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Dear Parents



Easter Fair

Well done to everyone who contributed to the fantastic FODS Easter Fair. We all agreed it was a wonderful, community spirited event. The stalls were ingenious; with a lot of thought, effort and care applied to them. The cakes and coffee were delicious and Jarbola went down a storm. We (you) raised over £1500! This is a record for us and a fine achievement.

Runways End – Year 4 Residential



The Year 4 children returned from their residential tired and enthused after their three day adventure. They overcame challenges provided by abseiling, bouldering (climbing the big tower – pictured left – which the children also abseiled down), caving, archery, shooting, orienteering, cooking and cleaning. Lots of resilience and collaboration were utilised as well positive mindsets to overcome the challenges. They also had a great time and no doubt slept well at the weekend! Well done everyone involved including all the staff that made the residential a success.

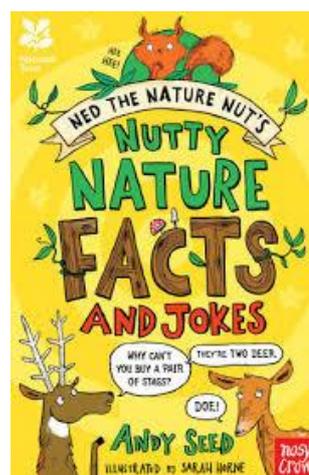
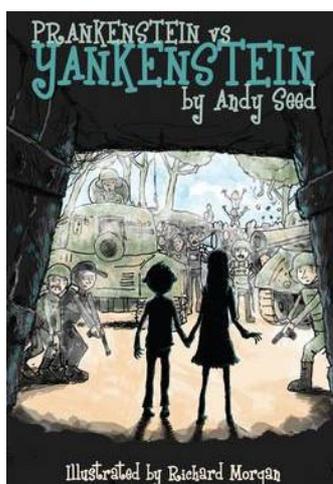
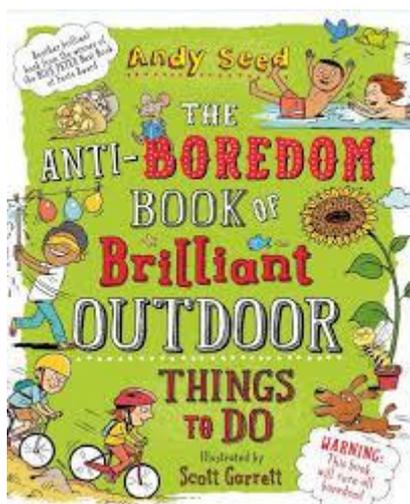


World Book Day

What amazing costumes the children and staff wore on the (eventual) day! Well done each and every one of you – and parents for helping out. During the day the children took part in different activities including different year groups reading to each other. We will continually promote reading and books in school, as it one of the most important, if not THE most important life skills there is. And it can be fun and enjoyable as well as informative.

Author visit - Andy Seed

We are pleased to announce that the author, Andy Seed, will be visiting the school in June. Andy has written many popular books; Fiction, non-fiction, poetry and humorous books and has also won a Blue Peter book award. <http://www.andyseed.com/>



Roving Bookshop

On the same day, The Roving Bookshop will be in school selling Andy's books for you to buy and that Andy will personally sign for you. The Bookshop will also have their amazing selection of books in stock and we will request they have topic books and other texts linked to the summer and autumn term topics.

Year 5 & 6 visit to the British Museum

We squeezed a lot in during the short spring term including a fantastic trip to the amazing British Museum in London. All the children in Years 5 and 6 were dazzled by the incredible Ancient Greek and Egyptian artefacts as well as being mesmerised by the culture of the museum visit to our capital city itself.



Calendar and dates for the diary...

Class photos - Tuesday 17th April

Music concerts for parents – Friday 20th April Hambledon (violin) 9:30 – 10:00
Soberton (Brass) 11:00 – 11:30

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/>

Key Stage 2 National Tests

The National 2018 Key Stage 2 tests will take place between 14th -17th May. These are for Year 6 pupils.

The results of the tests, alongside other assessments, will be used by the teachers to write the annual report for your child when all data is made available.

Date	Tests
Monday 14 th May	English: Grammar, punctuation and spelling 2 papers: spelling; punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary)
Tuesday 15 th May	English: Reading
Wednesday 16 th May	Mathematics 2 papers: Arithmetic; mathematical reasoning (paper 1)
Thursday 17 th May	Mathematics 1 paper: Mathematical reasoning (paper 2)

The Year 6 children will also have a range of their written work moderated.

Please do not request leave of absence in the lead up to and during these dates.

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>

Best wishes



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