



# Friday Flyer : News

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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**MAY WE PLEASE REMIND ALL SCHOOL AND NURSERY PARENTS AGAIN THAT ADULTS MUST NOT USE MOBILE PHONES ON SCHOOL PREMISES.**

**This is an important safeguarding rule which we are enforcing with staff and all visitors to our sites as well**

Please ensure your phones are put away in a bag or pocket or left elsewhere - preferably turned OFF - and never used whilst you are on school or Nursery premises.

Years 1 and 2 had a fantastic day out at Marwell Zoo this week.

*Charlotte (Year 2) writes ...*

"When we got there we saw penguins, one was diving. My favourite animal was the meerkat, they are really funny. My whole group went on a train which was pulled along by a tractor. When we got off we saw hippos and snow leopards."

*And Kinnie (Year 1) writes ...*

"My favourite animal at Marwell Zoo was the snow leopard. I had fun on the road train, and I saw pygmy hippos. We also saw meerkats. My best thing was the big slide."





**Meanwhile the Juniors visited Butser Ancient Farm : here are Year 6's reflections on the day :**

I really enjoyed Butser. My favourite part was going into all the houses, they were amazing and covered a massive history time line - Joseph

I enjoyed our school trip to Butser, we learnt lots about how Ancient Britains lived and survived in the iron age, bronze age and the stone age - Charlie

At Butser we took part in four activities. My favourite two were jewellery making and clunching, which is a method used to make walls - Freya

Butser was a great opportunity, for us to expand our knowledge on the Iron age, Stone age, Roman era and Bronze age. I really enjoyed the trip with all the activities making it more exciting - Tilly

Buter was a fun and educational trip. My most memorable part, was creating copper jewellery, the pattern was pretty - Rosalind

On Tuesday, Duncton School went on a trip to Butser Farm. We learnt about the Stone age, Bronze age and Iron age. We also got to see the baby goat (kid), they were so cute - Izzy

It was amazing because it was a real life time-line, real buildings and activities from the time - Ewen

Butser Farm was really fun, because we carved chalk and we fed the goats. All of the houses were made there. Butser Farm was a really memorable trip - Sonny

Butser was really good and my favourite part was the shop and feeding the goats - Felix

It was an amazing time, I would definitely go there again. My favourite part was the chalk carving - Nathan



Butser Ancient Farm is amazing, full of activities to do. I especially liked building the Roman wall out of flint - Micah

Butser Ancient Farm has amazing recreations of houses from the Iron age, Bronze age and Stone age. I enjoyed studying the furnished houses and making the copper jewellery and carving signs in the chalk - Ollie

I enjoyed the diversity between communities that Butser demonstrated and would recommend it to all - Luke



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

Next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July is Federation Day : all Infants and Juniors will spend the day together at Duncton School, practising for our summer performance, and joining in lots of fun learning activities together.

All children should be taken to Duncton by 9am in the morning, and collected at Duncton at 3pm (but see notes below about the Mini Fete and the after-school Transition Talks)

Breakfast Club will run at Graffham as normal, and Breakfast Club children will be able to come over to Duncton on the usual minibus.

If you need your child to be transported to Graffham on the afternoon minibus (leaving Duncton at 3.15pm) it is important that you call either school office to inform us.

During the morning on Monday a photographer is coming to take our annual group picture of the whole school together – so please can everyone wear smart uniform for the day! We hope to offer digital copies of the photo for you to buy, and will tell you more about this next week.

### School Council Mini-Fete

We are holding a mini-fete at Duncton School on the afternoon of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July (Federation Day) to raise money for the new lockers that arrived in school last week. The fete will run from 2:00 to 2:45 p.m. and parents are welcome to come and walk round with your child if you wish. Children will be allowed to leave from 3:00 but must be signed out with their teacher.

We hope that the children will bring in £2 to £3 in a named purse, wallet or envelope so that they can participate in the activities. Concerns have been raised about the infant children bringing money into school, so we will collect their money in first thing in the morning and give them tokens (with their names on) to spend at the fete.. There will be a “Wet Sponge” throwing game, a Smoothie stall, a second hand toy and game stall, a sweet stall and a football shooting game. These stalls were the choices of the children and the School Councillors. Thank you to those who have already donated toys and games, but we still need more, so please bring them to Duncton School when you drop your children off on Monday morning.

Thank you for supporting this fund raising event.

### Clubs

Duncton Dance Club and Football Club will run as normal

Graffham Art Club will NOT run on Monday. Mrs Kenway's last session with the Infants this term will now take place at Graffham on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

### 'Transition Talks'

At the end of the day on Monday, 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. Mrs Dudman will be running a crèche outside on the playground - children must be signed in and out of this crèche.

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!

### *3.00 All children (Infants and Juniors) collected by parents*

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

## Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July : IMPORTANT

Next Thursday is Performance Rehearsal morning, when once again all children need to start the day at Duncton, please. We will transport Infants back to Graffham by minibus, in time for lunch.

**PLEASE NOTE** we have learnt there is to be a big funeral at Graffham church at 2pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>. **To avoid the inevitable traffic congestion and parking difficulties, please do not try to drive up to Graffham School to collect your child at 3pm! We will walk Infant and Nursery children along the footpaths to Graffham Recreation Ground, and we ask you to collect them there.**

Children who travel on the 3pm bus to Duncton will walk with Mrs Martin and Mrs Thorne to a suitable pick-up point on the way to the Recreation Ground (we have done this very successfully in the past), and so will arrive at Duncton at about the usual time.

