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# Friday Flyer

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024



## Spring Term

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to School Welcome to Mr Beckerson as our new headteacher	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Bikeability week for Y6	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Bags of Support Collection Day	

\*New dates/additions are in GREEN

### INSET Days for 2024-2025 Academic year

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 17th March 2025

Monday 23rd June 2025

## News from Helen

On my final Friday flyer, I have a few final words of thanks.

To my amazing school team, for masterminding my party on Monday and everything that has gone into it all, I can't believe that over 200 people came from the school community and families to say farewell; generations and complete families who reminded me how old I am and how many years of learning have come and gone- seen those children now at university and beyond, succeeding happily in their lives.

Thank you to the further community- who baked, made amazing light shows, served countless drinks, iced cakes, masterminded presents, painted, created and written words of care and fond thoughts.

The three paintings, beautifully crafted by Hannah Stevens of both schools and Dominique Kenway of Coopers Moor, our Forest School site, are the most fantastic memorable gifts. Thank you all so much for your generosity and kindness in all of the gifts and cards.

You are all really dear to me.

In the Duncton Christingle, I remembered many times that the churches have also brought strong memories to us; and asked the children to hold dear the memories of these events, as they will recall them forever, and they will lead them into each phase of their lives.

I will take some time to recover from the rigours of headship- firstly I have a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Dubai in early Jan (instead of returning to school!), rather infuriatingly I also then have a hysterectomy planned for mid Jan; but then will begin the fun of creating my network of celebrant work, and leadership consultancy- and also (with my lovely new spade that was gifted to me) a LOT of gardening, walking and time in my greenhouse.

I also know that some of your children have said they will be sad to say goodbye, and those feelings of loss are challenging at all ages; if it may calm or help your child to write to me and send me a card or letter, just pop them into the offices and they will post them onto me. I'm not expecting these, but I know that sometimes when we are sad, some actions and control do make us feel more settled.

My email address is also now disabled, but I have my celebrant email on the flyer below.

As small schools, we always struggle with numbers of children, money, and a million other things. But the one thing we have in spades worth- is kindness, love and compassion for our school community. Thank you everyone and these schools are unique, quirky, creative and wonderful.

Have a lovely Christmas and a very happy 2025.

Helen xx





Mrs Martin receives her leavers' bear

### Cake Raffle



At Graffham, Eli Alderton's clever Auntie brought in these festive cookies for us – Thank you for baking for us this week!

Today's lucky winner was William Moreton. Enjoy!



At Duncton we had a very realistic ROAST TURKEY Cake that was created by Laura Davies (Noah in Y6)

The Turkey will be going home with Jack and George in time for Christmas :)



**An early Christmas present from**

**Changers Building Supplies in Petworth...**

We wanted to say a BIG thank you to Changers for kindly donating x12 bags of Rock Salt absolutely free to Graffham School today.

We are now all set for the New Year.

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*Helen Martin*  
CELEBRANT

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@ THE PAVILLION, GRAFFHAM REC

ALL AGES WELCOME

DOORS OPEN 3.30PM  
CRAFT STARTS 4.30 PM  
FOOD 5.30PM

RSVP HEN ON 07714652856

Messy Church is free but donations  
are welcome to cover expenses

St Giles Church, Graffham

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**Holiday Activities and  
Food (HAF) for children**

Children and young people aged 4 to 16 who are eligible\* for benefits related free school meals can take part in free clubs during the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays. A free nutritious meal is provided as part of the scheme. Visit our website to find activities near you and book your place.

\*Check eligibility on the webpage and find information about further support and activities available. Places are limited. Paid-for places may be available, contact individual clubs for availability.

SCAN ME

Babysitting available Full enhanced DBS checked

Please contact Tracey Erkam, Teaching Assistant at Duncton School on 07787991633