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September 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents

We would like to offer a special welcome to all the families who are new to our school community. It was especially lovely to see all the new Year 3 parents this week for the Open Morning this week, which Mrs Smith and myself (and Luna) led.

Strong partnerships are essential; we have an 'open door' policy so that issues are resolved quickly and the children are settled, happy and successful. We always encourage children to speak to adults in school so we can help immediately. Please contact the school office if you have any queries or wish to contact your child's teacher.

Our 'Skills for Learning' and School Values are integral to our learning and positive behaviours in school. I am sure, if you are not aware of them already, that you will be during this term – either through your child's work and successes or subsequent visits to the school which include...



Parents Evening Meetings 3:45 - :

Wednesday 18th October (Roving Bookshop in school)

Thursday 20th October

Information on these meetings will be sent via the office in the near future.

We are delighted to announce that the author, **Lucy Strange**, will be visiting the school on the 18th October as part of the Bookshop experience. I will share more details about that in my next newsletter. But if you wish to find out more about Lucy's published children's books then please follow this link: <https://www.lucystrange.org/>

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Governor vacancies.

Governors met for the first time this academic year for some training linked to Ofsted. We are due an Ofsted inspection in the next 18 months, so very useful for the committee.

We have governor **vacancies**, if there are any parents out there interested or know of anyone interested in supporting the school then please don't hesitate to contact Sydney our Clerk, who also works in the office.

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"FODS (Friends of Droxford School) have lots of plans to share with you for the year ahead. The easiest way to see what we're up to & keep in touch is via our new Facebook page at 'Droxford FODS'. If you'd like to have a say in what fundraising and activities FODS do this year and/or get involved, we'd love to see you at our **AGM TBC** - more details to follow.
Amanda Conroy - Outgoing Chair FODS

The 4:30 Club 2023 / 2024 on a Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday now run up till 5:30!!!

As you may be aware we are now running clubs on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 5:30pm. This is in collaboration with Mr Banham and Dawn from DanceBox. All details can be found on our website...

<https://www.droxfordjunior.co.uk/page/?title=After+School+Clubs&pid=36>

Payments: And...just a reminder for the clubs (inc. Breakfast club) and dinners please pay up in advance for these.

Concrete: For all your information – our school has NO RAAC (Reinforced autoclaved aerated **concrete**) concrete – we are an old fashioned 1920s bricks and mortar building, with a little bit of modern steel girders and wooden beams.

SAVE THE DATE: Dig Day – Saturday October 7th (Join us anytime between 9 – 3)


As you know we have been developing the grounds for wildlife, learning and play. This has included constructing nature play equipment; establishing a wildlife area; bug hotels; wildlife corridor; a pond of ponds and building Cedar Base and the Performance (Astro) steps. This dig day we are planning to plant more plants including spring bulbs and maintain the wildlife areas. We have some painting and general maintenance jobs to undertake as well.

If you are able to join us (and you will be fed and watered for your troubles) please let me know via the school office.

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Message from the Church: "On Sunday October 15th at 10am there will be an informal Harvest festival service at Droxford church. You and your children would be most welcome. If your child would be able to bring a small thank you gift of food (vegetables, tins), this will be added to our display during the service and given to the local Food Bank after the service for those locally who are temporarily struggling."

Once again, thank you all for the calm, organised and cheerful start to the new academic year!



Matthew Dampier
Headteacher

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

