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Friday Flyer : News

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Welcome back to a new school year, everyone!
... an especially warm welcome to our 18 new starters
in Reception at Graffham, and their families



We are updating our Parent Information Pack full of really important information all parents need to be aware of. (We hoped to send it home today but the Graffham internet gremlins have defeated us!) We will email it to everyone on Monday and later send home a paper copy too : please look out for it and make sure you read it really carefully.

Graffham staffing update :

 We have been very sorry to bid farewell to Mrs Jenny Vinter, who has worked at Graffham Infant School for the last 12 years. Jenny and her family are relocating from Chichester to a very exciting project to refurbish a new home in Devon. This week we have put an advert onto the West Sussex Jobs page to find an experienced and qualified Early Years teaching assistant.

Now, we're keen to make sure everybody is aware
of 3 big events coming up very soon :

This Saturday sees the first draw in the new 'Friends of Graffham and Duncton' Lottery. There's a new poster in this week's 'Additional flyers' attachment, - or check out this link :

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

Hopefully you'll all have seen the many roadside posters advertising the Graffham School and Nursery **Open Morning for prospective parents** next **Wednesday 13th September**, between 10 and 12. It would be great to meet lots and lots of local families at this event : if you have any friends or family who you think might be interested in coming along do please spread the word!



There's also a new poster for 'The Graffham Run' which takes place on **Saturday 23rd September**. We're really looking forward to this event and hope you've all been training hard!

Proceeds from this event go to school funds so it would be great to attract as much support as possible. Please encourage your family and friends to participate - it's very easy to sign up online. At the very least, come along and cheer the runners on the day!

See overleaf for a comment from organiser Wendy Bentley (mum of Theo in Year 5 and Connie in Year 3) ...

The Graffham Run cont'd ...

Wendy writes :

"Two weeks to go until we're running or walking around our lovely village together to raise some cash for our schools.

If running isn't for you then come and walk the route. It will take you about an hour so you'll feel ready for a hot dog and a cup of coffee on your return!

Join in the warm up, cheer on the runners and walkers and watch the Juniors running round the field - all great fun whilst enjoying coffee and a hot dog!

The main runs start at 10am and the junior fun run will start at 11am around the recreation ground.

To walk or run the 5k or 10k route, register online for £5 today! it only takes a minute or two. Go to www.thegraffhamrun.co.uk and click on 'Registration'.

Tree Tops (the breakfast and afterschool clubs) will be providing child care for children over 3 yrs to enable parents to take part. The route is buggy friendly, although a little bumpy in parts.

See you there!"



Helen Martin writes :

"Please come along and support this family event in Graffham village. Wendy and Dominique have kindly given so much time to work on this event, it would be great to see as many families as possible. We need people to sign up so that we can cater for the event! Thank you to our kind sponsors, every penny made on the day and from the sign up will be going to benefit your children. Please tell your friends and 'like' the page on Facebook so that more people can see the event is taking place. We desperately need helpers on the day so please contact Wendy if you can give up two hours on Saturday 23rd. Contact her on info@thegraffhamrun.co.uk or phone/text on 07855 973885.

We also have many of the school staff who are running in support of this event - if you would like to give some money to boost them on their way, there will be collection pots in both school offices. More about them next week!

PTA Secretary - We need your help!!

The PTA are desperately in need of someone (or a couple of people) to be the new secretary of our lovely 'Friends of Graffham and Duncton'. The request for your time is minimal - to attend and write minutes for three meetings a year, each approximately one hour long. You may wish to give more time, but this is the minimum. Without a secretary our amazing and successful PTA cannot function legally! Please come forward and talk to Mrs Martin, Mrs Whiffin, Geoff Fenney, Katy Tytler or Jane Landstrom.

The PTA raise money for vital things in school such as books, equipment, outdoor learning and play areas, subsidising trips and operating the minibus. In a time of incredible financial pressure, we are very worried about losing the income from their events and cake raffles!

After School Childcare at Graffham

On Monday September 25th, Treetops - the company who run our Breakfast Club at Graffham - will launch our new after-school childcare club at Graffham. Initially this club will run Monday - Thursday each week, from 3:00 to 4:30 or 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Duncton pupils will be able to join the club from the minibus drop off at 3:30 p.m.