**Children who do French Club - next Thursday is the last one of this term - will also walk to the Recreation Ground and Marie will run the club in the Pavilion there, as has happened before. Please collect French Club children from the Rec at 3.35pm.**

We hope that by the time the minibus delivers the Juniors who travel on the afternoon bus from Duncton, congestion will have eased and they can be picked up at Graffham school as usual.

**We want to publish this reminder of really important information that we issue to parents each year in the annually-updated Parent Information booklet ... you should already be aware of this, but please everyone, read again and note!**

<p>What do I do if my child is ill?</p>	<p>Please telephone the school office on 01798 342402 (Duncton) or 01798 867324 (Graffham) from 8am, stating your child's name, class and reason for absence – and please do this on <u>each day</u> of absence. Write a short note of explanation to the class teacher when your child returns to school.</p> <p>If your child is not in school and you have not telephoned by 9.30am, office staff will ring you to find out where they are. This is also a security measure, in case you may think your child is at school when they are not.</p>
<p>How long before my child can return to school after an illness?</p>	<p>We must keep infection within the families and staff of the school to a minimum, and we therefore operate on the basis of published advice from The Health Protection Agency.</p> <p><b><u>You must wait 48 hours after any episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting before sending your child back to school.</u></b> This will give them the chance to eat and drink normally and be properly ready to come back to school.</p> <p>Please make sure that you adhere to this policy. If your child comes back to school the day after they have been sick, we will have to ring you and ask for them to be collected and taken home.</p>
<p>What do I do if my child is prescribed medication?</p>	<p><b>(Please note that school staff are only able to administer <u>prescription</u> medicines, where necessary. We are not permitted to keep any kind of over-the-counter medication – such as Calpol for example - in school or to give such medication to children, and children certainly must not carry any kind of medication themselves.)</b></p> <p>In most circumstances antibiotic medicine is prescribed to be taken in 3 doses per day and can be given to a child at home, before and after school and at bedtime. If your child is well enough to be in school but needs to finish a course of antibiotics, school staff may administer medicine : you will need to complete a form at the school office detailing dosage and time, and authorising the school to administer the medication. All medicines <b>MUST</b> be looked after by the school office and not by the child. Please make sure they are brought in in the original pharmacist's packaging, clearly marked with your child's name on the pharmacist's label.</p> <p>For longer term prescribed medication which must be kept at school in case of need - such as an asthma inhaler - again you will need to complete a form at the school office detailing your child's dosage, and authorising staff to administer the medication when required.</p>

**And sadly once again we must remind Graffham parents not to allow children to play in our outdoor learning areas or play with school equipment and resources after 3pm, please. We are very worried about the risk of accidents and we simply do not have staff available to supervise such play after school is finished for the day.**

## Attendance Certificates

We mentioned last week that it is not possible for us to issue attendance certificates this term due to the various sickness outbreaks that have affected many children. There is simply no way to give out awards to everyone without being unfair and risk upsetting a great many children.

Mrs Martin has been talking to her Head teacher colleagues and has found out what other schools do to reward excellent attendance. We are able to tell you this week that children at our schools who have tried really hard and achieved attendance of 98%, 99% or 100% across the school year will receive a special note in the post!

## Music lessons with Mr Reaney

Dave Reaney will have a small number of spaces for new pupils next year. He has asked that parents who have already requested lessons please contact him to reconfirm, via the school office. If you would like your child to have individual music tuition (eg piano, guitar, clarinet) but have not already enquired, please also let us know at the school office. Although we cannot guarantee there will be a slot immediately available, Dave does keep a waiting list of interested children.



## Swimming at Seaford College in August

DPD Coaching, who provide our swimming tuition during term time have arranged to hire the Seaford College swimming pool for the week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. They are offering 30 minute lessons split into ability groups from 10:00 to 12:00 each morning. The tuition is open to Nursery children, Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils as well as Key Stage 2 pupils (including the Year 6 children who are about to start secondary school in September).

The cost for the five 30 minute sessions will be £45 payable to "DPD Coaching Services". However, the Governors will subsidise the cost of the swimming sessions by £15 and so it will cost families £30 for the five half-hour intensive swimming sessions per child. DPD will need to know how many swimmers they will have, their ages and their swimming abilities. So, if you would like your children to participate, please email your school office by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Parents will need to stay by the pool so that they can supervise their children when they are not by the pool. The Seaford College gates will be open to allow cars into the grounds. Cars will need to park up by the Mansion and walk behind the house to get to the pool.

## Reminder : the school lottery is now open for ticket sales

See this week's '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>

## Friends of Graffham & Duncton Postings

### Summer Performance



**\*\*Looking for families with trucks\*\***

Please can you let us know if you are able to help move ONE BBQ from Graffham to Duncton next week

It also would be great if a couple more people were on standby to assist on the day either setting up, serving or clearing away. Drop a line to [katy.tytler@gmail.com](mailto:katy.tytler@gmail.com), or let us know on our Facebook page!

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

A big thank you to Laura Deeley for baking a gorgeous sponge cake for Graffham, and a massive well done to Kai Lane (Reception) for winning!

A big thank you also goes to Sonya Gillespie for baking for Duncton, and congratulations goes to Ollie Wright (Year 4) for winning!

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