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October Newsletter

Dear Parents

Fantasia glassworks

All children in Years 3-6 will participate in a glass workshop over the next two weeks. This will operate in much the same way as the South Downs Seasons window project sited in the school hall. The theme for this workshop is World War 1 and the 100 year commemoration of the end of the war – specifically poppies. The idea is that children will each make two glass poppies – one that will be used to form a memorial window in the school reception and poppy ‘curtains’ hanging from a selection of school windows. The second poppy can be taken home for a £5 contribution to FODS who have used funds to pay for this project and help with mini-bus hire.

The poppy that will be sold to the children is a three-dimensional folded red flower that will be on a metal stem and similar to the poppies that have been touring the country and are now in situ at the Imperial War Museum. There is no obligation to purchase a poppy, those who don't will of course attend the workshop anyway – unsold poppies will be displayed in school.

This is a significant enrichment project and will take part in the school day. I will take the children in small groups as before via the minibus and I will be supported by volunteers. The children will be taught by Helen Thompson at Fantasia glassworks near Merringtons just outside the village. We have already sort your permission with offsite activities of a local nature, if however you do not wish your child to attend then please contact the school office.

This project forms part of our part in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. We have already contributed to art installations being installed this month around sites in the county (most notably Winchester cathedral) and will be having a WW1 themed week of activities in the week beginning Monday 15th November.

Staffing and Office:

In the absence of Ms Jacobs, Mrs Davey will be teaching in Droxford Base Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Lockett will be covering Thursday to Friday.

In addition to this, I would like thank Mrs Jenny Smith who has been asked to be the interim Deputy Headteacher by myself and the school governors whilst Ms Jacobs is off sick.

The office hours are 8.30am – 4.30pm.

On Monday and Tuesday afternoons, after 3pm, Mr Dampier and/or Mr Banham will be covering the office. Please could we request, if you have an urgent or important message for your child, that you email the office before 2pm. **After this time please ring the office** to ensure that your message has been received as we cannot guarantee an email will be read in time. Thank you for your support.



Parents evening: Wednesday / Thursday 17th / 18th October

Hopefully you are able to book a slot online for your child's parents evening consultation. The purpose of the consultation is see your child's work in their trays and around the classroom as well as finding out how they are settling. We hope you can all attend but understand that this not always possible. Please contact adminoffice@droxford.hants to set up an alternate time suitable for all.

The spring term consultations have more detail based on attainment and progress. You will also receive a mid-year report giving more detail to this and targets to aim towards the end of the academic year.

Parents of children in Droxford Base can still attend either dates and look at their child's work and have a discussion with Mrs Davey and Mrs Lockett in a more open evening whilst they are in school. There is no booking of traditional slots for Droxford Base this term – just turn up.

The Roving Bookshop will be open all day on Wednesday 17th October for just the one day. However you are duly invited to visit the bookshop situated in the school hall any time between 10:30 am and 7pm on Tuesday. Your child will receive a leaflet soon (and money envelope sent home the day before) regarding the bookshop. They will have a 30 minute timetabled slot to enjoy the bookshop and buy books during the day. They will do this with their class and their teacher. No children will be released to shop with parents during the school day – it would be rather disrupting in terms of their and others learning. They could however browse with parents after school. The bookshop will be closed at lunchtime 12-1pm.

Year 6 and Calshot Information Evening

Just a reminder that we will be holding an information evening about Year 6, SATs and Calshot on Wednesday 10th October for Year 6 parents. We look forward to seeing you there.



Downing Street 28th September 2018

Thank you to parents and governors for their support in lending voice for change. Will it be heard?



Open Morning

On Thursday 1st November we will be having our Open Morning for prospective parents from our two lovely feeder schools and anyone else interested in seeing our school and applying for a place in the next Year 3 cohort.



Autumn Dig Day – Saturday 13th October

As mentioned in September newsletter. We already have a few volunteers to help with the tasks listed below. Please return reply slip attached, email or phone if you are up for a couple of hours of community spirited, pizza laden fun!

There is no expectation of how long one stays. The more people the merrier - the quicker tasks are achieved. I will be around all day to muck in too.

The school will be open between 9.15 a.m. and 3pm – you are welcome to drop in at any time (with children who can easily be accommodated with games and films etc...). We provide lunch (at 12:15 – pizza!) and tea, coffee and biscuits and the necessary tools and materials for the tasks.

There is much to do this year. Painting, weeding, digging, re-organising, auditing books, chopping and bonfire making. The school also needs a bit of a spruce up in certain classrooms and the picnic benches need painting with life extending wood preservative. Finally, certain areas of the school grounds need weeding and chopping back giving us the opportunity to have an impromptu bonfire if anyone feels that way inclined!

Have a great weekend

Best wishes

Matthew Dampier
Headteacher



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Autumn Clean – Saturday October 13th - anytime between 9:15 am – 3pm

Please state (or email) where applicable, you'd be happy to support on the day. Bringing own tools of the trade would also be great (but not necessary) – please state if you will be. Thank you.

I'd / we'd be delighted to be indoors and paint!

I'd / we'd be delighted to be outdoors digging!

I / we don't mind what the task is!

Name: Date:

