



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Although our Reception children are only at the end of their first full week at North Downs, most are so at home they could have been here for weeks - as you can see from some of our Caterpillars below!



Pupil Data Sheets

As most of you will already be aware, each autumn term a Pupil Data Sheet is sent home with every child for parental attention. This form contains a summary of the information held on our school's database for your child - contacts, medical etc. - and you are asked to check that it is accurate and up to date. Any changes should be made directly to the form and then (whether changes have been made OR NOT), the form should be signed, dated and returned to your school office. Any changes advised will be made accordingly on our database. Due to the numbers involved, we stagger the sending-home process to prevent our admin team being deluged by over 400 pupils' forms at one time! This is organised alphabetically. Therefore, next Friday (25th) we shall begin sending home Pupil Data Sheets, with children whose surname begins A-B. It is important that you return your sheet as soon as possible and by the deadline of Monday 5th October at the latest.



We introduce you to Leigh Village site School Councillors for this year - Harry & Freya (Year 2) and James & Nara (Year 1).



Meal Choice Changes

Circumstances require us to remind parents that **changes to a child's meal choice must be made in writing with a week's notice.**

This requirement is a Surrey Commercial Services rule (the company who provide school meals) and is in place to prevent either food wastage (from over-ordering due to children changing to packed lunches without notice) or insufficient food stocks (due to children changing to school meals without notice).

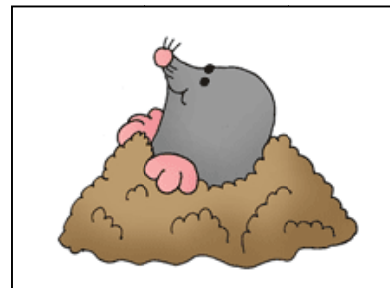
As well as term-time changes, it also means that a **change of meal choice taking affect after a school holiday MUST be advised in writing a week before the end of the previous term/academic year.** If the decision to change is made during the holiday, it will be necessary for the child to continue with their previous choice for the first week of term and for an immediate notification to be given to the school office.

Without this notification, Surrey Commercial Services will have pre-purchased food based on the figures supplied by North Downs at the end of the previous term. If these meals are cooked, but not eaten by children who have brought packed lunches without notice, Surrey Commercial Services not unreasonably still expects payment! This results in embarrassment for the parents who have incurred the debt - and for the school staff who must pursue payment.

Please avoid any of this difficulty by ensuring you provide a minimum of one-week's written notice of any change.

Other News

Moles After-School Club: will have a stall at this year's FONDS Christmas Fair (Friday 4th December), to raise funds for club resources. Our 'Moles' will be making Christmas crafts to sell on their stall and are asking for donations of any buttons, ribbon, wool, felt and other materials please - especially anything in seasonal reds, greens and white. If you have anything suitable, however small, please give it to Mrs Preston-Heard, or hand it in to your school office. Ho-ho-ho - and thank you...!



Brockham Green Horticultural Society Autumn Show: is on Saturday 26th September. There are several competitions for children and entries are encouraged. A list of the various Classes and an entry form will be sent via ParentMail today. Entry applications should be sent to bghs.bartlett@gmail.com by Thursday 24th September at the latest (alternatively, paper copies are available in the Show Schedule, available from village outlets).



Friends' Matters

Sunday 27th September: Teas on the Green. Please email FONDS if you're available to help on our rota and most importantly we would really appreciate your donations of either home-baked or shop-brought cakes to sell on the day. Please bring them to school on the morning of Friday 25th or alternatively you can bring them to Brockham Church Hall on the day, 2pm-5pm. This will be our only Teas on the Green for this school year - please help make it a good one!

Tuesday 29th September: AGM in Brockham school hall. EVERYONE INVITED. Please come along and see what we've already achieved and what we have planned for this term. Your ideas and suggestions for future events will be very welcome!

Some advance dates for your diary... **Halloween Disco** - Friday 23rd October / **Christmas Fair** - Friday 4th December

If you wish to contact FONDS directly, please use the following email address - fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

Reminders / Dates

Always remember to check the updated Diary Dates on the following page

(Note: dates in italics have been added or changed this week)

School Purchases/Payments: further to last week's article about parental payment at North Downs and using the school's online system Tucasi (ScoPay) to buy school-stocked uniform items (swim hats, sunhats, elasticated school ties), this is to confirm that once you have bought and paid for one of these sundries via your Tucasi account it is not necessary to do anything further. Automatic notification is received by the school office and the item will be sent home with your child. As before, cheque payments are also accepted - but no cash.

