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## March Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents

It seems odd to be discussing the Easter fair in the next paragraph after just closing the school for two days because of the wintry weather! Thank you for your understanding regarding the school closures – the safety of children is paramount to us.



### Easter Fair – Friday 23rd March 2018



FODS have once again invited 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.

Letters have gone home regarding running the stalls and also raffle ticket information.

On the day the children will run the games from 12:45 – 1:30pm.

<http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Easter-Fair-2018-Letter.pdf>

Craft and tasty treat stalls will be open from 3:00 – 4:30pm; 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.



## Jarbola!

This year there will be a special £1 stall called Jarbola. Everyone is a winner with Jarbola. You pay a pound and receive a numbered ticket. You then find the jar with the corresponding ticket and the jar is then yours! I have asked children to supply the jars with the 'goodies' inside – therefore the whole school contributing to one big stall that we could even run at the Droxford Village Summer fair.

I have discussed with the children what could go in the jars and some jars have started to come in to school already. For your information jars could have a mixture of (or just one type of thing) AGE APPROPRIATE and CHILD FRIENDLY: small toys, stationery, sweets and any other unwanted surprises found in bedroom drawers! To ramp up the excitement even further there will be a cash / voucher prize for the class that brings in the most jars!

## World Book Day

Throughout the day they will STILL 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 or use the token take £1 off a book they wish to purchase. If they don't wish to dress up or can't, then just by bringing in their favourite book and being able to talk about it would be great!

**Keep the costumes for the rescheduled date.**

**We are still looking forward to seeing their amazing costumes.  
Thank you for your support and patience.**

## Parents Evenings

Thank you to all that attended and also those who purchased a book! Please visit our website for curriculum and assessment 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.

Hopefully you all found the new reports useful – the feeling was positive about the whole process.

## Year 5 Enrichment week – Parents meeting – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

A parent presentation for this year's residential will take place on **Tuesday 20th March between 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 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May) will entail.



## Calendar and dates for the diary...

### Writing workshop for parents: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 9:15 – 10:15am

Parents are invited to attend a writing workshop on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. This workshop is a chance to see how your child is taught writing, how we use assessment to further their progress and to find out how you can help your child at home. After the workshop, there will be an opportunity to go into class and work on some writing with your child. Tea and coffee will be served on arrival. We hope to see you there.

### SATs meeting

Another diary date for Year 6 parents is the SATs information meeting run by Mrs Smith on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 6-7pm (Newtown Learning Base). A letter has gone out regarding this meeting. This is a very useful and informative session!

**FODS Film night** is now - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Greek costume day** (Years 5&6) – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

**Music concerts for parents** – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March Hambledon (violin) 9:30  
Soberton (Brass) 3:30

**British Museum, London trip** (Years 5&6) – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March (leave 8a.m return 5:30pm)

**World Book Day** including costumes (second attempt) – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Dates for diaries can be found on our website on our interactive calendar. This can be synched to any electronic device. The instructions for this are on the same page...

<http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/calendar-4/>

### Just Giving

Another way to support the school (from your armchair or breakfast table) is with Just giving. Instructions as follows, it is simple easy to do. Thank you in advance.

<http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/The-Giving-Machine-Letter-From-Mr-Dampier.pdf>

### Thank you and well done....

Thank you for signing up to **Twitter** (@droxfordjun) – we will post more but over time people will see the value in terms of sharing information as well as marketing the school; thank you to everyone involved in purchasing and positioning our new HD colour camera **bird box**. Live pictures can be viewed in the ICT suite (no occupants yet); well done for another great **school council newsletter** (the next one is being planned already) which helps to inform you on your child's 'voice' and how they support the school; a huge thank you to Mrs Darke, the Waterlooville Foodbank and everyone else that contributed to the latest DJS donation to the **MeonValley Foodbank** and a huge congratulations to Sam Nicholson and Ben Hawke for getting through to the **Hampshire County Cross Country Finals**. Good luck boys!

**Good luck also to The Drox racing team this Saturday – their first competitive race!**



**And finally...**

I have been asked to be a keynote speaker at the South Downs National Park authority teachers conference this month. This is in recognition of our school curriculum, the hard work and dedication of our staff and the amazing outcomes they provide for your children. I will be discussing all the successes of the school linked to an exciting, broad, balanced and enriched curriculum whilst raising the profile of Droxford to a wider audience.

<https://learning.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2017/12/Our-South-Downs-conference-print.pdf>

Thank you for all your continued, amazing support...

Best wishes



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Child's Name ..... Learning Base .....

Name of parent: .....

I will be attending the workshop for parents

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

