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April Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents



FODS South Downs sponsored walk – Sunday 28th April

Thank you for those who have returned forms regarding our sponsored walk after the Easter break. 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 28th April you can still join us part way (if you can find us) or do whatever 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.

If you wish to get a lift from Exton to Winchester let the school office know if you haven't already.

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.

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/droxford-junior-school/>

FODS - Easter Fair

Another successful term for FODS especially last week's Easter Fair raising just under £1500!

It was great to see new stalls like homemade scrunchies, decoupage and rabbit bean bag toss and also the tried and trusted stalls like Jarbolas and beat the goalie. Always a fun day for the children, staff and parents. And a special thank you to everyone who made the time to bake a delicious cake or slice. We had an amazing array of delicious goodies on sale. (Please collect cake tins from office).

Year 6 leaver's hoodies have been ordered. A lot of time and effort goes into this and it's great to see the year 6 wearing these around the villages with pride. **They will be available to wear in school in the final week of term.**



There is still time to sign up for the South Downs Way sponsored walk on 28th April, meeting in Winchester and finishing at Exton. Something you may have thought about doing and what a great way to raise money for the school.

Lastly, thank you to those people who have offered to bake or help with serving teas at the Droxford Village Fair on June 1st. We are going to go ahead with this. We could still do with a few more volunteers. If you're interested please contact Shannon (Chair) at...

friendsofdroxfordschool@gmail.com

Have an enjoyable Easter

Thank you for your support – Shannon and the team

Runways End – Year 4 Residential

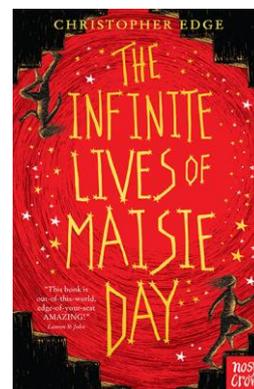
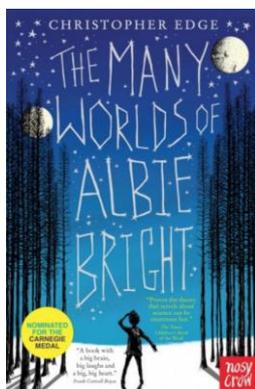


The Year 4 children have returned from their residential tired and enthused after their three day adventure. They overcame challenges provided by abseiling, bouldering (climbing the big tower – pictured left – which the children also abseiled down), caving, archery, shooting, orienteering, cooking and 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.

Author visit – Christopher Edge

We are pleased to announce that the author, Christopher Edge, will be visiting the school on Thursday 18th July. Christopher has written many popular books; Fiction, non-fiction, poetry and humorous books

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



Roving Bookshop

On the same day, The Roving Bookshop will be in school selling Christopher's books for you to buy and that Christopher 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.

We recently spent £200 commission on some fantastic art / artist books for the library – this money came from children and yourselves purchasing from the Roving Bookshop – thank you!

Calendar and dates for the diary...

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 2019 Key Stage 2 tests will take place between the 13th -16th 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 13 th May	English: Grammar, punctuation and spelling 2 papers: spelling; punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary)
Tuesday 14 th May	English: Reading
Wednesday 15 th May	Mathematics 2 papers: Arithmetic; mathematical reasoning (paper 1)
Thursday 16 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.

Have a great Easter everyone
Best wishes



Matthew Dampier
Headteacher

