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March Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents

Easter Fair – Friday 31st March 2017



FODS will once again invite children to apply to run a game or stall at this year's Easter Fair. Your child could create a game to play (Easter themed is desirable but not essential) or create delicious products to sell. *(details to follow)*

On the day the children will run the games from 12:30 – 1:00pm. (The games will cost a maximum of 25p a go.)

Craft stalls will be open from 3:00 – 4:00pm; parents are most welcome to attend this element of the fair. (There will be a tea and coffee stall!)

Children who have brought in money will be released from their learning bases to enjoy the stalls at 3:00pm. Please ensure your child is clear about transport arrangements home. Children taking the buses will be escorted, as usual, at 3:35pm.

Red Nose Day – Friday 24th March

This will be a non-school uniform day – please dress in red in some way, if possible and red noses are to be encouraged! The staff will be wearing something red on the day as well as entering Nick Grimshaw's Radio 1 staffroom sweepstake! Please send your child in to school with a one pound donation for this special charity day if you so wish.



<http://www.rednoseday.com/>

School Dinners

School dinners currently cost £2.10 per day. HC3s have advised us that from 1st April 2017 the cost will increase by 5p to £2.15 per day. The Summer menu will start on Tuesday 24th April; menus will be sent out as soon as we have them.



World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March - REMINDER

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. It is a fabulous opportunity for the children (and staff!) to dress up as their favourite book character. Throughout the day they will take part in a range of fun book-related activities and will also be given a book token to purchase a book from a selected range. If they don't wish to dress up then bringing in their favourite book and being able to talk about it would be great!

We look forward to seeing their amazing costumes. Thank you for your support.

A suggested £1 donation for coming to school in fancy dress will be used to support our local chosen charity – The Rainbow Centre.

<http://www.rainbowcentre.org/>

Parents Evenings

Thank you to all that attended and also those who purchased a book! With your support we should receive around £425 commission to buy new books and replace old stock – so a big thank you again! Please visit our website for curriculum advice, including the latest year group curricular link and support which can help at home. If you have any questions about the new curriculum, assessment or support at home then don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Ms Jacobs (Deputy headteacher) or myself.

Reading Diaries

Well done to all children for continuing to read through the holidays – and to parents for supporting them. The reading diaries are important to the children and the school. We use them to monitor and give guidance, to find out reading habits and home engagement. It's lovely to see and hear all the positive comments you make about your child with their reading. It helps with raising their self-esteem, makes them proud and inspires them to read more.

Library

Lost books – over the last few years around 200 books have disappeared from our school library! Please could you check bedrooms, bags and bookshelves just in case they have accidentally stayed at home. To identify them they will either be labelled 'Droxford Junior School' or 'SLS' (School Library Service).

Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers again. Valuable PE resources have been acquired over the years using the vouchers and we greatly value your support and generosity. Thank you.

Droxford Junior School 'E – Safety Day' – reminder

As previously mentioned in our last newsletter, Harrap ICT – our computer technology providers, will be leading an afternoon and evening of internet safety presentations for children, parents, staff and governors on Wednesday 8th March. The parent presentation will start at 6pm and last for approximately an hour. Please complete and return the reply slip at the end of this newsletter or email the school office to let us know if you wish to attend. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.



Year 5 Enrichment week – Parents meeting

A parent presentation for this year's residential will take place on Wednesday 29th March 6 – 7 pm in the school hall. This will be for all Year 5 parents only. This will be a great opportunity to find out for yourselves what the week (Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th May) will entail.



FINAL REMINDER: Please note the Runways End meeting for the Year 4 residential is Wednesday 1st March 6 – 7pm

School trip costs.

Unfortunately Victory Travel, who provide coaches for the school bus run and some school trips, have ceased trading. Wheelers Coaches have taken on the Newtown and Soberton bus route for our school children. Like Brijan previously, Victory Travel were very competitive when it came to prices for school trips, which helped to keep school trip costs down. It is likely in the future some trips will be more expensive. This isn't ideal and we will endeavour to find the best price without making any unnecessary compromises.

And finally...

Staffing

Miss Rossiter has been successful in gaining a promotion at another school and will be leaving us in April. All the staff and governors wish to thank Miss Rossiter for her excellent contributions, she really has made a big impact and we wish her every success in the future.

The school will be recruiting a new member of staff to start in September. In the meantime Mrs Smith and Mrs Vardy will be taking on extra hours for the summer term and I will be joining the Year 5 / 6 team for 1 ½ days a week to ensure continuity and support the children and the teaching team through SATs, the summer term curriculum and the Year 6 production.

If you have any queries regarding this or anything else mentioned in this newsletter, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes



Matthew Dampier
Headteacher

**Droxford Junior School & Harrap ICT Internet Safety Presentation for Parents
6-7pm Wednesday 8th March 2017 in the school hall**

Child's Name Learning Base

Name of parent:

I will be attending the workshop for parents

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

