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Dear Parents and carers

Enrichment

Just after the Easter holidays our Year 4 children and our Year 3/4 teachers went to Runway's End residential centre, in Farnborough. They had a wonderful time building camp fires; abseiling; climbing; caving; orienteering; shooting; low ropes and archery through the tutelage of the great instructors from the centre and our school staff.

For many of these children this was the first time they had been away from home for more than one night – although they did have the benefit of doing the Year 3 camp last year. They used all their school Values and Skills for Learning and were a real credit to themselves and the school.



Year 5 – Sailing residential ...and next week our Year 5s will be sailing in Portsmouth for their three day residential (it only seemed like yesterday I was writing about their Year 4 residential!) Pictures and information to follow but I am sure they will all have a great time and I am looking forward to taking them.



Kings Coronation

On Friday 12th May we will be commemorating and celebrating the coronation of the new King Charles III. We will mark this occasion by having a street party on the playground, singing songs (including the National Anthem), researching the life of King Charles and participating in some creative activities.

Year 6 end of Key Stage 2 tests - SATs

SATs start on Tuesday 9th May for Year 6. These tests show how hard the children have worked the last four years as well as being a progress measure for the school. Secondary schools use the data in different ways and they also act as a progress measure for GCSEs.

The children are well prepared and well organised and we know they will do very well.



Dates for the diary

Our website has all the key dates you will need on the News & calendar tab.

<https://www.droxfordjunior.co.uk/news-and-events>

Curriculum newsletters and overviews informing of the planned learning this term and key dates.

<https://www.droxfordjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Droxford+Curriculum&pid=20>

And finally...

Having just said goodbye and good luck to Mr Vardy, we will be doing the same with Miss Kirby. It is bittersweet and we don't want her to leave and we will all miss her greatly and know she will be sad to leave also.

However, she is looking for fresh challenges and has various plans for the future. For the time being she will be starting in a new school from September 2023. She has been with us since leaving University and has developed into a really proficient, kind and caring teacher. We all wish her the very best and will know doubt all keep in touch.

We have started the recruitment process for both positions and will inform you in due course.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes

Matthew Dampier
Headteacher

Vision: 'Equipping our children with the knowledge and skills to navigate life successfully'.

