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January Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2024 at Droxford Junior School! We hope you had an enjoyable, fun-filled, Christmas holiday. Thank you to everyone who attended the lovely Christmas Services before the holiday break and to all the children and staff who worked so hard behind the scenes.

A special thank you to Miss Barnett, Miss Bond, Mrs Smith, Mrs Boyden and all the Year 3 / 4 TAs for all their hard work in putting the service together. A big thank you to Mrs McAll and her choir for their magical performances in the church both days.

Curriculum overviews and Year group Newsletters

Each term our year 3 / 4 & 5 / 6 teams put together a newsletter and curriculum overview to ensure you have an understanding of what your child will be experiencing in the forthcoming weeks. Electronic copies can be viewed on our website following the link below...

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

Throughout the year you will receive Newsletters from the Wellbeing Team: Mr Banham and Mrs Burrell (our new SENCo). These can also be viewed on the link below...

<https://www.droxfordjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Healthy+Schools+and+Wellbeing+newsletters&pid=30>

Calendar

Dates for diaries can be found on our website on our interactive calendar. This can be synced to any electronic device. The instructions for this are on the same page...

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

End of Key Stage 2 tests – Year 6

Just to remind you that SATs tests for Year 6 are at the beginning of the summer term and are important to both us and your child. However, we aim to keep these in perspective and will continue to prepare your child for these tests through appropriate activities (Mock SATs week will be the week beginning January 15th). This year the Key Stage 2 SATs tests are the week beginning **Monday 13th May** and we ask that NO holiday or absence, authorised or unauthorised, is booked off during this period. Thank you

An information meeting for parents on the SATs process at our school will be held nearer the time.



Key dates for this term

Week Beginning 15th January – Year 6 MOCK SATS – all week

Monday 5th February : Year 5 STEM project PARENT meeting (The Drox)

Friday 9th February – INSET DAY – Day closure (staff first aid training all day)

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – Half Term

Monday 19th & Friday 23rd February – Year 3 / 4 trip to Gilbert White study centre

Thursday 27th February – Runways End parents meeting Year 4 – 6pm

Tuesday 19th March – Year 5 / 6 Greek day

Wednesday 20th March: Parents Evening #1

Thursday 21st March: Parents Evening #2 + Roving Bookshop

Saturday 23rd March: **SPRING DIG / PLANTING DAY / PAINTING DAY (school site)**

Thursday 28th March: School Easter Fair (Last day of term)

Monday 1st – Friday 12th April: Easter holidays

We are also entering lots of sports events and are aiming for as many children as possible to represent the school. Mr Banham will be in touch with parents and team members near the time of the events. The events we are competing in this term include: **Girls football; Basketball; Cricket skills; Boys football; Hockey; Tri-Golf and Tag Rugby.**

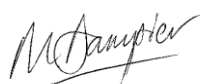
And finally...

End of term finish times

School will now finish at 3:30 normal time at the end of each term and not 2:30 – hopefully this will help families and the normal school routines.

Finally, I believe this will be a highly successful term for all our children and have every confidence it will be. The staff (and we welcome Miss Hunt in Droxford base and Mrs Burrell our new SENCo) at this school are highly committed, creative and talented and will do their utmost for all children to achieve!

Once again I wish you all a very **Happy and Successful New Year!**



Matthew Dampier
Headteacher

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

