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October Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all that attended the FODS Café after school last week. The team worked extremely hard getting delicious cakes, sausage rolls, teas, coffees, spare school uniform and second hand books for customers. Nearly £200 was raised – thank you! To reach a wider target audience we will start running this at Parents Evenings. That way all parents will have the opportunity to enjoy the café and stalls in the hall both nights – this will commence in the February Parents Evenings.



Parents Evenings for this term are on Wednesday 20th / Thursday 21st October – booking details will be sent to you next week. Roving Bookshop will be in on the Wednesday and children can buy books during the day and also in the evening with their parents.

Dig Day – Saturday October 16th (join us anytime between 9 – 3)

Thank you to those who have offered help so far. We still have space to cater for more volunteers to work outside or help with some painting inside school. As you know we are developing the grounds for wildlife; building Bug Hotels; for a major plant / tree planting programme in Spring and for learning and play opportunities outside. We want to encourage more wildlife and pollinators into the school grounds and this day will be key to setting the foundations for this next phase.

We are also looking to develop the Den Building area and install some 'Low Ropes'. This is all part of the fundraising projects we are utilising the money with. There will also be a wood workshop at the Dig Day - set up for children to make and buy birdboxes for school or home. We will of course feed you all for free in return for your kind support. It should be a fun day!

School 'Vision' statement

Our vision for the education of your child(ren) is about ensuring we instil key skills, knowledge and enrichment experiences to be able to move through their future life choices: safely, securely and happily. The statement is designed to not only encompass academic skills but also include the ethos of our 'Skills for Learning' (**Tenacity**, **Creativity**, **Curiosity** and **Collaboration**), and School Values (**Respect**, **Kindness** and **Responsibility**). We want children to be able to make safe choices in an ever changing technological age; gain enriched experiences across the entire curriculum; know how to overcome challenge through failure as well as success and to be happy. Therefore our vision statement is...

[Equipping our children with the knowledge and skills to navigate life successfully.](#)



Important dates for the diary

Tuesday 12th October – Year 5/6 hike to old Winchester Hill and back!

Thursday 14th October – Individual school photos (look smart day ☺)

Saturday 16th October (anytime between 9 - 3) Dig Day - details to follow.

Tuesday 19th October – FODS Film night – 3:30 – 5:30 in the hall.

Wednesday & Thursday 20/21 October – Parents Evening consultations (in school)

Wednesday 20th October – Roving Bookshop

Tuesday 2nd November - Internet Safety workshops - in school + parent zoom meeting

Half term starts **Monday 25th October**

Thursday 11th November - Year 2 Open Morning

Covid update

We now only have two cases at the school, which is a relief for all. Fortunately no one has been really ill and we are looking forward to welcoming back those children next week. As we know COVID-19 hasn't gone away and we will remain extremely diligent as ever, for the foreseeable future. Thank you for all your understanding and co-operation – hopefully we won't be affected again.

School Council



The council is now formed for the first half of the year when there will be more elections to give opportunities for other children to share their voice in school. Other roles for children are being given to help us in the school such as: librarians; playground buddies; sports organisers; litter pickers and Wilder Committee members.

The new school council members that join the core councillors of Erin Wade, Alex Heggie, Kristian Foltys and Joe Loveridge are Freddie Harvey, Eleni Wood, Ted Bradfield, Jake Kalra, Thomas Gatland, Sophie Baugh, Eden O'Dwyer, Lucas Sandhu and Finn Bradfield. We had a great first meeting yesterday and the Council will update all soon.

And finally...

Wonderful news from the world of the Droxford Junior School girls football team.

'...Congratulations to the girl's football team who, on Tuesday 21st September, played in the South Eastleigh and Winchester football tournament. Elsie Gordon, Clemmie Harvey, Daisy Martin, Tilly Horn, Ava Jade Hands, Seren Anthony, Sophia Albaghdadi who all demonstrated collaboration, determination and great technical ability, as they came first in their group. The girls then continued to shine through a tough semi-final against Shamblehurst Primary School and showed bravery during a tense penalty shout out in the final against a very good Fair Oak Junior School side. The school are so proud of what the girls have achieved, well done girls!...' **Duncan Banham PE & Sports Coach**

...and well done Mr Banham – great job!

Have a lovely weekend to you all.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Dampier
Headteacher

