



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

The usually happy and productive environment that is North Downs has been further enhanced by the glorious autumnal weather this week, which has been enjoyed to its utmost by the children at work and play in school.

This followed FONDS' hugely successful Teas on the Green last Sunday. If you were there (of course you were!), you will have seen both the church hall and church garden bursting at the seams and spilling over onto the Village Green, where bonfire building was underway after that morning's 'pole up' event. A bucolic scene indeed!

How fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful and peaceful part of the world, where the hardest decision on Sunday was whether to choose chocolate or fruit cake!

We add our thanks to that of FONDS overleaf, to all the parents who contributed cakes and other delicious delicacies for the event, to all the noble volunteers on the day and to everyone who joined us on Sunday to partake of tea and cake! All your hard work and enthusiasm goes towards raising funds that are used to benefit each and every child at North Downs, so well done.

Finally, an especial thank you to Estelle, Kerri and their team, who worked like Trojans to pull off such a great Teas on the Green!



Last term Leigh School Council held a cake sale to raise funds for playground toys. Here are the children enjoying them!

## Where's Wally?

Dragonflies are hoping you may have some unwanted copies of the 'Where's Wally' book series that you would donate to their class.

They love them so much, that some Dragonflies have taken to hiding them around the classroom - to be sure of being able to find a copy for book-time sessions!

As you can see, spare copies would be much appreciated, so please contact Ms Terry if you can help.



Butterflies (Year 2) engaged in a variety of maths-based activities.



## Other News

**Kelly's Cross Country Challenge:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at Loseley Park. A fun day for all the family (and dog!) with 100% of money raised going to 'Challengers', an independent local children's charity for disabled children and young people across Surrey, Hampshire and the surrounding areas.

If you would like more information about Challengers visit <http://www.disability-challengers.org/> or to register for the event visit Kelly's Charity Events at <http://www.kellystore.org/>

**1<sup>st</sup> Leigh Brownies:** has space for girls aged between 7 and 10 years old. For more information or to join, please email [elainglover@aol.com](mailto:elainglover@aol.com)



Thank you to all the Friends - old and new - who attended this week's AGM (above).

## Friends' Matters

Fantastic turnout for last Sunday's Teas on the Green, thank you to everyone that baked, offered help and came along to support us. Together with after-school sale of cakes we made just over £700.

**Mufti-Day Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** on the day of our disco we are having a mufti-day at school. Please note that choice of 'mufti' does not have to be Halloween themed, nor does your child have to be attending the disco to wear mufti - it's any mufti of your choosing.

**Christmas Fair Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** if anyone would like a stall at this year's Fair please email us on address below.

**Advance Date for School Ball:** please save 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in your diary!

To contact FONDS directly, please use the following email address - [fonds@northdowns.surrev.sch.uk](mailto:fonds@northdowns.surrev.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)*

**Data Collection Sheets:** surnames C to E home this week, to be returned **by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. Surnames F-G home next week (and expected back **by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October**). Please remember that all sheets are to be signed and returned, even if there are no changes made to the information.

**Pupil Data:** with Data Sheets currently being sent home, we take the opportunity to remind you that school should be notified in writing of any changes to the data we hold for a child as soon as they occur. Please do not wait for the annual autumn Data Sheet to be sent home before advising us of these changes!

**Parent Consultation Evenings:** a reminder that appointment sheets for the forthcoming Parent Consultations will be available from next Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October. Please sign up for one of the two consultation dates (see Diary Dates below) - please note that children should not be brought to these consultation evenings.

**Leigh Year 2 Parents (only) invitation:** in advance of your children's transition from Leigh Village site into Year 3 at Brockham next September, parents of Year 2 pupils at Leigh are invited to Brockham at 9.15am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, for an opportunity to visit the site and speak with Mrs Douglass & Mr Wade.

**No Dogs:** a reminder that dogs are not permitted anywhere on school grounds (except guide dogs) at any time.

**Headlice:** have been reported at our Brockham site. Please refer to this week's ParentMail for advice.

Yours sincerely

JL Douglass

Finally

Have a lovely weekend...



## Autumn Term 2015

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| 14 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Year 4 Residential Trip to High Ashurst  |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct                 | 5S Class Assembly  |
| w/c Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct             | Last week of swimming  |
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct                 | Parents Consultation (no children): Betchworth & Leigh 3.30-6pm<br>Brockham 5-7.30pm |
| Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct               | Parents Consultation (no children): Brockham 3.30-6pm<br>Betchworth & Leigh 5-7.30pm |
| Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct               | FONDS Bags2School  |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct                 | General Mufti Day  |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct                 | 6C Class Assembly  |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct                 | FONDS Disco  |
| w/c Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct             | <b>Half Term Week</b>  |
| Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov                 | Leigh parents invited to tour Brockham Village site                                  |
| Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov                  | Brockham Open Morning  |
| Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov                | Betchworth Open Morning  |
| Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov                  | Year 4 Assembly (High Ashurst)   |
| Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov                | Brockham individual photos (am) - Tempest  |
| Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov                | Betchworth & Leigh individual photos (am) - Tempest                                  |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov                 | 3MB Class Assembly   |
| w/c Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov             | Last week of NDPS Clubs  |
| Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov                 | Brockham Christingle Assembly 10.15am (children only)                                |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec                  | Betchworth Christingle Assembly 2pm (children only)                                  |
| Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec                | Leigh Christingle Assembly 10.15am (children only)                                   |
| Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec                  | FONDS Christmas Fair   |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec                  | KS2 Christmas Performance 1.30pm & 6pm   |
| Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec               | KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm  |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec                 | Caterpillars Christmas Performance Betchworth 9.15am & 2.15pm                        |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec                | KS1 Christmas Performance:<br>Leigh 9.15am + Gold Star Assembly<br>Brockham 2pm      |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec                 | KS1 Christmas Performance:<br>Brockham 9.15am)<br>Leigh 2pm                          |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec               | Ladybirds Christmas Performance Brockham 9.15am & 2.15pm                             |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec                 | Brockham KS1 & KS2 Gold Star Assembly 9.15am   |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec                 | Last Day of Term Early closure: Years R-2 1pm<br>Years 3-6 1.15pm                    |

### Term and Holiday Dates 2015/2016

....are available on the school website [www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)  
and on the Surrey County Council website [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

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

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