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| ***Friday March 1st 2019*** |
| **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, news stories about ‘Momo’ have been worrying us…  https://2j39y52a62gm1afygb3g1xbu-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/MOMO-Online-Safety-Guide-for-Parents-FEB-2019.jpg  <https://2j39y52a62gm1afygb3g1xbu-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/MOMO-Online-Safety-Guide-for-Parents-FEB-2019.jpg>  C:\Users\secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\QH9U9EOB\Image-1.jpgC:\Users\secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\QH9U9EOB\Image-1 (2).jpgThere are conflicting stories in the media as to whether or not Momo is as horrific as it sounds. We would definitely encourage our families to read a range of reports and decide what you think …  Stella James from Gooseberry Planet advises:  “Although MOMO is not nice, I agree with the article linked below, that the media have over-dramatised it … Don’t spread the panic about Momo – get involved and supervise what your young children are watching, whatever it may be. [https://inews.co.uk/opinion/momo-challenge-game-deaths-suicide-moral-panic/ ?fbclid=IwAR2VmsP59BOWfZYNPeOkQuk5V7UdnO\_Lnzztl\_BhyQrqlGtLBT4Z4CN07as](https://inews.co.uk/opinion/momo-challenge-game-deaths-suicide-moral-panic/%20?fbclid=IwAR2VmsP59BOWfZYNPeOkQuk5V7UdnO_Lnzztl_BhyQrqlGtLBT4Z4CN07as)  Mrs Martin has also found this link ;  <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2019/feb/28/viral-momo-challenge-is-a-malicious-hoax-say-charities> |
| **WORLD BOOK DAY is next week!**  Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. As usual the children will partake in a range of book related activities and be asked to dress up as a book character for the day.  **At Graffham** we will be having a Space themed day. Activities will include making alien slime, making space smoothies and beginning to design and make model rockets. The books we will be focussing on are:   * Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram * The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers * Aliens Love Underpants by Claire Freedman   Children could come to school dressed as one of the characters from these books or any other character from a book if they wish to.  **Duncton** will now be doing World Book Day on Thursday 7th not as previously stated on Friday, as the normal outdoor Thursday will not be on due to staff being away with year 6 on their residential. At Duncton children will be having our annual book battle which the children love, with prizes. Please look out for the additional information for Duncton children coming home today which explains the other activities.  The following Friday (15th) is Comic Relief’s Red Nose Day – next week we’ll tell you about our plans for that! |
| **SCIENCE WEEK AT GRAFFHAM : can you help?**  From 11th to 15th March we will celebrating Science Week at Graffham and we’re looking for parents with any expertise in this area who would be willing to come in to talk to the children. Please come and chat to Mrs Wethered ASAP if you can help. |
| **IMPORTANT REMINDER**  **Please may we remind all parents and carers that children must not be permitted to play in our outdoor learning areas outside of school hours (eg after pick up, or when waiting for clubs to finish).**  **These areas will have been set up ready for the next day’s learning and it is very frustrating for teaching staff to have to tidy up mess and re-organise areas they have already organised!** |
| **Another reminder**  Don’t forget about the Petworth Foodbank collection boxes at both schools. The Foodbank are so grateful for donations : do please think about purchasing an extra item or two when you’re out grocery shopping! |
| **Nursery News**  **World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March – please see above for information.**  **This week on ‘Wild Wednesday’ the children went foraging in the outdoor area looking for natural things on the ground like feathers, pine cones, catkins, twigs and leaves. The children learned that they should not pick growing flowers or leaves from trees. The children also watched their toast being toasted on the fire with Murray, and then enjoyed eating it.**  **We are still after any donations of soil or unwanted seeds that we can use for planting in our outdoor area. We are keen to start planting in our outdoor area soon so any donations will be very gratefully recived.**  **On Tuesday 5th March, we are planning to make a short promotional video of Graffham Nursery involving the children. You have all received consent forms for photographs and filming. Please return your signed consent forms, if you have not already done so. Fingers crossed for a beautiful day!**  **Parent consultations will be held on 12th and 19th March. Sign-up sheets are in Nursery reception so please sign up ASAP for your appointment.**  **We are holding a Science Week from 11th – 15th March. If there are any science experts out there, please come and chat to Mrs Wethered as soon as possible!** |
| **Friends of Graffham and Duncton Schools : News**  **Art Show - Me, Myself and I**  We are really busy preparing for the show, both children in the classroom and FGD behind the scenes!  A reminder - please save Thursday 4th April, 7pm - 10pm in your diaries.  **All parents will receive a hard copy invite and accompanying latter in bookbags next week.**  **It essential you RSVP to reserve your place at the private view please; there will be a tear off section at the bottom of the letter to do this.**  Parking at Grittenham Barn is limited, and access is via a single track road, so we ask all parents and attendees coming to the private view to car share, either by taxi or by taking others if you have space in your own vehicle. Once we receive RSVP’s, we will aim to link parents coming from the same area, to try and make this process simple.  We welcome parents and carers to make their own arrangements to share the journey with local parent friends if possible.  All of your children’s work will be framed and professionally hung at the show, and will be for sale. This will be a great event and we hope a brilliant fundraiser for the school.  Parents will of course have first refusal on all artwork. We will launch an online catalogue after the show (for parents and carers unable to attend); plus you will be able to purchase additional prints of the artwork if you’d like to.  More details next week. Please look out for the invite in bookbags in the week to follow!   **Cake Raffle**    **School Lottery** Well done to two winners (one the week of half term and one last week!)  Mr A.S. was the winner over half term, with £29.70 in winnings coming his way.  And well done to Mr S.A. this week, who won the £30 prize draw.  It is so easy to sign up to the School Lottery, and the more parents, grandparents, carers and supporters we have, the more money the school makes and the more money you stand to win!  Our school lottery currently has:   * 102 tickets * 58 supporters   We hope to get this to 100 supporters this year. It’s just £1 per ticket. If you haven’t signed up yet, please do: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/graffham-infant-and-duncton-junior-schools>  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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