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Dear Parents

Sports Day 2023 - Information

I am delighted to say that our sports day will be held on Wednesday 21st June for all to attend. Sports day will run from 10:30 until 3:00. Parents are invited to bring packed lunches in and have a picnic on site with their children. Children can then leave at 3:00 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' (during PE lessons) 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, we endeavour to share out races as much as possible. However, they will all compete in the morning.

You are most welcome to come and support. Please make your way down to the field from 10:15 onwards, 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 3:00, 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 where all children are.

Clubs will be running as normal that day.

School Sports – Cricket



Champions again!

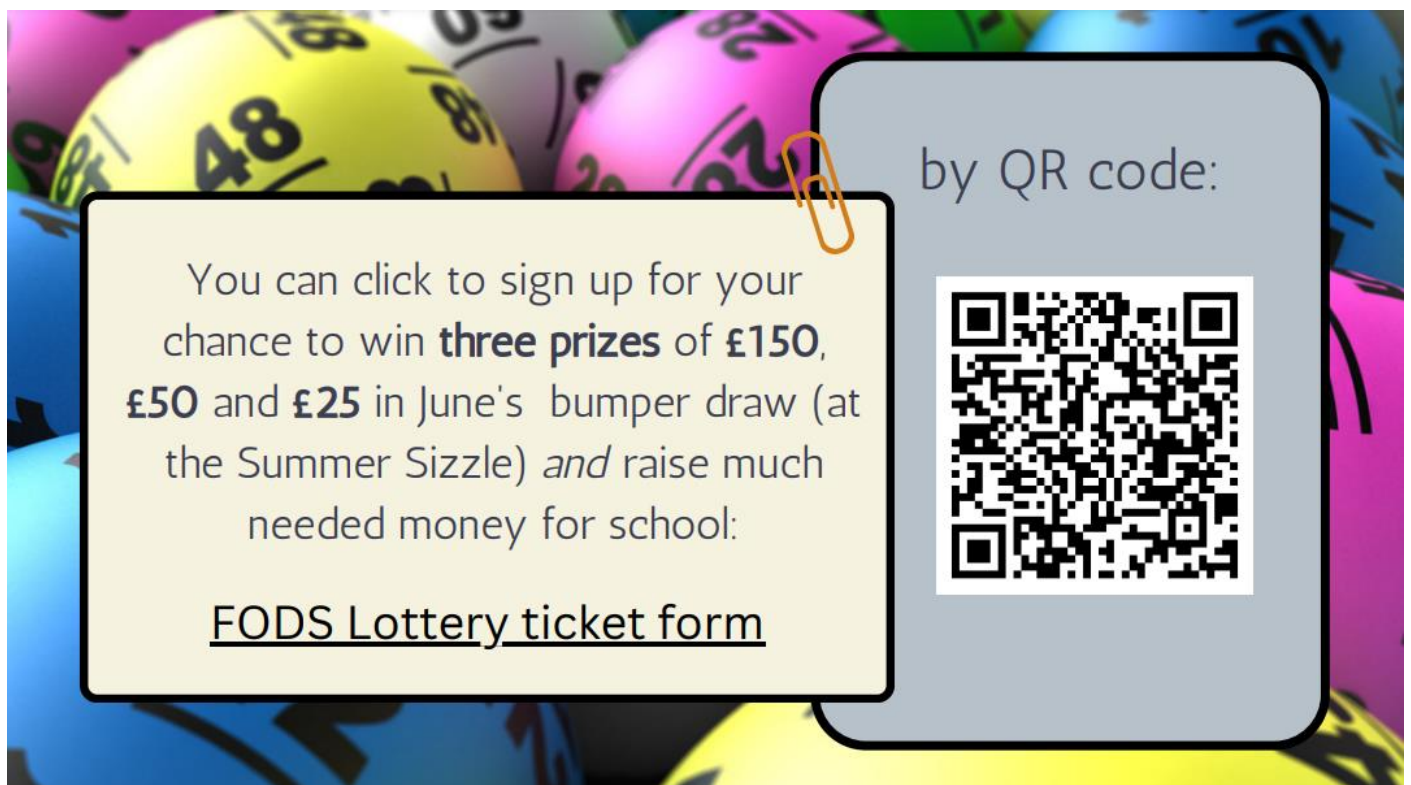
In other sporting news, our U11 cricket team recently won a local schools cricket tournament (for the second consecutive year) at Fair Oak Cricket Club. They won all of their matches and now progress to the County Finals held at the Ageas Bowl – home of Hampshire County Cricket (and where many England Test / T20 matches take place). They will play on the actual pitch with spectators watching the games on Wednesday 21st June.

