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Summer 2 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Lots to share and celebrate that has been happening in school recently starting with **Sports Day**. Thank you everyone for attending the fantastically well organised day (well done Mr Banham) with great help from the Year 10 sports team from Swanmore and visiting helpers, Ella Huntley and Ben Dampier. It was such a fun sporting event, much cooler than the week before and the children had a wonderful time. Hopefully you all did too!



FODS

Our incredibly proactive and supportive PTFA – FODS have been hard at work again this year. Christmas and Easter Fairs; uniform sales, new parent meeting support and sports day stall. Next week culminates with the much anticipated Summer Sizzle. The weather will hopefully be fine and I'm sure all the team's hardwork will pay off. Expect live music, lovely food and lots of fun.

FODS have supported the school in many ways this year with donations that have provided much needed enrichment and help. This has included support for play equipment; authors, artists, sponsoring The Drox and providing support for the cost of next year's Shakespeare Theatre company performance to name but a few.



The Drox – STEM club

Wow! What a season! Culminating in an awesome final day at Goodwood Race Circuit. Competing against over 100 other cars from the country (and one from Australia!) our merry band of focussed children, parents and extended family represented the school admirably and excelled on the day.

Lots of team spirit from all involved – collaboration; tenacity; creativity; sportsmanship, respect; kindness and responsibility. Amazing end to one of the best clubs ever. Thanks parents – we and you know who you are – on behalf of the school I am very grateful as you know. The cars looked amazing; were driven well and were in tip top condition. We've won a few trophies this year and for the first time collected third overall for our portfolio – a huge achievement all round!



Governors at Droxford Junior School

We are needing governors at the school. They play an important, diligent role in school life and support accountability. Volunteers do not have to be parents as we have a large percentage of the governing body represented by parents. If you know of anyone who would be interested in working with the school and the Trust please get them to contact me via the school office.



Equipping our children with the knowledge and skills to navigate life successfully.

Droxford Junior School is a beautiful rural school that is nestled into the hills of the South Downs National Park. The school has been in the village since the mid 1800's.

We are one of the only three Ambassador schools in the South Downs National Park and are proud to work closely with the Authority.

In February 2024, we proudly retained our outstanding judgement through the Ofsted process and in November 2025 we joined the University of Winchester Academy Trust family of schools opening the doors to further opportunities for all our pupils and staff.

This is an exciting time for our school and we value the strong community and business links we have developed. Our wonderful Friends Of Droxford team dedicate their time to excellent fundraising activities. Our Governors are knowledgeable and experienced in supporting and challenging the school to be better, as well as compliant to statutory obligations.

Come and join us!

If you are a parent of a child beginning their education journey, moving into the area or simply seeking an outstanding education for your child, come and visit us and experience the unique qualities Droxford Junior School has to offer.

Are you a local business person who has skills, resources or experience to offer us? We would love to hear from you too! Be involved in our future plans - you will not be disappointed.

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Year 3 Camp

Super proud of our Year 3s tenacity, collaboration and fun on their first residential with us. It was a tiring but enjoyable two days. The weather was wonderful and the children were very resilient and kept trying and smiling! Well done to the Year 6s who helped teach them the next day with tree trails. As always a big thank you to all staff supporting on these residential – they cannot happen without us!



Year 6 Production – The Wrong Way Round.



As you are no doubt aware the production for Year 5 and 6 takes place soon. Matinee on Friday 10th July at 1:30 pm and the following Monday and Tuesday evenings at 6:30. Limited tickets left available through the school office.

Strange things are afoot in the usually quiet town of Ennville! When teachers start disappearing under mysterious circumstances and odd patches of slime begin appearing around the school, the plucky Enn-Elite Investigators find themselves drawn into an adventure far bigger than their usual playground rivalries. With the arrival of two enigmatic new pupils, a pompous principal behaving suspiciously and a fearsome substitute teacher with secrets of her own, chaos soon erupts. Kidnapped teachers, creatures from an alternate dimension and a power-hungry scientist all point towards the shadowy experiments of Zinnistar Research. As worlds collide and villains reveal themselves, the children, teachers, rangers, Eagles and even the monsters must band together to save Ennville... and make sure that everyone lives to stroll tall into the finale.

The work that has gone in to this has been immense. Especially juggling the normal, everyday curriculum; learning lines; acting; set designing whilst losing time through the disrupted week due to being careful in the heat. Well done children and parents that have helped out. I recognise the herculean effort by the Year 5 and 6 team! Cannot wait to see it on the night!



D-Day Museum visit

As part of their History topic, the children visited the D-Day museum, Southsea to enrich their understanding and learn from primary resources and expert tuition from the staff. It was an enthralling and engaging day – one which not only enhances the children's knowledge but also one which links to a Year 5 / 6 topic at the Historic Dockyard. Thank you all who planned and supported for this interesting and lively historic adventure!



Julia Lovejoy-Page

You may well know the incredibly dedicated, kind, caring and supportive Julia who crosses everyone safely, over the A32 at the bottom of the lane. She has been an integral member of the school and village community for a considerable time. In fact, I've been tipped off it's been 20 years this term! We cannot thank her enough. She is wonderful. When you see her next please wish her well and say something appreciative. Thank you.



And finally, thank you to everyone with their support and patience this year. Especially in the heat, which I feel we managed well and supported all. Good luck to Miss Jones and Miss Barnett who are expanding their worlds' with new born children on the way. We wish them well and know we will see them again soon.

The children have worked hard all year and now deserve that summer break we all crave. Some will return: the others we wish all the very best in Year 7 and at their new schools. We are sure you will do amazingly well – be happy and kind!

Thank you again parents and governors for your endless support throughout the year. Staff – you are all wonderful – I know you have given it your all again! You are all incredible, talented and dedicated. Enjoy the well earned break!

Best wishes



Mr Dampier
Headteacher

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