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| ***January 18th 2019*** |
| **Friends of Graffham and Duncton Secretary role**  Our enormous thanks goes to Regan Rissik, who has supported FGD in her role as secretary throughout the first term of the year. She has been a brilliant team member!  Due to urgent family commitments, Regan has sadly had to resign her position. As a result, FGD need to fill the role of secretary with immediate effect. This is a key role in the team and a great way to get involved.  Class Reps for each year group have been emailed the job description, and this will also go in bookbags this week.  We do need to fill the secretary role immediately to ensure that the charity which supports our schools is not at risk (the commission requires us to have a named secretary in place). Please, if you have a little time, come forward and talk to us. You will be a part of very exciting plans for this year and will have the satisfaction of knowing the huge difference, as a member of FGD, you can make to Graffham and Duncton schools. |
| **This week on Tuesday we had very exciting visitors to both schools …** two meerkats, a Madagascan hissing cockroach, an African pygmy hedgehog, a millipede, a berber skink lizard and a royal python. All the children enjoyed hearing about these animals and were excited to have the chance to touch and stroke them gently. We took some great pictures which we hope to show you more of next week.    C:\Users\secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Word\IMG_1989.jpg |
| **Petworth FoodBank**  Our Petworth Foodbank collection box is now in place at Graffham. 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.  These are the kinds of things they very much appreciate reciving :   * Tinned tomatoes, fruit, meat, fish, or vegetables * Tinned rice pudding, tinned custard * Sugar * Teabags * UHT or powdered milk * Orange juice cartons * Breakfast cereal * Dried pasta or noodles, pasta suces in jars * Biscuits; Chocolate   **As the collection box is on school premises we must be super-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), just give them to the office and we will take them over to the collection point in St Giles Church.** |
| **Census Day this week**  Thank you very much to Graffham parents whose children who switched to a hot meal on Census Day.  It was much appreciated and will ensure that the school can cover the cost of Universal Free School Meals in the next financial year from the funds that it receives. |
| **NURSERY NEWS**  **We had a fantastic visit from Animal Experience on Monday and the children were lucky enough to meet two meerkats, a Madagascan hissing cockroach, an African pygmy hedgehog, a millipede, a berber skink lizard and a royal python. The children learned about what the animals eat and where they live and were given the opportunity to stroke some of the animals.**  **We have been continuing our learning about where animals live. After our visit from the animals the children were keen to put pictures of them on our continents map.**  **Although ‘Wild Wednesday’ was quite wet, we were outside learning about mini beasts, their habitats and making mini beasts with clay.**  **Please remember to make sure your child has a warm hat, gloves and waterproof coat at nursery for outdoor play.**  **If you applied for your child’s school place online County will email you on Tuesday 16 April 2019 to let you know where your child has a place. Emails will be sent throughout the day so an exact time cannot be given.**  **If you applied by post you will be sent a letter with the outcome by second class post on Tuesday 16 April 2019.** |
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| **Friends of Graffham and Duncton Schools : News**  **Please read the urgent appeal at the top of this week’s Friday Flyer and get in touch if you can help!**  **Total Giving**  Many parents have asked us to repost the Total Giving platform that we promoted at the Christmas performance.  Just £10 per month, per child, can make £15k difference to Graffham and Duncton schools.  This money pays for books, equipment, specialist teachers (such as music and art), subsidised trips and more. This benefits every child attending Graffham and Duncton.  If you are able to donate regularly via our fundraising platform, please do. Link below:  <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/charity/duncton-and-graffham-schools-parent-teacher-association>  **School Lottery** Well done to Mr P.B. who was the lucky winner in our lottery this week. A fantastic £32.10 is winging its way to you. Please follow the link below if you’d like to join in:  <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/graffham-infant-and-duncton-junior-schools>  The School Lottery is a brilliant way to donate to our schools and be in with a chance of winning some money. Just £1 per week will enter you into two draws:   1. A jackpot prize draw for **£25,000.00**. 2. A local draw with a **guaranteed prize** for one of the supporters of our school. The size of the prize will depend on the number of tickets bought for the school that week.   **Cake Raffle**  The children were very pleased to see the return of the cake raffle last week.  Our thanks go to Lisa and Martina, who are now in full flow as the cake raffle team at Graffham, and to the year 6 children at Duncton who manage it so well each Friday!  At Graffham, Katy baked a set of very sweet heart scones with all the trimmings. Thanks to Katy and well done to the winner Cora, we hope you enjoyed!  Thanks too to Colleen for these delicious butterfly cakes at Duncton. Blossom was the well deserved lucky winner.  image2.jpeg  image1.jpeg  image1.jpegOur wonderful schools have joined Amazon Smile, meaning we will receive a 0.5% donation from Amazon on every purchase you make!  All you have to do is go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk), add us as your chosen charity, ‘Duncton and Graffham Schools Parent Teacher Association’, then shop as normal via the Amazon Smile site.  Imagine how much we could raise!!  Amazon Smile is exactly the same Amazon - same products, prices, offers, service, Prime, Black Friday deals etc etc.  To support our schools, you just have to start your shopping at [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk)  Why not add a shortcut to Amazon Smile on your phone, to make it even easier to support your schools?C:\Users\secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Word\728x90_EFXmasBanner.png |
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