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## March Newsletter 2019

### South Downs Sponsored walk.

Thank you to those who have returned forms regarding our sponsored walk after the Easter break. A sponsorship form can be found at the end of this newsletter to help with the process.

Many people really like the idea of the walk and would like to join us but for one reason or another cannot. What we propose is that whenever you can, Easter holidays perhaps or an alternative weekend, create your own sponsored walk. If you cannot do the whole 12.5 miles on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April you can still join us part way (if you can find us) or do what ever part of the route you so wish.

What would be great is to hear your stories, look at any pictures you take and find out what you have learnt. Oh and don't forget to get sponsors from family, friends and or work colleagues to help recognise your efforts and the support children in our school.

## FUNDRAISING FOR



Red Nose Day 2019 is just around the corner and we've decided to join in the fun. On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**, we're going to have a non-uniform day where the children can wear red clothes into school. In order to help raise money we ask in response to being out of uniform each child brings in a **donation of £1**.

In school

addition to our non-uniform day, **Red Noses are on sale** from the office for £1.25 between 12:30 and 12:55 p.m.

### World Book Day 2019

An amazing day of celebrating all things related to books and authors. Thank you to everyone for making it a memorable and meaningful day for the children, including the ladies in the kitchen!



## Parent consultation workshops.

Our first consultation meeting with all staff and parents (including members of FODS and governors) took place during our first INSET day after half term and was a great success.



Both days were extremely profitable in terms of a collaborative approach in shaping the future of our curriculum, values, vision, aims and teaching and learning strategies.

We wish to invite you all to a final, in-school consultation meeting where we can share the developments we have made so far and you can give your opinions on future direction in this idea – sharing process. We can also accommodate your children whilst this is going on.

**The date and time for this meeting is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 3:45 – 5pm in the school.** Pop in anytime to work with us in the school hall. Please e-mail the school office if you wish to join us. Thank you in advance.

The day before this meeting we will be holding the first of two landscape strategy meetings. Details of which went home this week – the letter can be found on our website

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

**Don't forget that all dates and events mentioned in this newsletter can be found on our calendar**

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



## Reading and the Roving Bookshop

The Roving book shop was a roaring success again this past parents evening, with over £900 being spent on quality books for the children. This also means we get £200 in commission to buy new books for our school library! With the addition of FODS support with buying class sets of books; World Book Day events and visiting authors we are consistently raising the profile of reading in a variety of ways.

The Roving Bookshop will return in July (17<sup>th</sup>) which coincides with the exciting opportunity to meet the author Christopher Edge (see below) who will be in school all day!

<https://www.christopheredge.co.uk/>

## Recycling

As you may be aware we have signed up to a scheme to recycle batteries. Battery boxes went home this week with instructions. More information can be found at this site as we begin to send off batteries to be recycled.

<https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/bbh-community/>

Don't forget in a bid to recycle clothing and provide a new (albeit small) funding stream, we have a clothing bank set up in our staff carpark. Any unwanted clothes, bedding and shoes can be bagged up and deposited in the same manner as other clothing banks. Please leave items in the school reception or place them in yourselves – but not by children due to its proximity to the carpark.



DROXFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
[www.droxfordweb.co.uk](http://www.droxfordweb.co.uk)  
Droxford-Village-Community

A message from the chair of the parish council.

*Dear Matthew,*

*Last night I attended the Annual Meeting of the Meon Valley Food Bank and thought that you would wish to know that in the report of 2018 activities and support, specific mention was made of the generosity of Droxford Junior School.*

*Janet Melson  
Chair*



Since the start of the school year the generous support of parents for FODS events has raised just over £2500, with the majority coming from the very popular Meon Neon Disco and the Christmas prize draw. Most of these funds have already been ploughed straight back into school, covering the costs of the Fantasia glass workshop, the highly coveted holographic star badges and reward stickers, and the upcoming e-Safety day.

The money we raise is also used to ensure that all children can participate in FODS events by making them free to those registered on the pupil premium scheme. All donations and support are hugely appreciated and do make a difference in enriching the experience of all children at Droxford, thank you very much.

**FODS events to mark in your diary for this half term are:**

FODS Cafe on the 8th March in the hall from 3.30-5. Come and treat yourself to a cake and coffee or tea.

The Easter Fair is on the 29th March. The children really enjoy this event as they get to create and run a stall themselves. There will also be a hamper raffle, 'be Mr Dampier for a day' raffle prize and FODS will also be serving tea and coffee.

And next term FODS is very excited to be organising the South Downs Way sponsored walk on the 28th of April. We really need you to sign up now so we can get underway with organisation. In formation on this can be seen at the start of this newsletter with a sponsorship form included at the end.

***Thanks as always for your support.***

The FODS team.



....and don't forget **Jarbola returns**. Jars are flooding in already. Only three weeks left to win that class treat. The competition is close, however three learning bases are lagging behind. Will any of them make a surprise comeback and steal the prize? Fill them with toys, sweets and / or games.

– then the competition will continue until May 23<sup>rd</sup> (the week before the Village Fair which is the June half term). Our pricing strategy was way too generous as **your jars are fantastic** – therefore each jar will cost £1.50 this year.

**Governors**

Currently we have vacancies for three school governors. If you have time and wish to support the school then please contact our clerk – Natsha Beckley.

[n.beckley@droxford.hants.sch.uk](mailto:n.beckley@droxford.hants.sch.uk)

## Safeguarding

Recently I undertook some Designated Safeguard Lead training in Winchester. A few things I thought would be useful to share that came out of it...

A really useful website for keeping on top of apps, social media and games children play is netaware

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

'County Lines' was discussed which is a relatively new and links to exploitation of young people. Please follow this link to further inform yourselves.

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-is-county-lines>

Also just to remind you all that staff, governors and other volunteers that are with us on a regular basis (and also contractors) have to undertake a DBS check and must have certification to prove that they haven't been barred from working with children. We follow strict guidance regarding recruitment. At the training we were urged to remind parents of this and stress to them that tutors should have DBS's also. Please check.

Finally, regarding safeguarding and e-safety, we will be having an e-safety day in school for children, staff and parents on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. It is extremely informative and led by Harrap our IT providers.

Thank you for all your continued support,  
Best wishes



Matthew Dampier  
Headteacher

South Downs Walk Sponsorship form

Name of child:		Learning Base:
Name	Sponsorship per mile	Total

