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| ***Friday May 17th 2019*** |
| **A reminder of last week’s message**  After an amazingly successful year as co-chairs of Friends of Graffham and Duncton (FGD), Clare Hindle and Laura Douse have decided to step down from the role from May half term. We are very sad to be seeing them step down due to their own career and personal circumstances, as they have been creative, innovative and exploratory in their approach to the task, building on the hard work of our previous FGD teams. We would like to thank them for the immense amount of hard work that they have put into the role.  **I am therefore writing to you all to ask for either one or two parents to volunteer to be our next FGD chair or co-chair! It is a great opportunity to make a huge difference to the experiences and resources that all of your children benefit from across both schools.**  In these challenging financial times in schools, we need our successful PTA to move from strength to strength. We are making plans to minimise the time spent on events by team members, particularly at this year’s Summer Performance, so your first steps into the FGD team will be simplified ones. Please seriously consider joining our fantastic team; please come and talk to Mrs Whiffin or myself about your possible interest.  Thank you for your continued support of our amazing schools.  **Helen Martin** |
| **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**  You can download this guide to Social Media & Mental Health (from National Online Safety) here: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/social-media-and-mental-health/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=WakeUpWednesday%20Social%20Media%20%20Mental%20Health&utm_content=WakeUpWednesday%20Social%20Media%20%20Mental%20Health+CID_97bd73fd0f54773a9921fd562fdaa2cb&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor&utm_term=DOWNLOAD%20ON%20WEBSITE>  https://2j39y52a62gm1afygb3g1xbu-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Mental-Health-Social-Media-2019.jpg |
| As promised, here are some of Woodpecker Class’s thoughts on their visit from residents of Barlavington Manor last week … |
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| **Nursery News**  **Learning This week we’ve been enjoying playing ‘What’s that sound?’ with all the children. This is a listening game that involves the teachers playing a sound and the children listening carefully and naming that sound. This is all part of our phase 1 phonics programme.**  **In our outdoor area the children have helped weed the vegetable patch. We’ve had a few onions pulled out and then replanted but that’s how we learn! We’re hoping to get some canes pushed into the ground next week so we can plant our runner beans. Children will love a real life beanstalk after learning so much about them.**  **You may have noticed the stage area outdoors has been dressed with fabrics. We have provided the children with lots of pretend dressing up, fabrics, hair accessories and empty makeup pots. Children have used their fine motor control in their pretend play to apply makeup to their friends, do their hair and get their costumes on. We can’t wait to see who’s going to be the star of the show next week!**  **Forest School The children have made an amazing spider web outdoors using wool and sticks. This has been brilliant for their fine motor control but they’ve also learnt how spiders spin their webs and what might get caught in them. We’ve also read the story ‘stick man’ and been on a stick hunt to create our own stick men on the ground.**  **Alongside these adult led activities, children have initiated their own play outdoors and continued to explore fairy soup by mixing weeds, cones, grass and leaves with water. We love it when our children use their play to explore using their imaginations. You might even want to make your own fairy soup at home and then bring some into nursery in a jar!**  **Reminder On hot days please can you make sure you apply suncream to your child before they arrive in Nursery and we will top them up throughout the day. Many thanks.**  **Thank you We’ve had some generous donations of plants, yoghurt pots and plant pots this week so a huge thanks goes out to you all for these.**  **Have a lovely weekend!**  **Early Years Team** |
| **Friends of Graffham and Duncton Schools : News**  **FGD Team - new chairs required**  Just a reminder that we are still looking for new chair/co-chairs for the FGD.  It is a great opportunity to get involved with our fabulous schools, help put on events for the children/parents and raise some much-needed funds. It is vital that the position is filled to ensure that FGD, as a charity, is not at risk and that it complies with the Charity Commission's regulations.  Clare and Laura have proved that having co-chairs works really well so if you, whether individually or with another parent, are interested in finding out more, please do get in touch with Mrs Martin or any of the FGD members. Your school needs you!  **Cake Raffle**    **School Lottery**  Mrs D F won this week’s lottery prize of £27.60.  Congratulations!!  Please consider joining if you haven’t already. It’s a great way to support our schools.  image1.jpegIf 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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