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Dear Parents

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2019 at Droxford Junior School! We hope you had an enjoyable, fun-filled, Christmas holiday. Thank you to everyone who attended the lovely Christmas Services before the holiday break and to all the children and staff who worked so hard behind the scenes. A special thank you to Miss Barnett and Miss Kirby (who wrote the service) and the Year 3 / 4 team. We all feel very proud to be working here at our lovely school.

Our aim for your holidays is to enjoy time with family and friends, recharge batteries and recuperate. However, if you are ever at a loss for ideas please use our website for ideas of enrichment activities.

<http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/enrichment-tasks/>

There are times however, when there will be some extra consolidation work for our older children. Towards SATs in May there may be some additional, specific tasks set by our Year 6 teachers for homework. Nonetheless, in school we aim to motivate and inspire and are dedicated to make your child's learning enjoyable and enriching! Our vision for Droxford Junior School is that we provide outstanding opportunities for all our children to excel at whatever they do.

We welcome any support from yourselves to enrich the learning in any way and look forward to working in partnership with parents, governors, staff and our village community in order for our children to flourish! If you wish to come and talk to our children about your profession, faith, culture or hobby for instance, then please don't hesitate to contact us. The children would really enjoy it!

SATs

Just to remind you that although the SATs at the beginning of the summer term are important to both us and your child, we aim to keep these in perspective and will continue to prepare your child for these tests through appropriate activities.

This year the Key Stage 2 SATs tests are during the week **Monday 13th – Friday 17th May 2019** and we ask that NO holiday, authorised or unauthorised, is booked off during this period.

An information evening for parents will be held nearer the time.



School Improvement Priorities 2018-2019

Each year the school evaluates its working practice and produces a developmental document called a School Improvement Plan (SIP). As you can imagine the school has many strengths but we know we can always develop and strengthen our practice.

Our objectives are as follows...

- Governors further develop their understanding of the school's effectiveness and keep the school improving by focusing on the impact of their actions.
- All staff are to coach, mentor, support and are coached / supported (to achieve this) to improve outcomes for all children.
- Raise attainment and progress in mathematics for low to mid prior attaining children and girls (especially prior higher attaining girls).
- Improve the planning and assessment of reading, spelling and grammar across all year groups.
- Raise attainment and rate of progress (English and Mathematics) in Years 3 and 4.
- Develop a cohesive framework for Droxford Junior School learning habits, behaviours and values.
- Raise attainment and progress of disadvantaged, SEN and 'at risk' children in reading, writing and mathematics.

I fully appreciate that some of this terminology may not be readily understood. To put this in to perspective our core purpose is for all children to learn in a safe and enjoyable school. Our curriculum is key to this as are the adults that teach it. Therefore we are continually developing our curriculum and assessment process to meet the needs of all learners. We are also teaching the children to be more resilient and learn by their mistakes through the 'Growth Mindset' approach, developed by the University of Portsmouth.

To view the School Improvement Plan please visit our website...

<http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/school-improvement/>

Curriculum overviews and Year group Newsletters

Each term our year 3 / 4 & 5 / 6 teams put together a newsletter and curriculum overview to ensure you have an understanding of what your child will be experiencing in the forthcoming weeks. Electronic copies can be viewed on our website following the link below...

<http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/letters-forms-newsletters/newsletters/>

Throughout the year you will receive Newsletters from the school council and Mr Banham (Healthy Schools and sports). These can also be viewed on the link above and...

<http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/school-council/>



Calendar

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/>



The FODS team are back into it again for the spring term with some fun and friendly events. Look out for the Film Night in early February (film yet to be decided). A cafe serving yummy cakes and biscuits as well as coffee and tea in March. It's a really nice opportunity to come and meet with old friends and make new ones. And lastly the very popular Easter Fair which always promises to be chaotic and fun! (March 29th).

FODS would like to thank everyone who made donations for the raffle held at the end of last term. There were 10 happy people who received amazing hampers and over £600 was made!

The FODS team.

'Drox' electric kit car.

The 2019 racing season beckons!

We are looking for a new team of interested **Year 5** children and parents to lead Droxford Junior School's racing car enrichment project. If **you and your child** would be interested in taking part in this exciting venture then please complete the reply slip (below) or email the school office.

It is essential that families commit to attending practice sessions and the two racing events if possible:

Saturday 16th March 2019 – HMS Excellent, Portsmouth

Sunday 21st July 2019 – 'Gathering of the Goblins' - Goodwood

<http://www.greenpower.co.uk/>

There will be a half an hour planning meeting for **just interested parents** on Monday 21st January at 6:00pm. This will be to schedule dates and allocate tasks. We will need parents to begin the logistics of running the technical team or the administration team. Commitment to the whole two term project is key and extremely welcomed! Please complete and return the reply slip (below) or contact the office if you wish to attend.

Parents evening

This term's parent & child consultations will be on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February and will be open for booking from Monday 21st January. Details of which will be made available in a separate communication this week. The hugely successful 'Roving Bookshop' will be with us on the Wednesday and open for business from 8:30 a.m until 7p.m.



Finally, I believe this will be a highly successful term for all our children and have every confidence it will be. The staff at this school are highly committed, creative and talented and will do their utmost for all children to achieve!

Once again I wish you all a very **Happy and successful New Year!**

Yours sincerely



Matthew Dampier
Headteacher



The Drox - Greenpower Goblin kit car project 2019 – Year 5

We would like to take part in the after school / weekend project.

Child's Name

Learning Base

Name of parent:

I will be attending the meeting for parents on Monday 21st January at 6:00pm

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

WILLIAM COLLINS TRUST



CAN WE HELP YOU?

Our local trust was set up to benefit the children and students from The Bridge parishes who could do with a bit of financial help with their education.

We have recently helped fund:

- School residential trips
- Students books
- Equipment for coursework
- Extra-curricular educational activities

So if you would like our help are under 25 and live in Droxford, Meonstoke, Corhampton or Exton, go to the William Collins Trust link at www.bridgechurches.org.uk and fill out our form. Or contact us in confidence:

Monika Thwaites 877939, Ann Symes 877643, Julia Kietley 877414, Sian Holiday 07966 48762 or Diana Arthur 877390

