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# Friday Flyer : News

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## Do remember ...

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

## Grenfell Tower Disaster

Today as you know we have all been wearing 'Green for Grenfell' on our home-clothes day to raise money for the victims of this recent disaster. We will continue taking donations early next week, so if you would like to contribute and have yet to do so, please let us have your donation before Wednesday.

So far we have raised **£450!** Thank you so much everybody.



**MAY WE PLEASE REMIND ALL PARENTS THAT MOBILE PHONES MUST NOT BE USED ON SCHOOL PREMISES.**

Please ensure your phones are put away in a bag or pocket, or left elsewhere while you are on school grounds.

## Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester cathedral



"On Monday the year 6 visited the Chichester Cathedral for their leavers service.

The service was taken by Bishop Martin, but run by the children of our Diocese. It involved a choir made entirely of children. Tilly carried a four hundred and two year old bible up the aisle of the cathedral. Before having a personal conversation with the Bishop himself. Luke and Arabella carried our school banner to the altar. Ollie gave the cheque to the cathedral, and the money inside goes to people in Syria and Africa. It was a great experience that we will never ever forget."

*By Micah, Tilly and Luke*

## Nursery and Reception children visited Pallant House Gallery in Chichester this week ...

We began with an Art Workshop led by artist Jenny Staff. We looked at the artist Lothar Gotz and saw how he used the walls of the museum to install his artwork. We had a go at making our own lines using masking tape, hanging sheets of paper and then projecting colours and lights onto our shapes. We had such a great day and loved looking around the Gallery afterwards.



Next week : Years 1 and 2 are excited about their trip to Marwell Zoo, and years 3,4,5 and 6 are looking forward to their visit to Butser Ancient Farm. Trip days run on a tight schedule, so please do make sure you arrive at school promptly by 9am on Tuesday for registration before leaving.

**GRAFFHAM PARENTS please remember that Years 1 and 2 need to start the day at DUNCTON! and should be collected from Duncton at 4pm.**

Note that, due to the trip, there will be no sports club at Graffham on Tuesday 4th - South Coast Sports will add another session on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July to make up for this missed one - and there will be no Art Club at Duncton, as no session was scheduled for this date.

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July : Transition Morning

On Thursday next week all year groups will have a 'transition morning', when everyone will spend the morning in their new September classes, with their new teachers.

(At the beginning of next week we will be sending out class lists, so that everyone is sure which class they will be in.)

**Year 2s please remember that you need to start the day at Duncton on Thursday!**

You will be staying for lunch (if you have a hot lunch these will be brought over from Graffham) - then we will bring you back to Graffham for the afternoon, so normal Thursday collection arrangements will apply.



Most of the new children who will be in Reception in September came to visit us this week, and spent the morning getting to know their teacher and what it will be like to come to Graffham every day. We are really looking forward to welcoming them all into our school family!

## FEDERATION DAY Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July is this term's Federation Day, when all Infants and Juniors will spend the day together at Duncton School. We will be practising for our summer performance, and we hope to have a photographer come and take a picture of the whole school together (we will tell you more about this in due course, as we hope you will be able to purchase digital copies of the photo.) Please also see the request from School Council, below.

### 'Transition Talks'

At the end of the day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, when you collect your children from Duncton, we invite you to stay on briefly for coffee and a chat from next year's class teacher. There will be a crèche for children!

Even if your child is staying with the same teacher, or if you have been in the school for a long time, do PLEASE try to attend. See below for times. We have tried to make sure there are no clashes - but if you find you need to attend two talks which are running at the same time, please go to one and then catch up with the other teacher later!

<b>3.00 All children (Infants and Juniors) collected by parents</b>	
3.10 Mrs Wethered : Wren Class 2017/18	3.10 Mrs Shaw : Woodpecker Class 2017/18
3.25 Mrs Whiffin and Mrs Bacon : Kingfisher Class 2017/18	3.25 Ms Bassett : Peregrine Class 2017/18
3.40 Miss Woods : Kestrel Class 2017/18	

### **A request for help from the School Council ...**

We are coming towards the end of the tenure of the current School Council. The main focus has been about buying some lockers for the school to help ease the congestion in the small cloakroom areas. The Councillors have chosen lockers to go into the Year 6 cloak room and the lockers arrived today. This means that the current Year 6 pupils will get to use them before the end of term.

