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Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas festivities

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

- Service #1 - Thursday 12th December – Starts at 1:30 (Church open at 1pm)**
- Service #2 – Friday 13th 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.

Year 5 / 6 will watch a special rehearsal on the Wednesday.

Fundraising

On Friday 13th December, FODS Christmas Fair returns. A huge thank you to the FODS team, in advance, who will create, with the children's and parents support, a lovely Christmas market for children to enjoy.



Reminder that Christmas lunch in school is on Tuesday 17th December – this is a non-school uniform day: children to wear festive clothes for a donation for the Meon Valley Food Bank which can be brought in anytime between Monday 9th and Friday 13th.

Royal British Legion

Thank you to all who supported the Poppy Appeal. You helped to raise just over £300 for the Royal British Legion – the most we have ever raised!



Smartphones

As you may have seen on social media, there is a growing movement amongst parents to support a campaign called “Smartphone-Free Childhood”. You can find out more by clicking these links:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

<https://delaysmartphones.org.uk/>

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-videos/>

Netflix Documentary ‘Social Dilemma’ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaaC57tcci0>

This campaign has been discussed at length in our Swanmore Cluster Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher meetings and every school is keen to support it in any way we can. By “smartphones”, we refer to phones that are able to access the internet, as opposed to mobile phones that can only text and make phone calls.

We are keen to support parents and schools through a continued, supportive campaign for the wellbeing of children. We will be sharing more on this in the new year.

As a school phones are not used at Droxford. Swanmore Secondary school are looking at ways in which they change their IT provision so phones are not necessary in lessons.

Some useful links (above) as to the principles of this movement.

Winchester University Academy Trust (UNIWAT)

As you are now aware we are looking to join UNIWAT, moving away from the Local Authority.

A parent meeting will be held in the school hall – Thursday 12th December 5-6.
Refreshments available.



Come and meet the CEO – Mrs Nicola Wells and myself to hear more about this process.

Thank you for all your support this term

Matthew Dampier

Headteacher

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

