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Dear Parents

D-Day 75th anniversary

Mrs Janet Melson (Chair of Droxford Parish Council and member of The Royal British Legion) led an informative and thoughtful assembly commemorating the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Her presentation had all the historical back story to the momentous day as well as the vital role our region had in the campaign: Southwick House, the troops stationed locally, the city of Portsmouth and Droxford railway station. She ended her assembly by reflecting on the huge sacrifice given by the brave allied troops whilst discussing the symbolism of our fused glass poppies.



Awesome Authors

We are delighted to announce that we will be visited by two awesome authors this term - Anne Wan and Christopher Edge will be visiting the school on Wednesday 26th June and Thursday 18th July respectively. All year groups will have presentations / workshops during the visits children will be able to buy books on each day. Roving Bookshop return on the 18th July and will have their normal amazing array of books for sale as well as all the Christopher Edge books to be signed.

The bookshop is open from 8.30 until 4.30 and they stock hundreds of other titles. Children can visit with you before and after school or they can bring in money on the day as each class will have an opportunity to visit during lesson time. Your child will bring home more details about book sales in the near future.

The following websites have more information about the authors and their books and book prices.

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

<http://anne-wan.com/>



Year 5 Enrichment week.

Wow! What a success the trip was and the experience was fantastic. A big thank you to Miss Jones, Mr Banham and Mrs Fowler for their support and organisation.



Monday 17th June – Thursday 20th June 2019
(Friday 21st is an INSET day – school is therefore closed)

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.

You are most welcome to come and support. Please make your way down to the field to see the action! FODS will provide a refreshment stall and a second-hand school uniform stall. They will also provide fresh fruit, snacks and water for the children.

At the end of the afternoon, after the spectator chairs have been carried off the field, the children will return to class and will then be dismissed from their learning bases (early at 2:30, with permission). We will be using our normal exit registers – therefore no child can leave early without prior arrangement made through the school office. Safeguarding your child is paramount and we need to ensure we know

During the week there will be a focus on healthy lifestyles. Monday will be full of high intensity workouts; we have an U11s County Cup cricket match at home in the afternoon and on Wednesday there will be Mindfulness and Yoga workshops.

The Drox – Petworth - Saturday 1st June

A big thank you and well done to the Drox racing team who competed in the half term race meet in Petworth. The final race of the season for the team is July 21st at Goodwood Race track.

More information and pictures can be found on the Drox racing car blog / gallery below.

<http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/curriculum/the-drox-blog/>

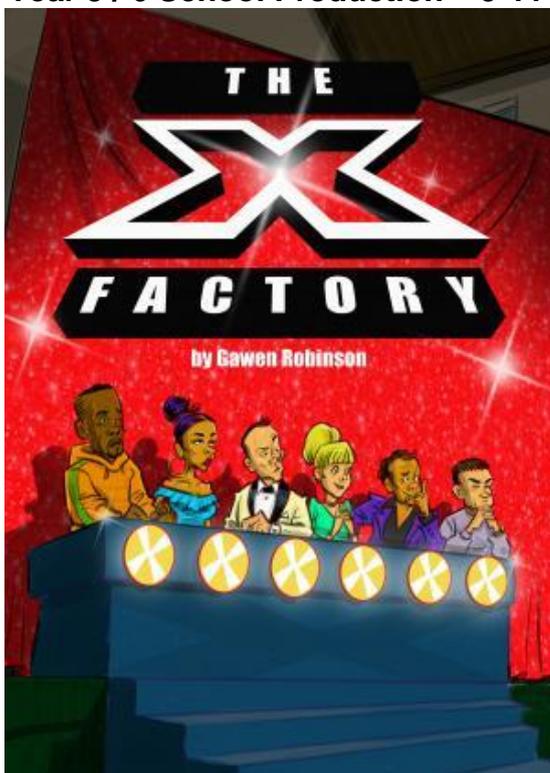
Hog Roast – Friday 6th July

Summer Hog Roast (replacing the BBQ this year) tickets will go on sale in the next couple of weeks. We hope the date – Friday 5th July – is already in the family diary. At this time of year we put together a large raffle to be drawn at the event. If you work for a business that you think could offer us a prize (or sponsorship) please email us as soon as possible : friendsofdroxfordschool@gmail.com

Droxford Fair – thank you to all that helped on the day – including Miss Barnett and Miss Jones. We raised £1024.23!!!

Thank you from the FODS team.

Year 5 / 6 School Production – 9-11th July



St Dithers School is in trouble! Following an extremely poor OFSET inspection the school has been labelled 'Average' and is in grave danger of being closed down.

