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| ***February 15th 2019*** |
| **Happy half term everybody!**  We look forward to seeing you back in school on February 25th – and we hope all the nasty bugs and illnesses currently going around will be killed off by then! |
| **Lavington Park Federation Safe Online**  a weekly Friday Flyer feature about children’s online safety  **C:\Users\secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\28Y5HQH2\internet2[1].gif**  This week: a quiz that might be fun to do together with your older (pre teen) children. There are lots of similar quizzes available on different online safety websites – have a search and find one that takes your fancy!  http://www.safekids.com/quiz/ |
| Year 3 went to the **BIG LITTLE SING** this week at Midhurst Rother College,  here is what they thought :  *I went to Midhurst Rother College today to practice tones and notes. It was really fun.* **Alice**  *On Tuesday 12th, Woodpeckers went to MRC for a Music Workshop and they loved it.* **Freddie**  *I went to MRC and sung songs with other schools. It was fun.* **Ben** |
| **Friday 1st March : Bags of Support collection**  Our next collection of bags of unwanted clothing, shoes and household textiles is on the Friday after half term.  The half term holiday is a great time to have a really good spring clear-out at home, and send all your unwanted stuff to us to raise money for school.  Sorry that we’re no longer able to provide bags for your stuff, (the charity that collects it is quite rightly trying to reduce their use of plastic, so they no longer provide bags) but you can use any bag you have to hand - eg black bin bags - or even cardboard boxes.  Please bring all your stuff to your school by first thing on the Friday morning (no earlier please as we have no storage space!). **Thank you everyone.** |
| **Communications with parents**  As you will know we often send out texts or emails with reminders or important messages for parents. We do this via an internet service called Teachers 2 Parents. (For this reason, remember, it’s not possible to reply to a school text – if you reply you may think we’ve seen your message but we never will because the internet program is using a range of different mobile numbers to send texts, none of which are anything to do with us!)  Recently the system has been adding a message to the end of texts which says ‘Get our app’. A number of parents have asked us about this. It’s not our school app, but is something developed by the company who run Teachers 2 Parents.  It is no problem if you want to use this T2P app – it’s free to download and text messages from school will come through on it – you do need to be careful though as you will not necessarily get a notification that a text has been sent, which means it is easy to miss important messages.  So, in short, it’s no problem to download this app but you don’t NEED to - and actually we think it’s safer if you just continue to receive our messages on your mobile as a normal text.  Do let us know if you have any questions. |
| **Nursery News**  **This week we had a visit from the Petworth Hedgehog Rescus Centre. The children met ‘Harry’ who is one year old and was rescued as a baby. The children learned all about how hedgehogs live, what they eat, what baby hedgehogs are called, what the Rescue Centre does to help them, and why hedgehogs curl up into a ball. They were able to stroke the hedgehog if they wanted to.**  **World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March – we will let you have further information after half term.**  **This week ‘Wild Wednesday’ was spent looking after our outdoor area, tidying up the l;eaves, moving growing boxes and soil, and moving the logs to create a new story circle.**  **After half term we will start planting so if anyone has any unwanted seeds or would like to donate some soil, we would be extremely grateful.**  **Also after half term, on Tuesday 5th March, we are planning to make a short promotional video of Graffham Nursery involving the children. We will be sending out a letter with more infomation about this and a consent form after half term.**  **The nursery children need your support to help incease our numbers here. We are grateful to those of you who have already shared our Facebook page and need more of you to share with your friends in the local area. Please visit Graffham Nursery on facebook.com. We try to post weekly to share the fun experiences we have during each week.**  **Have a very happy half term,**  **First day back after half term is Monday 25th February 2019.** |
| **Friends of Graffham and Duncton Schools : News**  **Art Show - Me, Myself and I**  As promised, we will be updating everyone on our exciting new event every week going forward!  A reminder of the date for your diaries...Thursday 4th April, 7pm - 10pm. Please start booking your babysitters and planning your journey!  There is limited parking on site, and we will be encouraging everyone to car share (or taxi!) to Grittenham Barn. More details on this to follow.  Our huge thanks goes to Fran Batten this week, who has produced the art show invite. We are so excited to see these printed and going out to all families after half term. Thanks too to Cora and Casper who helped out with the finishing touches on the invite!  image2.jpeg FGD have been organising further, as we aim to secure sponsors and support for the art show. Meanwhile Mrs Kenway tells us that the children are doing an absolutely incredible job with their portraits. Well done 👏🏼👏🏼  Not all children have started work on their portraits yet, but rest assured that all Infant and Junior children will have their artwork at the show when the time comes!  **Cake Raffle**  C:\Users\secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Word\cake G 8 Feb.jpgMany thanks go to Cat for baking this week; the children at Graffham were all vying for a tin of these delicious treats!  A very lucky Benjamin Leysen won this week. Well done to you and we hope you enjoyed them!  Thank you also to Wendy, who baked for Duncton this week. YUMMY!  Well done to Molly Landstrom for your win!  Thank you all for buying tickets. The cake raffle raises over £1500 to help our schools each year. Your 50p’s and pound coins all add up so please do support!  **School Lottery** Well done to Ms H.B, who was the lucky winner in our lottery this week, winning £29.40.  Please see 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.  image1.jpeg  If you purchase items from Amazon, please remember to 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.  That way we receive a donation at no extra cost to you!  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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