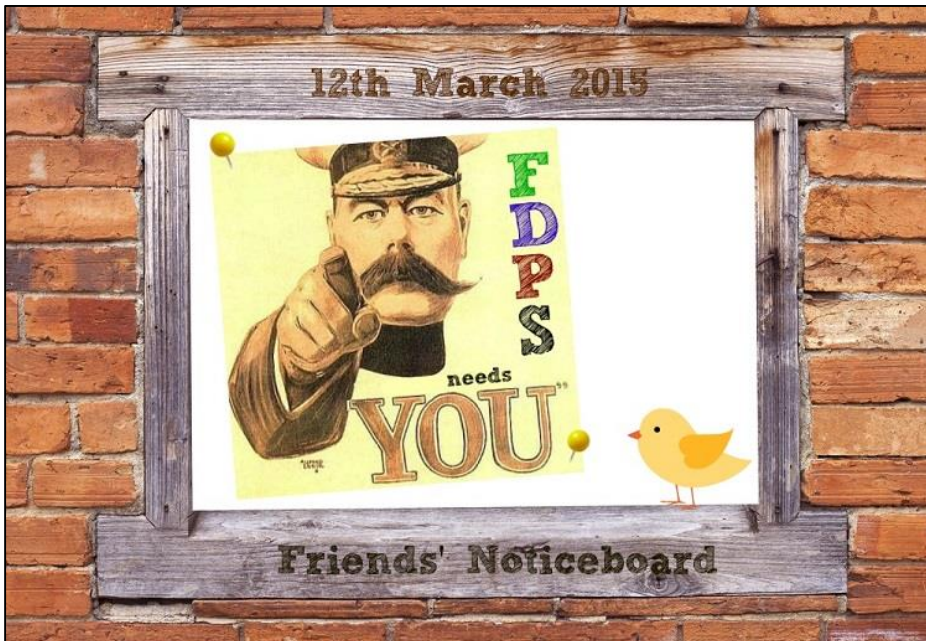




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This week – “From the FDPS Noticeboard”

Last week's newsletter gave you details of all the exciting events being planned by the FDPS team during the forthcoming terms at Ditcham Park... and we really hope that you found plenty to interest you and your family!

This week, now that you know our plans, **we would like to ask you for your help...** because **we need people just like you to make it all happen** 😊

Juniors' Easter "Funday" Monday 30th March!

Easter Party at Ditcham - Monday 30th March 2015



The School will soon be sending a letter home to Juniors' families inviting them to join their children at School during the afternoon of 30th March, for the annual Easter Egg Roll – a small but joyful part of the School's Easter celebrations.

The FDPS helps the School in organising and running the event and this year will include an Easter Egg hunt and Egg decorating for the children, with traditional Easter refreshments for their parents and families while they watch the great Easter Egg Roll!

A few Parent Helpers are needed please...

FPDS Organiser Lucy Reidy, the **Easter Bunny and Mad Hatter** need at least six helpers to:

1. Distribute the Easter Egg Hunt eggs throughout the Walled Garden & Playing Fields (from 1pm)
2. Serve teas, coffee and Easter fare to visiting families in the Solent Suite (from 2.30pm)

This is a fun, happy event which gives a lot of pleasure to the children – why not be part of it and offer your help via our email friendsditcham@gmail.com or by contacting our Treasurer Denise on denise.allen@ditchampark.com

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Open Morning
"Café"
Volunteers
needed...



Saturday 9th May 2015 is the School Open Morning and FDPS invites parent helpers to take a turn in the School Kitchen & Dining Room. If you have not helped before you may be wondering "what is involved"?

- Serving tea & coffee,
- Cutting cake,
- Collecting used cups, saucers and plates from the dining room and then
- Loading/unloading the School's very "whizzy" School dishwasher!

It is a **fun & sociable way** to help the School! Meet and chat with your fellow DPS families, and meet prospective parents and families as they come along to tour the School and see all that it has to offer.

If you would like to come along (perhaps with a year group friend for company) then please get in touch via email, letting us know what time you are available. Contact Denise at denise.allen@ditchampark.com as soon as possible.

The Open Morning café will be open from 10am to 1pm but we generally work on a 30 minute "slot" rota... a relatively short amount of time, but it is incredibly helpful – thank you ☺

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Medieval May Fayre



Saturday May 16th 2015 12noon – 3.30pm

We detailed some of the ways you can help with our May Fayre in last week's newsletter... here is a recap with news of certain **important dates** if you are interested to advertise in our Fayre programme or have a stall at the Fayre itself...

Parent businesses – book a stall at the Fayre

We are offering a subsidised price to Ditcham families, but we are allocating the "pitches" NOW...so please don't delay! If you are considering attending the Fayre with your business products then please contact us *before Friday 2nd April 2015* via our email friendsditcham@gmail.com



The cost to Ditcham family businesses is just £15. You will need to bring your own table and gazebo (if required).

Advertising in the Fayre programme

Will be available on a first come, first served basis. £25 for a whole page, £15 for a half page. Please contact us as soon as possible to book. Artwork will be needed *no later than Friday 9th April* (this can be submitted during

the Easter holiday period to denise.allen@ditchampark.com)

Contact us initially via the website or email friendsditcham@gmail.com

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Can you help at your Year Group or FDPS stalls?

At each Fayre every year group helps by running an attraction or stall – and this is a great way to work together (children and adults together) and make a valuable contribution to the organisation, running and success of this popular annual event. We really appreciate your help with this, and know that a lot of fun is had by those who take part. Overleaf are some pictures from last year's "Wild West May Fayre", where there was a lovely range of stalls.

Do you know if your year group has made its choice yet? Why not contact your year group Buddy and see how you can help. Remember, this year has a Medieval theme so see if you can incorporate that somehow in your activity. Good luck with your brainstorming!



Volunteers are also needed for other attractions and stalls, such as the

Bric-a-Brac, Bouncy Castles and The Dragon Inn Tavern!

You are all invited to embrace the medieval vibe and dress in "fancy dress" costume ... why not have some fun with your outfit!

Think of Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses, Knights/Soldiers, Jesters, Lords & Ladies and (from outside the castle or manor walls), villagers, Tavern "wenches" or farmers.

PS: There will be a fancy dress parade and prizes during the afternoon!



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Finally, we'd like to wish you all a very happy weekend. Let us hope it'll be sunshine all the way!



Denise Allen, on behalf of Vicki Harvey and the FDPS Committee

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