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Christmas festivities

It is at this time of year that the children in 3 / 4 children are preparing for the school's Christmas Service that takes place in the village church. Space is always a premium down at the church so we have two services.

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

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

We have two services for families of Year 3 / 4 as these are lovely and popular, occasionally people end up standing 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.

Fundraising

On Friday 8th December 'Elfridges', FODS Christmas Bazaar returns. A huge thank you to the new FODS team, in advance, who will create, with the children's and parents support, a lovely Christmas market for children to enjoy. Pictures to follow.

There is a Christmas raffle as well with some amazing prizes. Please check e-mails for the QR code which is embedded in the poster (above).

Remembrance Service



The school were asked to take part in a memorial service on Sunday 12th November at Droxford's All Saints and St Mary's church. Maddy Stewart, Jake Kalra and Isabella (members of the School Council) helped present a school wreath in the church and then Maddy laid a wreath at the memorial in the Queen Elizabeth II garden. It was also lovely to see children (and ex pupils) of our school representing Beavers, Guides, Cubs and Scouts on the day too.



The children are photographed here with myself and Anthony McEwen, chair of Droxford's Royal British Legion. **The school raised £204.92 for the charity selling poppies!**

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Year 6 Calshot Residential and Year 5 Enterprise week.

Just over two weeks ago our Year 6 cohort returned from another successful residential – this time Calshot Activities Centre in the New Forest. The weather was changeable all week but the children (and staff) coped admirably. The children had an amazing time skiing, climbing, aerotrekking, cycling in the velodrome, problem solving, archery and partaking in lots of offsite science and geography field studies. The centre is in such an incredible setting. I'm sure you would have been delighted to have seen the photos on Class Dojo during the week.

Whilst the Year 6s were away the Year 5s engaged in their **Enterprise Week**. Each team of children came up with an idea for a 'product' they had invented; designed as a prototype; costed and thought about profits and target audiences. They had to then 'sell' their product ideas to parents and the children in the school. Such a wonderful experience for future careers.



Instagram

It's been a lengthy and seemingly unwieldy process navigating tech giants but we have an Instagram page, which now replaces our Twitter site.

Please follow us at <https://www.instagram.com/droxfordjuniorschool/> and watch our story unfold.

And finally...

Just to let you know that Mrs Boyden will be finishing her time here at Droxford at the end of this term. She has been a great servant to the children and the school; was with us all through the COVID Lockdowns and will be missed. We really appreciate all she has done for the school and wish her well.

Last week we were pleased to appoint Miss Hunt to the teaching team who will lead Droxford Base (Year 3 / 4 class) alongside Mrs Smith. Miss Hunt came highly recommended; has taught all year groups from Yr 1 through to 6 and was a Deputyhead teacher of her last school. It was a very competitive and rigorous recruitment process involving myself, Mrs Smith (DHT) and Miss Barnett. We were all really impressed!

Thank you again parents, for your incredible support

Matthew Dampier
Headteacher



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