School Coat: disappointing though it is to be requesting this in the middle of September, please be sure to send your child to school with a coat daily. Not only is this often needed at playtime, but our infant children spend at least part of every day in their outdoor classroom and can get very chilly. Thank you.

Flora Tubs4Tablets: we are collecting tokens for this promotion. For every 50 token collected, schools can claim a Samsung Galaxy Tablet, so please look out for the tokens inside Flora tubs. Thank you.

Headlice: have been reported in school this week. We ask all parents to inspect their child's head over the weekend please, and if discovered, to treat accordingly. An information sheet was sent by ParentMail this week with advice on checking and treating headlice and nits, please give this your attention.

Verruca: please also check your children's feet to ensure they are free of verrucae. If your child swims at the North Downs and has a verruca, they must have a verruca sock to wear at the poolside and in the water. Due to the contagious nature of verrucae, a child with a verruca and no sock will not be permitted to swim.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Douglas".

Finally

Enjoy your weekend...

Autumn Term 2015

w/c Mon 21 st Sept	NDPS Clubs commence
Tues 22 nd Sept	<i>Betchworth Harvest Assembly 10.15am (children only)</i>
Thurs 24 th Sept	<i>Leigh Harvest Assembly 10.15am (children only)</i>
Fri 25 th Sept	<i>Brockham Harvest Assembly 10.15am (children only)</i>
Sun 27 th Sept	FONDS Teas on the Green
Wed 30 th Sept	Brockham Reception Meet the Teacher 2.40pm
Fri 2 nd Oct	Betchworth Reception Meet the Teacher 2.40pm
Fri 16 th Oct	5S Class Assembly
w/c Mon 19 th Oct	Last week of swimming
Wed 21 st Oct	Parents Consultation: Betchworth & Leigh 3.30-6pm Brockham 5-7.30pm
Thurs 22 nd Oct	Parents Consultation: Brockham 3.30-6pm Betchworth & Leigh 5-7.30pm
Thurs 22 nd Oct	FONDS Bags2School
Fri 23 rd Oct	<i>Mufti Day for Halloween Disco</i>
Fri 23 rd Oct	6C Class Assembly
Fri 23 rd Oct	FONDS Halloween Disco
w/c Mon 26 th Oct	Half Term Week
Tues 3 rd Nov	Leigh parents invited to tour Brockham Village site
Wed 4 th Nov	Brockham Open Morning
Thurs 5 th Nov	Betchworth Open Morning
Fri 6 th Nov	Year 4 Assembly (High Ashurst)
Tues 10 th Nov	Brockham individual photos (am) - Tempest
Tues 17 th Nov	Betchworth & Leigh individual photos (am) - Tempest
Fri 20 th Nov	3MB Class Assembly
w/c Mon 30 th Nov	Last week of NDPS Clubs
Mon 30 th Nov	<i>Brockham Christingle Assembly 10.15am (children only)</i>
Tues 1 st Dec	<i>Betchworth Christingle Assembly 10.15am (children only)</i>
Thurs 3 rd Dec	<i>Leigh Christingle Assembly 10.15am (children only)</i>
Fri 4 th Dec	FONDS Christmas Fair
Wed 9 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance 1.30pm & 6pm
Thurs 10 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm
Mon 14 th Dec	Caterpillars Christmas Performance Betchworth 9.15am & 2.15pm
Tues 15 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance: Leigh 9.15am + Gold Star Assembly Brockham 2pm
Wed 16 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance: Brockham 9.15am Leigh 2pm
Thurs 17 th Dec	Ladybirds Christmas Performance Brockham 9.15am & 2.15pm
Fri 18 th Dec	Brockham KS1 & KS2 Gold Star Assembly 9.15am
Fri 18 th Dec	Last Day of Term Early closure: Years R-2 1pm Years 3-6 1.15pm

Term and Holiday Dates 2015/2016

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INSET DAYS: 1st) 02/09/2015; 2nd) 05/01/206; 3rd) 22/02/2016; 4th) 06/06/2016; 5th) 22/07/2016

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