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Friday Flyer : News

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Do remember ...

You can always read this newsletter on, or download it from, our website.

<http://graffhamanddunton.w-sussex.sch.uk/newsletters-the-friday-flyer>

The final countdown ...

The end of the academic year is upon us - just five minutes, it seems, since it began in September 2016. We have done and learnt many, many things this year, and we already have lots of exciting plans for next year. Amongst those plans is to introduce some improvements to our communications with you - as in this newsletter for example - so look out for news about this in September.

Before school closes on Tuesday next week, please :

- Make sure your child brings home all their school clothing, Forest School wellies, PE kits and other belongings
- Make sure you have a good look through our piles of 'lost property' - here's hoping the weather will be kinder next week so we can leave our tables of lost property outside for you to look through
- Remember to return the form that confirms you received your child's report last Friday - together with your comments on the content
- If appropriate, remember to return the form detailing requested minibus travel between Graffham and Duncton for your child next term.

Our lovely 'whole school' photograph is now ready for you to purchase

We have chosen a selection of the best images to put on a USB memory stick, which you can now purchase for just £5. Thank you to everyone who answered our request to place orders quickly - this was to help us decide how many memory sticks to purchase. If you haven't already, do let us know as soon as possible if you would like to buy one - we will order in more memory sticks if necessary, and of course they will still be available, on request, to buy in September.



A new morning routine from September

Remember, from September we will be changing our morning routine at both Graffham and Duncton schools.

All children will come straight into school at **8.45am** to start their learning. There will not be a member of staff on duty in the playground, so parents will be responsible for their children until they come into school.

Children must be in school no later than 9.00am

Let's make 2017-18 the year NO child misses any learning through late arrival at school!

Yesterday Oak team enjoyed a visit to Graffham Rec and an ice lolly after being the winning tree team this term. Well done everyone!



After School Childcare at Graffham

To remind you, Treetops' after-school club at Graffham (open to both Juniors and Infants) will start on **Monday 25th September**, and run from 3.00pm up to 6.00pm Monday to Thursday each week. Prices are shown below : there is a 5% discount for siblings and childcare vouchers can be used to pay for the club.

Children	Timing	Cost
Graffham	3:00 to 4:30 p.m.	£7.50
Duncton	3:30 to 4:30 p.m.	£6.50
Graffham	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.	£12:50
Duncton	3:30 to 6:00 p.m.	£11.00



There is a £5 initial registration fee - though if your child is already registered with Treetops because they attend Breakfast Club, there will be no need to register them again.

We will send out further details on how to register and book places in early September.

****** NURSERY SPACES AVAILABLE ******

Graffham Nursery currently has a few places available starting from September 2017. If you are interested in a place or know someone who might be, then we would love to hear from you.

Please contact us on 01798 867324 or email at nursery@graffhaminfant.org.uk.

Don't miss out! Enquire now. Please spread the word to family and friends!



5k, 10k and kids fun run, Sat 23rd Sept, 10am.

Registration is now OPEN!

Go to thegraffhamrun.co.uk and sign up today. Entry fee is £5, all of which goes to Graffham and Duncton schools. The website has information about the event and the route and will shortly contain an 8 week training plan to guide you from couch to 5k or 10k over the summer holidays. Sign up today and get started. Good luck!

Don't forget to sign up for our new school lottery!

First draw Saturday 9th September

See our 'Additional flyers' attachment for more information about the 'Friends of Graffham and Duncton' school lottery - or check out this link :

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/graffham-infant-and-duncton-junior-schools>

WSCC have asked us to tell you :

The road safety team will be offering Bikeability Level 3 training during the Summer holidays to pupils who have achieved Bikeability Level 2. This course is ideal for those wishing to cycle to secondary school in the future. Further details can be found on our website by following the link below.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-safety/cycle-safety-courses-for-school-children/#bikeability-level-3>

My name is Angela Tysoe (Tristan's mum in Y5 Kestrels) I am looking to raise awareness of using recyclable natural things in our every day lives and teaching our children about the importance of this. I would like to take a series of photographs of old plastic toothbrushes, I am looking for 100 or so just to make it powerful and make people think about the environmental impact.



I am asking for all the families of Duncton & Graffham schools to donate any old plastic toothbrushes they may have lingering under the sink. I can then start my photographic project in the summer. As a thank you, I would like to hold a raffle for the winner to win a pack of four bamboo toothbrushes, these can be medium or soft brushes or a mix (worth £12.99).

Please bring your old toothbrushes in a bag with a note stating your name and email address (to be used for the raffle) and also comment if you are interested in seeing the results or want to find out more. Drop them off to either of the school offices before Tuesday 25th July 2017. Thank you in advance. Angela amtysoe@gmail.com

Friends of Graffham & Duncton Postings

This is my last official Posting as chair of the PTA/Friends of, so I would like to personally thank everyone who has helped raise incredible funds for our schools these last two years. The team of helpers - whether baking each week, or serving beers & burgers - are simply invaluable and I could not have done any of this without you - THANK YOU! But we also could not get off the ground if it wasn't for everyone who supports the fundraising, so thanks to everyone who comes and supports us at the events.

I hope you have a lovely summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September. Katy x

Forward Planning - September!!

AGM

- We will set the AGM for early in the year. An invitation will be sent out shortly after start of the Term.... Please do try to pop in to support us for this short, yet compulsory meeting

30th September - Graffham Sponsored Fun Run!!

- A small group of fabulous parents are well on track to organising an inaugural Fun Run to raise money for School. There will be 5k and 10k routes. Sponsor forms will come out the first week of Term and we encourage children to consider getting involved by walking the lesser of the two routes. We will also be asking for volunteers to help man a check-point post & water points. If you require more information, please leave your details with either school office and someone will get back to you

October - Calling all Daddies

- We would like to invite all Dads to an afternoon social* (*read have a few beers / food / catch a sporting match) in October. We will shortly put out a feeler for which date would work well - watch this space.....

****Cake Raffle News****

We had two cakes again at Graffham - thank you to Georgie Whitney who bought in these wonderful cakes for Graffham, and congratulations to Osian Landstrom (Reception) & George Bamber (Year 1) for winning. And a really huge thank you to Ruth Boulton who baked for two weeks in a row for Duncton! A big well done to Amelie Shawcross (Year 5) for winning.

Like and follow these Facebook pages to keep completely up to date with everything that's going on in our Federation!

Friends of Graffham and Duncton

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofgraffhamanddunton>

Graffham and Duncton Parents - a closed group specifically for parents.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/425147974318865/>

Graffham Nursery

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=graffham%20nursery>

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