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| ***January 11th 2019*** |
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| **Welcome back to the new term everyone!** |
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| **Next Wednesday at Graffham we will be welcoming an important visitor from the Chichester Diocese who is coming to carry out the Church Inspection of Graffham school. This is a little bit like an Ofsted inspection but carried out by the Diocese as we are a church school.**  The Inspector will be with us all day at Graffham and may wish to talk to some of your children during the course of the day, and perhaps a few parents too at afternoon pick-up time.  If you have not yet completed the questionnaire we sent home last week and would like to do so we are very grateful for all responses – thank you very much to the parents who have sent in completed questionnaires so far. We’re sending it out again in a separate attachment to this Friday Flyer email.  The Inspection visit does mean we will need to delay the start of Year 2’s off-site Forest School : Year 2s will still be doing exciting Forest School activities on Wednesday afternoon, but all children will be on site at Graffham for the afternoon, exactly as this week.  **All children should come to school dressed in Forest School clothes as usual, ready for Wild Wednesday!** |
| **Morning drop-off at Graffham**  Please may we remind all Graffham parents of the procedures we ask you to follow every morning at drop-off time. **These are to ensure the safety and wellbeing of ALL children in school.**   1. Children can come into the classrooms from 8.45am, where their teachers will be ready to welcome them 2. If necessary please support your child to organise their things for the day and then leave the classroom (via the back door – not through school) as quickly as possible 3. All children should be in their classroom by 9.00am, ready for registration. At 9.00am the classroom doors are shut. 4. If you are unavoidably late and arrive **after 9.00am, please enter school by the front door and sign your child in at the office. Your child should say goodbye to you in the foyer and walk down to the classroom by themselves**. 5. The registers remain ‘open’ until 9.15am. If you arrive later than 9.15 we are required to register an unauthorised absence for that session. If you know you are going to be later than 9.15 do phone the office to let us know in advance, as occasionally, depending on the reason, it may be possible to record an authorised absence.   **We’re very grateful to parents for adhering to these rules, which are all to do with safeguarding and are designed to ensure everyone has a smooth and happy start to the school day.** |
| **And for the attention of Duncton parents picking up from the bus at Graffham in the afternoons :**  Please can we ask you to pull over and park to collect your child as we feel that this is safer than hovering on the road and expecting your child to come across the road to jump in.  We appreciate your co-operation in this regard. |
| **Meet Tiddles and Bob!**  **new members of Wren Class …**  These are our new class chickens in Wren Class at Graffham – they’ve spent the week settling into their new Eglu and exploring Graffham school grounds! Infant and Nursery children are enjoying learning how to collect eggs, treat the chickens gently and make sure they wash hands carefully after touching them.  C:\Users\secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Word\chooks_0001.jpg  Eventually we hope to offer eggs for sale – if you would be interested in having some please let the Graffham office know (proceeds will help to pay for their keep!) |
| **Next Thursday 17th January is census day …**  Remember, we’d be extremely grateful if all Graffham children would consider having a (free) hot lunch next Thursday … as the more infant hot lunches we serve on census day the more funding we receive for the year.  Chartwells will be serving a special menu, including burgers. |
| C:\Users\secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\QH9U9EOB\2.jpg**Image result for tesco logoAnother reminder** : Duncton School are taking part in the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme at the stores in Pulborough,  Billingshurst and Storrington. If you are in these stores (up until 28th February) please make sure you use a blue token to vote for our outdoor Reading Area. |
| **Missing school coat**  A purple school coat belonging to a child in Wren Class at Graffham has been missing for some time. Please could everyone check that you don’t have a coat showing the initials WS, by mistake? If anyone finds this coat please hand it in at either school office – many thanks. |
| **Petworth FoodBank**  Soon you will notice a box appearing in the foyer at Graffham which we are going to use as a collection point for donations to the Petworth FoodBank. Please do make use of this, if you would like, at any time to make donations of grocery items which can be sent to the FoodBank.  **(as it’s on school premises though we will have to be careful NOT to collect items that contain nuts or sesame seeds! Thanks for your attention to this, it’s really important! If you do have such items you’d like to donate (or if you are not sure), there is a collection point over in St Giles Church where you are very welcome to leave them.** |
| **NURSERY NEWS**  **The children have settled back into nursery very well after the Christmas break.**  **The children have been keen to learn about animals and where they live. They have made a map of the continents and have been looking at where animals live. We will continue to learn about our world and ways other people live and the homes they live in.**  **We have two new additions to our outdoor area, Bob and Tiddles, the chickens. They have a lovely new hen house and during the day Bob and Tiddles explore the outdoor area alongside the children.**  **The children enjoyed ‘Wild Wednesday’ exploring outside with some of the new resources.**  **A final reminder that the closing date for school applications is Tuesday 15th January 2019.**  **Please remember to make sure your child has a warm hat, gloves and coat at nursery for outdoor play.** |
| **Has anyone lost this key, found in the school car park this week?**  C:\Users\secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Word\Key Found.jpg |
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