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## January Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents

**Happy New Year!**

Welcome to 2025 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 Mrs Smith, Mrs Hunt, Miss Bond and Mrs Reed plus all the Year 3 / 4 TAs for all their hard work in putting the service together. A big thank you to the Church for hosting us again.

### 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 (PE Lead and Sports Coach) and Mrs Burrell (our 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 are taking place this week for instance). This year the Key Stage 2 SATs tests are the week beginning **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 6 MOCK SATS – all week

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 5 STEM project PARENT meeting (The Drox) **5pm**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** – Writing workshop 2:30 – 3:30

**Feb 7/11/12** – Year 5 / 6 Art trip Pallant House, Chichester

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – **Half Term**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – INSET DAY – Day closure (staff training with the Swanmore Cluster schools)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents Evening #1

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents Evening #2 + Roving Bookshop inc author visit

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March:** **SPRING DIG / PLANTING DAY / PAINTING DAY (school site)**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** School Easter Fair (Last day of term)

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter holidays

**Summer term starts** - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

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...



As you will be aware we are moving to join University of Winchester Academy Trust this September. More details and another parent meeting will be scheduled in for this term.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matthew Dampier'.

Matthew Dampier  
Headteacher

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

