 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

Best wishes and thank you all once again.



Matthew Dampier
Headteacher



LICE DETECTION

It is probably worth checking your child for head lice weekly. The best way to check on the presence of lice, if you are not sure is to use the following regime:



- Wash the hair well and towel dry. The hair should be damp not dripping.
- If required apply a small amount of conditioner, including the full length of long hair.
- Make sure there is good light. Daylight is best.



- Comb the hair through with a normal comb first, to get rid of any knots.



- With a fine tooth detection comb ("nit comb"), starting from the roots of the hairs, draw the comb carefully along the complete length of the hair.
- After each stroke check the comb for lice and wipe it clean.



- Work systematically around the whole head of hair.
- Do this for several minutes. It takes 10 to 20 minutes to do it properly for each head.
- If there are head lice, you will find one or more lice on the teeth of the comb.



Live louse on the head

- Head lice are little insects with moving legs. They are not much bigger than a pinhead, but may be as big as a sesame seed.
- Remove any lice from the comb with a cocktail stick or finger nail onto kitchen or toilet paper.
- Clean the comb under the tap when finished.
- If you find something and are not sure what it is; stick it on white paper with clear sticky tape (see below) and show it to your Pharmacist, School Nurse or Doctor



- If you see empty cases stuck on the hair it does not mean that the person has lice.



Size of egg casing compared with a pinhead

- Do not treat unless you are sure that you have found a living moving louse.