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| ***Friday March 15th 2019*** |
| **Comic Relief’s RED NOSE DAY**  We’ve had such fun today all dressed in red and painting our noses for Comic Relief – across our two schools we have raised nealy £300 for this gret cause today. Thank you all so much for your donations.  **The new Climbing Wall at Duncton was officially opened this morning and 19 lucky children who entered our competition were the first to have a go!**  **Mrs Martin writes :**  What an amazing morning at Duncton! We had the launch of our new traversing wall; with some of our sponsors, and the children who won our writing competition who were the first ones on the new wall. Huge thanks to Simon and Wendy Longman and Dominique Kenway (for their work on the Graffham run), to Laura Douse as co-chair of Friends of Graffham and Duncton (for all their work and parent contributions), to the Barrett family, and to Petworth Masons for their generous support of this wall! Thank you to Mr Beer for the cake!! We all love it!!!    **C:\Users\secretary\Documents\Downloads\IMG_4269.JPG** |
| **SUMMER MUST BE COMING SOON!**  Duncton Juniors are starting their in-school swimming lessons as Seaford College …  **YEAR 5s WILL SWIM NEXTMONDAY AFTERNOON** (18th March)  Year 5s please make sure you bring your swimming kit into school on Monday and remember, swimming hats are compulsory (Mrs Dudman has some for sale in the office if you need one). |
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| **Music parent showcase  Tuesday 9th March 11.00 – 11.20am**  Infant parents are warmly invited to come to Graffham for 20 minutes next Tuesday morning to watch this term’s music showcase, and see how the children have been getting on learning to play their recorders.  Please enter and leave the school hall via the back door (by the ramp, at the side of the building) |
| **Reminder**  **Coastal West Sussex MIND**  **Building emotional resilience for families**  Friday 22nd March 2019  9-11am  Duncton Village Hall  Last few places remaining - £5 to reserve a place  Please contact Duncton school office |
| **Nursery News**  World Book Day last week was great fun and well done to all the children for dressing up and taking part. The nursery children had great fun joining in with the school stories and costume parade.  Thank you to those parents who attended Parent Consultations on Tuesday and we look forward to seeing more of you next Tuesday afternoon.  Unfortunately ‘Wild Wednesday’ was cancelled this week due to very strong winds.  We are extremely grateful to everyone who has donated soil and seeds, thank you very much. We have already planted the Violas and will be planting the seeds over the next few weeks and during our ‘Wild Wednesday’ sessions.  Thank you to everyone for your donations on Red Nose Day and for supporting us with ‘no plastic’. Some of the children chose to have their noses painted red. The children made a great effort to come dressed in red.  We would like to say an enormous thank you to Ben and Ellie for dedicating so much of their own time to create a promotional video for the nursery. We really appreciate the time you have given to film and edit it. It was fantastically supported last night by parents and children who came to watch the ‘Premiere’. We hope with this brilliant marketing tool our numbers at nursery will vastly improve.  Dates for the diary:  Parent Consultations - Tuesday 19th March  Nursery Open Morning - Wednesday 3rd April  Last day of Spring Term - Friday 5th April  First day of Summer Term - Tuesday 23rd April |
| **Church inspection at Graffham**  In early January 2019, we were inspected by the Diocese of Chichester inspectors at Graffham as a Church School. This is not an OFSTED inspection and focusses specifically on Christian distinctiveness.  We have attached the report for you to read. It has taken time to get this to you, as we appealed the final grading to the Diocese; which was unfortunately unsuccessful. We were disappointed in the inspection findings, as we place such value on creating an inclusive ethos in our schools  If you would like to see what Church Schools are being assessed against, under the brand new inspection schedule, of which we were the first school in West Sussex to be inspected, please see here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/education-and-schools/church-schools-and-academies/siams-school-inspections>.  There are obviously areas of improvement that we will be working on; but we are secure in the knowledge that we will ensure our inclusive ethos across our schools is maintained.  Mrs Martin and Mrs Whiffin |
| **Friends of Graffham and Duncton Schools : News**  **Art Show - Me, Myself and I**  Invitations to the ‘Me, Myself and I’ Art exhibition were sent home in book bags last week. We hope you are as excited as us! Please don’t forget to note your attendance via the tear-off sheet on the accompanying letter (to go to school offices) or via email ( [FGD.RSVP@gmail.com](mailto:FGD.RSVP@gmail.com" \t "_blank)) as soon as possible, ideally by the end of this weekend.  There have been some questions about the pricing for the artwork.  We are still working this out, but a separate letter will be sent out next week with more information.  The children are producing absolutely brilliant pieces of work for the exhibition - take a look at some of the photos below. We can’t thank Mrs Kenway enough for her inspiration and support. They will look amazing hanging in Grittenham Barn!  C:\Users\secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Word\portraits.jpg  **Cake Raffle**  Well done to Lily who won the cake at Graffham last week.  Another yummy cake made by Mel for Duncton was won by [ ]. Well done! (Sorry, no photos this week…)  **School Lottery** Well done to Ms SB who won £29.70 in the latest draw, which she has very kindly donated to the FGD to support the school.  Many winners do the same, but often we only find out after announcing it in the Friday Flyer, so a big thank you to you all too!  You can join in at: [https://www.yourschoollottery. co.uk/lottery/school/graffham- infant-and-duncton-junior- schools](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/graffham-infant-and-duncton-junior-schools). It 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.**  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.  The latest offers can be found here: [Preview attachment Dine Out In The Spring Sunshine digital.pdfDine Out In The Spring Sunshine digital.pdf470 KB](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1?ui=2&ik=409f9e06c3&attid=0.1.0&permmsgid=msg-f:1627737661563852387&th=1696e2c77109d663&view=att&disp=safe)  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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