



DIG DAY – Saturday 8th October – 9-3



Dear Parents

As you are aware we are holding a 'Dig Day' at school soon – Saturday 8th October (join us anytime between 9-3). Thank you to all who have signed up so far!

This is a day where (if possible) parents and children come in to school and help us achieve many things we find hard to do throughout the year. This Dig Day we are hoping to complete a few tasks to benefit the children and school inside the building and outdoors...

- Weed and replant the Courtyard – we have the plants already
- Give the Willow Dome a much need haircut / trim!
- Build a gate in our school fence to give easy access to the school's allotment
 - Clear the area for the gate – lots to clear
 - Weed and clear the 6 small allotment 'beds' for the children to use
 - Find some kind individuals who would like to form an allotment club with the children
- Plant Spring bulbs
- Tidy up and weed the wildlife area and 'pond of ponds'
- Use hedge trimmers / strimmers / loppers to cut back unwanted brambles
- Tidy up areas of the planting at the front of school
- Paint top coats of protective paint on our outdoor sheds
- Painting of corridors in school – (if weather not great outdoors)

Please bring any tools you wish to use linked to the tasks you are happy to join in with. If not we have equipment here.

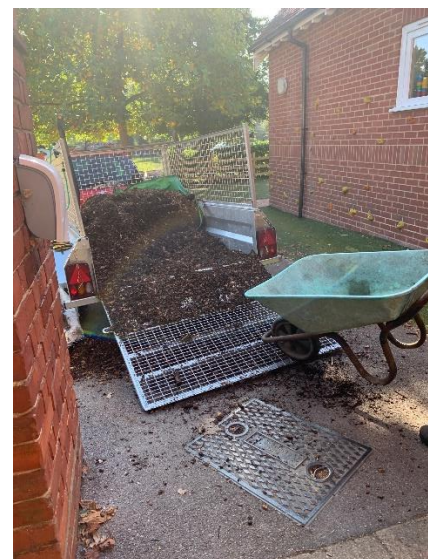
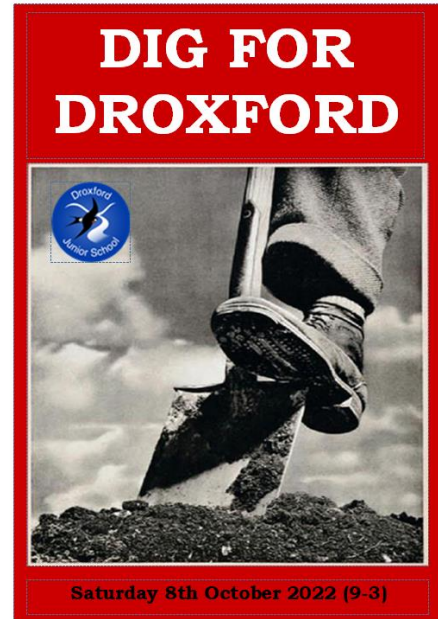
If you go to our website and open the outdoor Learning and play tab in the Curriculum section (link below) you will find out more about previous Dig Days and what we are trying to achieve for your children.

<https://www.droxfordjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Outdoor+Learning+and+Play&pid=26>



As with previous Dig Days, where the event becomes an enjoyable community spirited day, we will provide lunch (pizzas and salads), tea / coffee / drinks for the children / biscuits and cake to keep everyone happy.

We also know childcare maybe an issue so please bring children along if it helps and we can entertain and feed them too. They can set up a cinema in school; Den build or play games with the sports equipment.



We are also hoping to get the following items to help the school grounds...

- Someone with a van or trailer to collect some compost for next week (to use in the Courtyard)
- Lots of wood chip we can use around the school site so the children don't get muddy
- 6 medium sized logs
- Bales of hay / rope / tarpaulin for the children to Den Build with

Sponsor a Spring Bulb plot - £5

During our 'Dig Day' (or perhaps another day / time that suits) we are offering families the opportunity to plant a personal space / grid in the borders of our school grounds.

In exchange for £5 (can be paid online) we will provide you with some spring bulbs (daffodils / snow drops / native bluebells etc...) to be planted around our school site.

Each year, in early Spring, each and every year, the school will have its borders and margins enlivened by beautiful flowers which will also act as early pollinators (ask your children about this!).

You could bring in your own bulbs if you wish, but the bluebells need to be of a native species please.

Afterwards, you and your children can look fondly at the difference you have made year on year!



And finally....

This Friday (day closure) we are hosting an Outdoor Learning Collaboration event with the intent that our school better understands how we can utilise our outdoor spaces for learning as well as play. We will use this opportunity to develop our Curriculum to ensure children are learning outdoors and from our outdoor spaces.

The event is so large that we have over 30 schools coming to us – some as far as the Channel Islands!

Once again – thank you for your time and support and Luna and I look forward to working with you on the 8th October.

Kind regards

Mr Dampier



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