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Fees 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

As a first step, all parents who wish to use this after school club OR the Breakfast Club need to register with Treetops. PLEASE NOTE this is the case even if your child is already registered! as Treetops have changed their admin systems. All parents must now register online, at <http://treetopclubs.co.uk>. There is a £5 registration fee (though if you have already paid this you will not need to pay again).

Please also remember that if you have a child doing after-school activity clubs at Duncton, they are very welcome to come to Graffham for the Treetops club afterwards but you will need to make arrangements for them to travel over to Graffham : we are unable to provide transport.

Duncton Year 5 parents please note : swimming next week

Year 5 will start swimming on Monday 11th September, all children will need a swimming costume/shorts, towel and a swimming hat in a named bag.

Dates 11th September, 18th September, 25th September, 2nd October, 9th October, 16th October



School lunches : an important request to Graffham parents, from Mr Beer

Census day this term is Thursday October 5th. It helps us greatly if as many infant children as possible have a (free) hot lunch on this particular day, as it determines the level of meal funding that the school receives for the coming year. Please ask your children to have a hot lunch on this day - when there is a special menu - even if they normally prefer to have a packed lunch. The special menu on October 5th is "Festa Italiana" : Margherita Pizza or Pasta Bolognese, garden peas, garlic bread and green salad followed by Tutti Frutti yogurt.

Whilst on the subject of lunches, would Graffham parents please inform the office if there are any days of the week when their child will normally NOT have a hot lunch. This is important to ensure we don't over-order and waste both food and money. Thanks!

Notes on traffic

At the beginning of a new school year traffic congestion around our schools is always at its worst. We ask you all, please, to take extra care and make sure that you are driving and parking with the utmost consideration for other road users and village residents.



We are still having problems with queuing in the morning for the bus from Graffham to Duncton; so a member of the Leadership team will help with this queue from this Monday. We have a new bus stop inside the gate for children to queue behind. Please make sure that you accompany your child until they are put onto the minibus. The Breakfast Club children will be brought out to this queue and will join it too.

Drivers to Graffham please remember:

- NEVER turn your vehicle round in the school entrance as this is highly dangerous
- NEVER park at the end of the road, opposite Seaford's gate, where local vehicles need constant unimpeded access up to the Downs
- NEVER park in the gateway to the Stud footpath (the white gate to the left of the school grounds)

Drivers at Duncton please remember:

- Park very carefully in Willett Close and make sure there is enough space for a minibus to come through on the road!
- DO NOT park on the grass area at the top of Willett Close by the playground



Whole school photo

If you didn't get around to ordering digital copies of our summer 2017 'whole school photo' last term, it's still possible to order a memory stick (with copies of 10 of the images taken, for only £5) - just ask at either school office.

Graffham After School Tennis Club

After school tennis coaching for all ages from YrR - Yr6, Wednesday 6th September to Wednesday 18th October:

YrR - Yr2	3.15 - 4.15pm	£52.50
Yr3 - 4	4.15 - 5.15pm	£52.50
Yr5 - 6	5.15 - 6.15pm	£52.50

A few spaces left in each group, first come first served! Get in touch to book your place.

Richard richard@hoppcoaching.co.uk 07904 069457



A request from Angela Tysoe – mum to Tristan in Year 6

"Hello at the end of the Summer term I sent out this request but it didn't really give enough time to get many toothbrushes so I would like to extend it until the end of September. My name is Angela Tysoe (Tristan's mum in Y6 Peregrines) 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. 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 by the end of September 2017. Thank you in advance. Angela amtysoe@gmail.com "

Reminder : the school lottery is open for ticket sales

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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/friendsofgraffhamandduncton>

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>

Parents of children in our new Reception class may also wish to note that a 'What's App' group has been set up by one of our new mummies. If you have a child in Reception, you don't already know about this and would like to find out more or join up, please let the Graffham office know.

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://graffhamandduncton.w-sussex.sch.uk/newsletters-the-friday-flyer>

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