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Dear Parents

Hot off the press!



I am proud to announce that yesterday I took our U11 cricket team to a regional tournament at Fair Oak cricket club...and we won the whole competition! This is a huge achievement, especially as we beat teams from much larger schools such as Stoke Park, Fair Oak and Botley Junior Schools to win the trophy.

The team have now qualified to play in the Hampshire County finals at the Rose (Ageas) Bowl Cricket ground in Southampton, Monday 2nd July. Please come and cheer us on if you can. Well done to all the boys (pictured left) who were magnificent and thank you to the parents who helped with lifts and cheered the team to victory.

Awesome Author

Just to remind you that the awesome author Andy Seed will be visiting the school on Thursday 7th June. All year groups will have a presentation by Andy and children will be able to buy his books at the Roving Bookshop. Andy will be happy to sign books. We are delighted to announce that books in Andy's 'Frankenstein' series will also be available for £6.99, in addition to the ones listed in the letter.

The bookshop is open from 8.30 until 4.30 and they stock hundreds of other titles. Children can visit with you before and after school or they can bring in money on the day as each class will have an opportunity to visit during lesson time. Your child should have brought home a letter about Andy's visit as well as details about the bookshop.

Andy is hat mad we are asking children to wear hats for the day – crazy or cool is fine!

<https://www.andyseed.com/>

Year 5 Enrichment week.

Wow! What a success the trip was and the experience was fantastic. A big thank you to Mr Banham, Mrs Lucia Smith, Mrs Fowler and Miss Jones for their support and organisation.



Healthy School Week

Monday 18th June – Friday 22nd June 2017

Sports Day is scheduled for Thursday 21st June. This year will be an all-day event where family members will be able to stay for the whole day and have a picnic lunch in school. Separate details to follow shortly.

The children will be divided into twelve all age teams. We will endeavour to put brothers and sisters in the same team. The teams will aim to achieve the highest score at each event. After each team has completed each event there will be a short afternoon (1 – 2:30) of competitive individual and relay races for those athletes who have qualified through heats that have taken place in recent PE lessons. These children will compete in up to two of these races. Your child will need to have their normal PE kit in school. The theme and teams of the sports day will be linked to the FIFA 2018 Football World Cup.

You are most welcome to come and support. Please make your way down to the field to see the action! FODS will provide a refreshment stall and a second-hand school uniform stall. They will also provide fresh fruit, snacks and water for the children.

At the end of the afternoon, after the spectator chairs have been carried off the field, the children will return to class and will then be dismissed from their learning bases (early at 2:30, with permission). Please note that after school clubs (Hockey) will be taking place as per normal.



PE kit

Next time you are replacing PE kit please buy **black shorts** and a **blue T-shirt**. We want to change from 'anything will do' to a well presented DJS blue and black team! Please label all items of school uniform.

We are always happy to accept second hand uniform. Unfortunately we don't have room to store unbranded items so just clothing with the Droxford logo on please. We especially need good quality larger sweatshirts. (no frayed cuffs!)

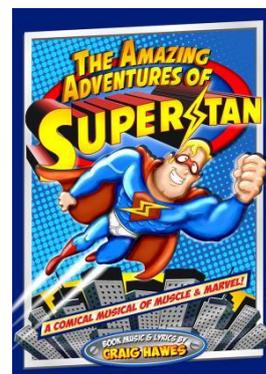
BBQ – Friday 6th July

Summer BBQ tickets will go on sale in the next couple of weeks. We hope the date – Friday 6th July – is already in the family diary. At this time of year we put together a large raffle to be drawn at the BBQ. If you work for a business that you think could offer us a prize (or sponsorship) please email us as soon as possible : friendsofdroxfordschool@gmail.com

Thank you from the FODS team.

Year 5 / 6 School Production – 10-12th July

Stanley Marvel may be the clumsiest clot in Megaville, but he's happy to read his comics and dream his life away. That is until it's turned upside-down when he discovers that local hero, The Candy King, is actually a Super-Villain determined to conquer the world with his corrupt confectionery! As the sugary charlatan and his mad minions enslave the citizens with hypnotic gobstoppers and a giant remote control, Stan knows Megaville is in need of a Superhero. But when his crazy Gran and her crumbly chums reveal an earth-shattering secret, Stan's shocked to discover his own true identity!



Tickets will be on sale soon for the matinee and the two evening performances (£3 per seat – primary aged children free – a system that replaces donations) and helps to cover the school subsidising the licensing and purchase fees of the production, the props and Year 6 leavers events.



Medicines

We are happy to administer prescribed drugs and medicines, including Calpol, from the school office providing parents have completed a medical form giving their authorisation and details of dosage etc. All medicines and drugs must be kept in the school office. Please note we are unable to administer Ibuprofen / Calprofen etc unless it has been prescribed by your GP.

Staffing – September 2017

Congratulations to Mrs Vardy who, due to relocating, has secured a new teaching post in another school. Therefore she will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. We will miss her enthusiasm and good humour and wish her every success for the future. Mrs Wright (who teaches on Fridays is expecting the birth of her third child later in the year and will undertake a year's maternity leave. She has assured me she will return!

I am pleased to announce Mrs Jenny Smith will be increasing her hours to four days in school. We are in the process of recruiting a temporary member of staff – more news to follow.

From September 2018 the classrooms and teachers will be as follows.

Years 3 and 4

Droxford Base: Ms Jacobs (*Year 3/4 leader and Deputy Headteacher*)

Hambledon Base: Miss Barnett

Meonstoke Base: Miss Kirby

Years 5 and 6

Exton Base: Miss Jones

Soberton Base: Mr Todd

Newtown Base: Mrs Smith (*Year 5/6 leader*) Tuesday – Friday

Our Friday staff will still be Mrs Davey and Mrs Lockett. Friday staff allocations has yet to be determined due to the aforementioned recruitment process.

The children will be informed of their new learning base and teacher(s) on Wednesday 4th July. The children will then be working in their new learning bases the following day.

Reports

Reports and assessment results will be given out to the children on Friday 14th July. If you would like to collect the report please e-mail or write to the school office.

And finally...

Summer clean-up day is Saturday 23rd June 9:15 – 3. Pop in anytime. Lunch and childcare provided. Contact school office with any intentions!

Best wishes and thank you all once again.



Matthew Dampier
Headteacher