Well done the team and Mr Banham!



Save the date: we've got the big annual event that is the Summer Sizzle BBQ coming up on the 30th June from 6-8pm – more information and booking forms out very soon!


We have a winner for the May FODS Lottery and they have received their £50 winnings! The next draw for June will be held at the Summer Sizzle and for this event we are increasing the value and number of prizes to £150, £50 and £25. Every adult who attends the Summer Sizzle gets a free FODS Lottery ticket for the June draw! To further increase your chances and to support FODS fundraising in an ongoing way, you can also set up a standing order from just £2.50 a month. Click [FODS lottery tickets](#)



You can click to sign up for your chance to win **three prizes** of **£150**, **£50** and **£25** in June's bumper draw (at the Summer Sizzle) *and* raise much needed money for school:

[FODS Lottery ticket form](#)

by QR code:



A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time or a bake with our café at the Droxford Country Fair last weekend – your support was very much appreciated by us and the happy customers! Despite the overall reduced footfall at the Fair, we made a very healthy profit and hope that everyone enjoyed the day and the sunny weather.

Finally, it is reaching that time of the year when we are welcoming with open arms anyone who might like to join the committee as many of our current committee members are moving on. It is a great opportunity to make contacts with other parents, the school and to enhance our children's time at Droxford Junior School. Drop us an email at friendsofdroxfordschool@gmail.com.

The Year 6 leavers' hoodies have just been delivered to the school and will be handed out after the school Production. A big thank you to Sian Holiday for working hard to get these keepsakes organised, of your child's time at Droxford Junior School.

Lost property



Some helpful children have tried to repatriate clothing etc....but it is a constant battle. The mountain is a bit higher than this picture now.

The helpful children said 'We would like you to know that lost property is as tall the lockers! It would be a great help if everyone would put their children's names on their belongings and keep them safe. There has been some weird things in there. There are also two bags of shoes!'

From Wren, Daisy, Nellie, Sophie and Isla in Year 3.

New classes / new staff

On Thursday July 6th the children will be moving up to their new classes. Year 3s become Year 4s, Year 4s become Year 5s, Year 5s become Year 6s and (nearly all) Year 6s become Year 7s at Swanmore. We will also welcome Year 2 children who will become Year 3s for the day.

We are excited to announce that we have appointed Miss Sophie Bond to be the new teacher in Meonstoke Base. Miss Bond has recently started her career in teaching and is extremely excited to continue this here at Droxford. Miss Barker (in Exton Base) will be teaching Year 5 & 6 next year.

So there are a few staff changes in school and lots of changes taking place across the classes – details of which are finalised w/b July 3rd.

Gardening support...Can you help?

I'm needing some support with the school grounds in terms of weeding, pruning, caring for the plants, flowers and newly planted trees in the school grounds. The allotment and the grounds are like the biggest garden imaginable and without a site manager its becoming an even bigger challenge to keep on top of things.

On an adhoc basis and really happy to be flexible, wondering if anyone had time now and again – during school, after or at weekends to pop in and help us out?

If so please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance!



INSET days 2023-2024

It is useful to know when the school is closed for staff training and planning so you can plan in advance. We have shared the details with the Infant schools already.

Monday 25th September 2023

Monday 20th November 2023

Friday 9th February 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

Friday 5th July 2024

School holiday dates for next academic year can be found by following this link...

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/education/school-year-2023-2024.pdf>

The year starts horribly early, on Friday 1st September!!! We aren't going to use an INSET day to just extend the holiday by another day – we will use that day for a fun, induction, welcome day for the children and then break for the weekend. We can then bank that INSET day and tag on to a half term elsewhere in the year.

Year 6 Production – Oliver



This is the classic story of orphan, young Oliver Twist, who escapes the hardship of the workhouse only to be taken in by the infamous duo Artful and Dodger. When they take him back to their gang, Oliver then has the misfortune to meet Fagin, Mrs Fagin, Bill Sykes and the other pick-pocketing vagabonds. Only Nancy and Beth might save him from a future of crime and prison. Get ready for a step back into Victorian Britain and watch the tale twist and turn with villains, heroes and food, glorious food!

Tickets we be on sale soon for the matinee – *which Year 3 & 4 watch as well* - (30th June) and the two evening performances (3rd / 4th July) - (£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, photos and Year 6 leavers events.

Tickets will be available through the school office – forms have already been distributed.

That's all for now; although teachers using Class Dojo keep you all informed and so do the amazing office team with emails and updating the website.

<https://www.droxfordjunior.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

Hope you enjoy the sunny weekend

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Dampier".

Matthew Dampier

Headteacher

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