Money needs to be raised to pay for the lockers and so the School Council hopes to organise a mini-fete on the afternoon of the Federation Day at Duncton School on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The fete will run from 2:00 to 2:45 p.m. The two top choices of stalls were to have a smoothie stall and a wet sponges stall. We also discussed the possibility of having a second hand toy stall and a snack stall.



1. We wondered whether there would be any parents / grandparents etc who might be able to volunteer to help set up the stalls from 1:30 p.m. and help to run and then clear away at the end. The smoothie stall in particular will need to be run by adults who have the equipment and can make two or three different recipes which children like. Please would you let Kathie or Vanessa know if you are able to help.
2. Please would you look to see if you have any good quality toys or games that you would be prepared to donate to the second hand toy stall. Soft toys, jigsaw puzzles, toy cars, dolls, card games etc. If so please could they be brought in to either school from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.
3. Please would you allow your child to bring some money to school in a named purse or envelope so that they can take part in the activities on that afternoon. We suggest that £2 to £3 would be appropriate.
4. If you are unable to help, but would like to come and take part with your child, please do so. However the children will need to go back into class at 2:45 for the end of the day.

**Another request : can you help with balloons, please?**

For our summer performance we need lots and lots of WHITE balloons. We wondered whether parents might be happy to donate a packet of white balloons? If you can manage this please give them to either school office. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED!**

**Emotional Wellbeing**

This week, Mrs Martin attended a West Sussex conference on Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People. It was a fascinating day with a huge amount of advice and support for schools in supporting families. The keynote speaker was Anita Cleare who writes a parenting blog, amongst other things! Have a look at <http://www.anitacleare.co.uk/thinking-parenting/> as it has some excellent thoughts. She gave a very honest lecture about her own circumstances as well as the wealth of knowledge from families that she has helped. We know that this is an area that we would like to help families further, if you have any thoughts, please come and chat to Helen, Lucy or Jenny.

**Attendance Certificates**

After much discussion amongst staff, we have decided that we will not be able to issue attendance certificates at the end of the year. There has been so much sickness absence this term with the chicken pox outbreak and other issues, that it would be simply unfair for children to miss out on attendance awards for reasons that can't be helped. We know the children enjoy receiving their certificates, so we hope they won't be too disappointed.

It is worth reminding all parents that absence for genuine sickness is authorised, and does not impact a child's overall attendance record. We all know that unauthorised absence is to be avoided at all costs - as it really does have a detrimental impact upon children's learning.

We are thinking about ways to celebrate attendance that will not upset children who have been poorly : do let us know if you or your children have any ideas!

**Reminder : PE Kit**

At this time of year, with different events and activities going on, PE kits are often not left in school all the time as they should be. Please try to remember the days when your child has PE in school, and make sure they have the proper kit with them on those days. Thank you.



**NEW school lottery, now open for ticket sales**

See this week's 'Additional flyers' attachment for more information about the new '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>

**Local work opportunity**

Friendly lady needed to help run front-of-house, mainly local catering jobs.  
Please contact Fiona for more details on 07775 647143

# Friends of Graffham & Duncton Postings - 30<sup>th</sup> June

*\*\*\*Thank you to all who entered the cake raffles today - all proceeds will join School's total heading to help those affected by the Grenfell Tower incident\*\*\**

## Summer Performance



We are so excited that it is nearly time for the wonderful School Summer Performance.... It is always such a lovely evening, we hope you come with all the family, bring your picnic blankets and bed-down for a wonderful show & food and drinks afterwards into the evening.

As always, Friends of Graffham & Duncton will be hosting a full bar and BBQ..... The Bar will be open from 5.30pm, then again after the show when the BBQ will open too! We are delighted that Fitzcanes from Midhurst will be coming this year with ice cream for everyone!!

We are now looking for **HELPERS.. PLEASE**, please can you give us a little of your time, either setting up in the day, or helping serve/cook in the evening. We won't be able to run it without your help, so please can you let Katy Tytler know if you can help in any capacity:

- Moving BBQ's from Graffham to Duncton
- Setting up or clearing
- Serving on the Bar or BBQ

## \*\*Cake Raffle News\*\*



A big thank you to Lizzie Zoltowski for this super chocolatey cake for Graffham, and a massive well done to Charlotte Hills (Year 2) for winning!

A big thank you also goes to Wendy Bentley for baking for Duncton, and congratulations goes to Evie Urwin Wright (Year 5) for winning!



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