The governors, worried about the fate of their school and with only 6 weeks to turn things around, decide to take drastic action. They realise that improving the school in that length of time would be impossible and that it would be easier to replace the head, and most of the pupils, with 'super-talented' ones. They also decide to bring in entirely new staff made up of celebrities from the world of entertainment!

A new head teacher, Simon Trowel, is appointed with the intention of making the school into a breeding ground for young super stars who will one day be on TV reality shows and dominate show business forever! New 'super-teachers' are brought in from the world of 'show biz reality TV shows' and include: Will.I.Was, Cheri Cola, Dusty Barrel, Bruno Macaroni and Craig Rebel-Cardboard. Bant and Beck, the northern comic duo, are also appointed as the 'Superstar Announcers'.

When the staff and pupils decide to fight back, fun and frolics ensue making this an extremely entertaining show for children to perform.

Tickets will be on sale soon for the matinee (9th) and the two evening performances (10th / 11th) (£3 per seat – primary aged children free – a system that replaces donations) and helps to cover the school subsidising the licensing and purchase fees of the production, the props, a professional photographer and Year 6 leavers events.

Tickets will be available through the school office – forms for these will be distributed shortly.

Medicines

We are happy to administer prescribed drugs and medicines, including Calpol, from the school office providing parents have completed a medical form giving their authorisation and details of dosage etc. All medicines and drugs must be kept in the school office. Please note we are unable to administer Ibuprofen / Calprofen etc unless it has been prescribed by your GP.

Staffing – September 2019

In the weeks leading up to half term we were extremely busy recruiting new members of staff for September and the new academic year. In fact we had upwards of 50 people interested in the posts available which was very encouraging if not logistically challenging! We are delighted to say that we were able to recruit excellent applicants for all available positions.

Mrs Jenny Smith is as you may already be aware is our new Deputy Headteacher.

Mrs Lisa Greenwood is relocating from London and replaces Mrs Jane Miles as our new SENCo who sadly leaves us after 10 years in this school – a sad moment for us and her – I know she will miss working at Droxford as much as we have loved her being here - we wish her all her success in her new position as SENCo in her new school.

Mr Joe Lowndes will be the new full time teacher in Droxford Base.

Mrs Becky Boyden (wife of Mr Andy Boyden who used to work at Droxford) who will be Mrs Jenny Smith's job share teacher in Newtown Base.

Therefore our teaching staff for 2019 – 2020 Academic Year is as follows:

Years 3 & 4

Droxford Base – Mr Lowndes

Hambledon Base – Miss Barnett

Meonstoke Base – Miss Kirby

Years 5 & 6

Exton Base – Miss Jones

Soberton Base – Mr Todd

Newtown Base – Mrs Smith (DHT) + Mrs Boyden

Friday PPA cover – Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Wright and Mr Banham

TAs – Mrs Kuiper, Mrs Barnett, Mrs Fowler, Mrs Beckley, Miss Cook and Mrs Evans.

Other posts – SENCo – Mrs Greenwood (Mon-Wed); ELSA – Mrs Lucia Smith

Librarian – Mrs Daniells. Sports Coach – Mr Banham. Music – Mrs Graham

Office team: Mrs Hinks, Mrs Cleeve, Mrs Swinburn and Mrs Bury.

Site Manager – Mr Vardy

We unfortunately say goodbye, thank you and all the best to Mrs Lockett, Mrs Harrison and Miss Williams who leave us to work in new schools within the county.

And finally... '**Luna**' our latest recruit – our Black Labrador school Therapy Dog who starts her career with us this term.

We wish them every success and thank **you** all for your patience and understanding in what has been an unplanned, unusual and challenging staffing year for us. I wish to thank all the children, staff and governors who have worked tirelessly during this period to ensure we have reached this position for September.

The children will be informed of their new learning base and teacher(s) on Wednesday 3rd July. The children will then be working in their new learning bases the following day.



Year 5 / 6 trip to the National Gallery - London

The children in Years 5 and 6 had an awesome enrichment experience recently. It was a fantastic learning opportunity, linked to our art and English curriculums as well as being a valuable cultural experience.



Reports

Reports and assessment results will be given out to the children on Friday 12th July. If you would like to collect the report please e-mail or write to the school office. They are slightly different this year – similar to the mid-year reports.

And finally...

Summer clean-up day is Saturday 29th June 9:15 – 3. Painting, digging, chopping or help tidying up in and around school. Pop in anytime. Lunch and childcare provided. Contact school office with any intentions!

Best wishes and thank you all once again.

Matthew Dampier
Headteacher