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Dear Parents/carers

Sun Awareness – in readiness for a brilliant summer! (When it arrives)

The children are advised to wear a hat in the sunny weather and to keep their water bottle topped up with fresh water so they can keep their brains hydrated! If children are involved in outdoor events it would be advisable for them to apply a sunscreen product before school. You can also send your child in to school with sunscreen in 'stick' form. For your information, we offer children shade in the hall when eating packed lunches and encourage all to use the water fountains to drink from when outside. We also discuss the need to 'Wrap, hat and splat!' with the children.

Sports Day 2019

Our sports day will be held on Thursday 20th June

Sports day will run from 10:30 until 2:30. Parents are invited to bring packed lunches in and have a picnic on site with their children. Children can then leave at 2:30 with their parents. In the morning every child will be placed in mixed age teams and will participate in a rotation of fun, physical activities. In the afternoon competitive races will be held to provide an opportunity for athletes who have competed in learning base, preliminary 'heats' in order to participate in the 'finals'. The preliminary races will be taking place in PE lessons and the children will be selected according to their performances in these lessons. Please be aware that not every child will be able to compete in the 'final' races.

During that week there will be a focus on healthy lifestyles. We also intend the week to be 'screen free', with as much of the learning taking place outside away from computers and electricity!

Healthy Breaktime Snacks

To help keep up their energy during the days, we are very happy for children to bring a healthy snack to eat. We have noticed that some children are eating items intended for their lunch such as chocolate or crisps (not entirely healthy school ethos) rather than a healthy snack which has been specifically provided for breaktimes. Useful advice and great ideas for healthy snacks and lunches can be found on

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration>

Sponsored Walk

A big thank you to all the parents and children who joined myself on the lovely walk from Winchester to Exton (12.5 miles) on the South Downs Way. Big thank yous to the local Roundtable charity supporting us with their mini bus; the Meon Valley minibus (both drivers); The Shoe Inn – Exton for their kind support before and after the walk; Pippa



Heggie for her organisation and the South Downs National Park authority for their educational support.

Some members of the general public were so impressed with the children were and how great it was the school went walking that they even sponsored us there and then!

Thank you to all who have sponsored others and raised money on this walk or their own – you can now send money into the school office.



Landscape Strategy Workshops

We have completed all three workshops now (including the governor's one this week) and are close to finalising the strategic plan. Thank you to everyone who took part – especially the children, who were amazing. The plan will be on our website by July and will form the major part of fundraising projects (like the sponsored walk) and grant acquisition moving forward.



E-Safety Day

This produced much useful and insightful discussion for parents, children and staff. Thank you to Andrew Woods from Harrap IT and all who attended the presentations. We shall share the presentation shortly via our website.

Governors

We are still looking to recruit three governors to the school governing body committee. If you or anyone you know may be interested then please don't hesitate to contact the school office. Also a parent survey will be with you in the coming weeks - which is used to inform us on how we know we are doing ok; can improve or develop our school; shape the strategic direction of the school as well as understanding what we do well. Please take time to read this and complete the survey when it arrives.

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Do you want to contribute to your community and help improve the education and future of our local children?

Are you willing to work as part of a team and share your skills, ideas and experience?

Are you interested in free training to enhance your knowledge and skills?

To find out more, please contact our clerk to the governors n.beckley@droxford.hants.sch.uk, or contact the school office

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Headline calendar dates for the diary...

National Gallery Trip (Years 5&6) Thursday 23rd May

INSET Day – Friday 24th May – school closed to pupils

Bishops Waltham Cricket Festival – Tuesday 4th June

75th Anniversary of the D-Day landings – Thursday 6th June – we are having a special assembly in school led by Janet Melson (Chair of the Parish Council and committee member of the Royal British Legion)

'Luna' our new school dog starts school – Monday 10th June

Healthy Schools week – 17th – 20th June

INSET Day – Friday 21st June

<http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Year-6-6-Newsletter-summer-19.pdf>

All 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/>

INSET Days 2019-2020 academic year

We have been negotiating with our feeder schools the training days for next year. We are hoping they are all the same in the three schools to support our families. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 4th September 2019; Friday 25th October 2019; Monday 24th February 2020;
Friday 22nd May 2020 and Friday 26th June 2020.

Droxford Fair – Saturday 1st June

The theme for the village fair is based on the 75th anniversary of D-Day. FODS will be selling teas, coffees and cake in the village hall. FODS would really appreciate some homemade cakes to sell if anyone could?

The school will have a stall alongside FODS in the hall, selling the last remaining fused glass poppies made by the children, in remembrance to those who gave so much in WW1 and all subsequent campaigns including WW2 and the D-Day offensive. Miss Kirby, Miss Barnett and Miss Jones will be representing the school on the day and will also be selling Village postcards. All monies raised will go towards projects earmarked by the Landscape Strategy team in order to develop the outside areas of the school for learning and play.

School clean up / Dig Day

As the weather will be amazing on Saturday 29th June we were wondering if some of you may be free to attend our Summer clean and Dig Day (9:30 – 3pm or whatever time you are able to spare). The format is the same, with many tasks needing attention around the school and lunch provided. More information to follow. Please email the school office adminoffice@droxford.hants.sch.uk if you are able to support the school.

SATs 2019

The children have been amazing!!!! Thank you to my Year 6 team led by my new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Jenny Smith for co-ordinating the team all year and putting my vision in to practice for a calmer SATs experience. All the school community have been amazing but children most of all – well done!



And finally... 'Luna' – School dog (Black Labrador)



This is 'Luna', our new school dog! (aged 3 weeks) Very exciting!!! She is now 5 weeks old. She will be starting with us June 10th when she will be 8 weeks old – young, but the recommended and best way to train a school, therapy / reading dog. She has come from pedigree, working dog lineage whose mother is a therapy dog herself. The breeder also works in schools and has chosen the right temperament puppy from the litter based on what her role will be.

She will stay in the school office and reside with myself outside of school. Luna will have her own section on the school website with all the relevant information needed and questions answered anyone may have. She will be 'low profile' at first but will grow into her role and surroundings as she gets older. She will go through normal and specific training and we already have a vet who will be a 'sponsor' for her needs for life – which is generous and comforting to know.

School dogs are becoming more common in schools and are an incredible, non-judgemental and calming resources – no doubt Luna will make a positive difference for years to come.

Thank you for all your amazing support

Best wishes

Matthew Dampier
Headteacher