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November Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Remembrance Day – Friday 10th November



We will be commemorating Armistice Day on the 10th November by ringing the school bell and observing a minutes silence to remember those who were killed or injured in the two World Wars and subsequent campaigns since.

Poppies will be on sale all this week and I will be leading assemblies based on World War 1. I will also be attending a church service at All Saints and St Mary's Church on invitation of Anthony Mckeowen (leader of the local Royal British Legion) and Janet Melson – Chair of the Parish Council with three members of the Year 6 School Council, to lay a wreath on behalf of the school on Sunday 12th November.

Wet breaktime / lunchtimes

As the weather is less dry, we still wish the children to use the field. Bring and store the wellies or old trainers / walking boots in school (not the ones for PE) and children can play on the field all year round – even when it snows! The playground can be less fun, cramped and far more busy!



Friday 24th November (even though the official event is actually the week before – we didn't want the Year 6s at Calshot missing out)

....will be a non-school uniform day

in support of Children in Need. We endeavour to wear spotty clothes in support of them 'Spotacular' but be as colourful and fun as you like – for a £1 donation to the charity – staff as well!

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

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National awareness - Anti-bullying week



Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is coordinated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November.

The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, **where adults and children** wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Parents can join in too!

Dates for the diary

Monday 13th – Friday 17th November: Year 6 residential – Calshot Activity Centre (in odd socks)

Monday 20th – INSET/School Closure day: Fire Safety training for all staff.

Friday 24th November: – Non school uniform day in support of Children in Need donate £1 and dress spotty!

Droxford Junior School Christmas Services (presented and performed by Years 3 & 4 children):

Service #1 - Thursday 14th December – Starts at 1:30pm (Church open at 1pm)

Service #2 – Friday 15th December – Starts at 10:30am (Church open at 10:00am)

We hold the two services in the village Church for families of Year 3/4. These are lovely and very popular with people sometimes having to stand at the back – although this is a good way to see what is going on.

Service #1 is generally for grandparents and those who cannot make Service #2 and vice versa – please avoid attending both as room is very limited in the church.

And finally...

Our wonderful SENCo, Mrs Lisa Greenwood is leaving us at the end of this term. We are all really sad about this but totally understand her decision. She has been fantastic for Droxford Junior School: Children, parents, staff and governors have all benefitted from her kindness, empathy, wisdom and knowledge. She is an integral part of the leadership team and has been a great support to all. We will all miss her very much and wish her every success for the future.

Mrs Greenwood was involved in the recruitment process for our new SENCo, Mrs Pippa Burrell, who was successfully appointed, following a rigorous and diligent interview process. We were all impressed with Mrs Burrell, who will start in January. She will work with Mrs Greenwood in the interim, with some handover tasks, before she leaves her own school and starts with us.

In the meantime, we just would all like to wish Lisa the very best and we will no doubt keep in touch in the future.

Thank you again parents, for your incredible support

Matthew Dampier
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