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May Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back!

We hope you had a relaxing break and enjoyed some quality family time. It has been really enjoyable hearing about all the exciting 'Grow a pound' initiatives taking place.

Sun Awareness – in readiness for a brilliant summer!

The children are advised to wear a hat in the sunny weather and to keep their water bottle topped up with fresh water, so they can keep their brains hydrated! If children are involved in outdoor events it would be advisable for them to apply a sunscreen product before school. Wrap, hat and splat!

Sports Day 2017

Our sports day will be held on Wednesday 21st June from 1pm – 3.30pm (reserve date in case of wet weather cancellation Monday 24th July)

During the afternoon every child will be placed in mixed age teams and will participate in a rotation of fun, physical activities. Towards the end of the afternoon competitive races will be held to provide an opportunity for athletes who have competed in learning base, preliminary 'heats' in order to participate in the 'finals'. The preliminary races will be taking place in PE lessons and the children will be selected according to their performances in these lessons. Please be aware that not every child will be able to compete in the 'final' races.

During that week there will be a focus on healthy lifestyles. On the Monday all our children will participate in some high octane, fun, fitness activities with Victoria Corbett. On the Thursday there will be an exciting opportunity for all children to learn about the inner workings of the human body from Dr Paul Kalra – an esteemed Consultant Cardiologist! We also intend the week to be 'screen free', with as much of the learning taking place outside away from computers and electricity!



FODS Update

We had a busy start to the year with Film night, Coffee Cafe and Easter Fair last term - raising a grand total of £1487. We thank all who supported behind the scenes including parents and of course the children.

And now the Summer term is suddenly very much upon us all, and no less so for the FODS Team, who have a fun packed line up of events to juggle in the mix.

A few dates for your diary:

Saturday 3rd June 12-4pm We will be selling 'Shoe Laces' and Toffee Apples at the Droxford County Fair.

Thursday 8th June: Coffee Cafe and Art Gallery 3-5pm (in school)

A chance to see and possibly purchase your child's art work framed and displayed in a 'real' art gallery, as well as have a cuppa, cake and chat. Details to follow.

Wednesday 21st June 1-3pm: Sports Day. Refreshments on offer as usual.

Wednesday 12th/Thursday 13th July: Yr 5 / 6 Production. Pre-theatre drinks will be served in the quiet area beforehand.

Friday 21st July (Note change of date) Summer BBQ: 6-8pm-ish

Fingers crossed for another fine evening to mark the end of the year. We are hoping to have a band, water-bomb-throwing competition and rounders match, just to add to the chaos!

Please do try and come along to support our events - not just because we want your money (!) but more because it's quite a lot of fun, is a great way to catch up with others and wouldn't be nearly so much fun without your presence.

Nell Ravenscroft – Chair of FODS

Droxford Country Fair - Saturday 3rd June 2017 12:30pm

FODS will be providing a toffee apple stall this year. We still hope to provide maypole dancing so if your child would like to be involved please email into the school office and / or complete the reply slip attached to this newsletter.

Walk To School Week 2017

It would be fantastic if all our children participate in the 'Walk to School' week Monday 15th – Friday 19th May – wherever possible (of course where we are geographically does make this challenging). Children who walk to school from home or from the village square or other drop off points will be eligible. The campaign is organised by the Hampshire Road Safety Team and is designed to promote safety, healthy lifestyles and energy conservation. Each child will receive a sticker for each day they walk to school and a certificate for successfully completing the week.

Sex and Relationships Education

There is a meeting scheduled for Year 5 and 6 parents on Tuesday 13th June at 6.00pm. This is to outline the lessons and resources used to educate the children later in the term. Year 5 and 6 children will learn about physical changes during puberty and hygiene on Monday 3 July. Discussion groups will be in single sex groups. Year 6 children will learn about reproduction within the context of loving relationships on Wednesday 5 July. Discussion groups will be in single sex groups.

The Year 3 and 4 children learn the scientific terms for human body parts as part of the science curriculum. In Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) the children reflect on personal space, privacy and family differences.



Life Education is a charity providing health and drug education support to schools. The experienced and specialist educators will help Years 3 - 6 children to consider making good decisions and thinking positively. Year 3 & 4 will have sessions on Tuesday 23rd May based upon the topic 'It's great to be me'. There will be a parent/governor session which covers all year groups 3 - 6 sessions at 3:00 which will run until 3:30 also on Tuesday. On Wednesday 24th May Years 5 and 6 the educational sessions for each learning base are entitled 'Decisions' whereupon the children learn about the effects and risks associated with the use of drugs, including **medicines**, **alcohol** and **tobacco**. In addition, children develop their social skills and how to manage **peer pressure**.

These sessions are vitally important in supporting our curriculum and help children to be informed, reflect on information learned and also to make correct decisions when they are older. These sessions are starting points for further education at secondary school and is appropriate for their age groups now.

Day Closures

The school will be closed for staff training on Monday 5th June and Friday 7th July. The training includes first aid training.

And finally

Good luck to all our hard working Year 6 pupils in your SATs – you have been amazing: you are amazing – we are all confident you will excel!

And thank you all so much for your kind support.

Best wishes



Matthew Dampier
Headteacher



Maypole dancing

My child would like to participate in the Maypole dancing at the Droxford Village Fair, **Saturday 3rd June**. I/we understand there will be some coaching / practising beforehand in school in the weeks running up to the fair.

Child's name Learning Base

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

