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Dear Parents

We are preparing in earnest for the **Christmas Services**, led by the children in Years 3 & 4, which, as a final reminder **will start at 12.45 p.m.** on Thursday 21st December. The Wednesday matinee for grandparents, the infant schools and for those unable to attend on Thursday, starts at 2 p.m.



We have already visited the church once recently to sing traditional carols and verse in English, German and Latin! The concert was organised by David Burgess (our piano teacher) in collaboration with Portsmouth Cathedral choristers. Our Year 5 children participated alongside children from West Meon Primary School and Durley CoE Primary School. It was a magical occasion and we were all so proud of our Year 5s, especially when they sang one of their songs in Latin. The performance was made all the more special by hearing the incredible backing singing from the Cathedral Choir.



'Neon Meon' Christmas disco and market

Thank you to everyone that helped on Friday at this FODS event. The children had a lovely time. More details and how much was raised and what the money will be used for will be in a newsletter in 2018! Thank you parents for supporting us and thank you to Nell and her FODS team for making it so enjoyable for our children.

FODS will also be selling mince pies, teas and coffee before each Christmas service next week.

Emergency School Closures

Information regarding emergency school closures can be found on the school website. If we need to close the information will be on the website, and we will email and text parents. There is a link on our website www.droxfordjunior.co.uk on the parent's page or <http://www.hants.gov.uk/education/schoolclosures/> which will list all school closures in Hampshire.



Ice and Snow Plan

Just as a reminder there is a Droxford Junior School Ice and Snow Plan in place designed to safeguard our school community and keep the school open whenever possible. During icy or snowy conditions parents must not attempt to drive up the lane to the school; children and parents should walk up. On arrival at school the following access routes will be available:

- Pathways and normal access routes will be gritted but the adventure playground and playground will be out of use in icy conditions.

However...

- In more extreme conditions a pathway will be cleared and gritted from the school gate to the front entrance for parents and visitors. A pathway will be cleared from the disabled car parking space to the disabled access route at the front of the building. Children will use this route to gain access to the school building.

The children need to wear normal school shoes in the school building. Wellies or walking boots can be worn on the journey to school and during playtimes; the field can be enjoyed during periods of snow and ice. It is important that children are able to change into a pair of dry shoes.

Lost property and lunchboxes

We have a lot of sad, lonely, unnamed items in school that have been discarded by their owners. We try and repatriate the named items on a weekly basis. Finding owners for the unnamed items is a harder task. If you are aware of missing items please pop in and have a look or encourage your child to really search for them in school.

Cleaning vacancy

We have a vacancy to join our site management team. We wish to recruit another cleaner from January 2018 to work 10 hours a week (2 hours per day). If you are interested or know someone who may be interested then please contact the school office.

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Once again apologies for the rogue punctuation in the important messages we sent out yesterday. Apparently this wasn't just a Droxford Junior School incident as it occurred in many other schools. Unfortunate - hopefully the IT companies involved will resolve any issues soon.

And finally...

School finishes at 2.30pm on Thursday 21st December 2017

School reopens Thursday 4th January 2018

Again may I wish all our children and their families, our volunteers and our fantastic staff, a peaceful Christmas and best wishes for 2018!



Matthew Dampier
Headteacher

