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Friday Flyer : News

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Do remember ...

If for any reason you don't receive the weekly newsletter by email, you can always read it on, or download it from, our website. It is uploaded there on the afternoon it is issued.

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

Facebook ... like and follow these 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/>

Increasingly we will be posting school information and news on this page

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

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

Click on this link to find and join the group - we will also be using this page to post reminders.

Graffham Nursery

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

Reminder : please return your questionnaires

Last week we sent out a questionnaire which will help us understand the demand for, and assess the feasibility of, an after-school childcare club (for school and Nursery children aged 4 years and up). Thank you to everyone who has already completed this questionnaire - if you have yet to look at it, please bring it back in to your school office on Monday morning. Thank you.

Grenfell Tower Disaster

Following the terrible disaster in the Grenfell Tower a couple of weeks ago, we have decided to have a non-uniform day to be able to make a school donation to the fund. In our Junior Celebration assembly today, we talked about the children bringing a donation that was 'thoughtful'; we suggested that the children may wish to do a job around the house for some pocket money that they then would donate; or to bring some of their own pocket money; or to sit down as a family and decide on the donation that the family would like to bring. We are not wanting children to bring a huge amount of money, but to think about their donation as being given with thought and kindness. The Junior children may come home and talk to you about this.

The non-uniform day will be next Friday at both schools. Please bring your donation into school on Friday, if not before.

Children from Year 4 spent a hot and busy day at the annual Coultershaw Schools Day at Coultershaw Beam Pump site this week! ...



They created beautiful art using chalks, met a Stone Age storyteller, created maps of the site and tree ID 'fortune tellers'. We all had a great day!

"A sizzling hot Graffham Nursery fete"

Louise Andrews reports!

Fun was had by all at the first Graffham Nursery Fete on Saturday. Many people were thankful for the icecream van and ice cold Pimms on offer as they enjoyed the gorgeous stalls, plant stand & general hilarity of the dog show. It was a joy to see the children having their faces painted, being on the bouncy castle and furiously Splatting the proverbial Rat! The second hand book stall did a roaring trade, with rallying East-end market cries of "roll up, roll up" and it started eventually to cool off enough for the BBQ.

The star of the show was undoubtedly the "Cake-Off", judged by the talented GBBO finalist Miranda Gore-Browne. Huge congratulations to Victoria Caldwell for her winning Victoria Sponge, we promise it wasn't rigged!

A massive thank you to everyone who helped and turned up to support us, here's hoping the event goes from strength to strength in the coming years. We made around £700 for the Nursery so well done all.



NEW school lottery, now open for ticket sales

The Friends of Graffham and Duncton are pleased to announce the launch of the new school lottery.

“This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children! It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extra curricular activities such as music, art and sport.”

The first draw will take place on Saturday 9th September (only 11 weeks away!).

Go to this link for more information and to buy tickets :

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

Thank you everyone for supporting this exciting new venture!

INSET Day Monday July 17th

Last week we sent out a copy of the programme for this year's Graffham Festival, "celebrating local food and drink" (with our flyers attachment), and mentioned that on our INSET day on Monday 17th July, when both schools and Nursery will be closed, there is an opportunity for children to attend a cookery workshop at Graffham's Empire Hall. We have been asked to add that during this workshop children will make and eat a three course meal - and there will also be games. The workshop will be run by Graffham residents Simon Mitchell (daddy of Rosalind in Year 6) and Jude Sinnitt.

If you are interested, go to www.graffhamfestival.co.uk for tickets and further information - or contact Simon Mitchell.

On the attachments this week there is also a flyer giving more information about the 'foraging walks' on Sunday 16th July.

Flyers in the separate attachment to this email are sent out for your information - they do not have any direct connection with the Federation or our staff members