



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

The final two weeks of school before our first half term holiday of the year will be busy ones...

Year 4 is off on a residential trip to High Ashurst next week, to experience a variety of activities from trying out a new state of the art climbing tower to learning woodland skills. We hope the children all have a great time - and that we have a super selection of photographs to share with you on their return.

Our new reception children will be enjoying their first Curriculum Day next week too, with Ladybirds joining Caterpillars at Betchworth for the whole day. (*Ladybirds' parents are reminded to drop off and collect from the Betchworth Village site that day.*)

The following week we are holding our first Parent Consultation evenings of the year. Appointment lists are available already; if you have not yet done so, please be sure to sign up for an appointment time.

Finally, this half term ends with a mufti day - and a FONDS disco to follow (after school) on the last day of term. More details of both these events will follow shortly.

We look forward to an interesting and productive couple of weeks....and thank everyone for their support since the start of this new academic year.



Caterpillars at work and play...

## Music Lessons

It is really pleasing to see lots of children learning a musical instrument. There are many more children learning woodwind this term and there is now a waiting list for guitar lessons. We also have children learning the drums and the keyboard/piano. For the first time at North Downs, we have a pupil learning the trumpet (see Adam 5S, right). It would be great to see some more children taking up a brass instrument.

If your child is interested in taking up any instrument, do contact Surrey Arts on 01483 519290 or visit their website <http://www.surreymusiclub.com/music-lessons/> for further information....and Mrs Mitchell is also more than happy to answer any queries.



## Other News

### Thank you from Welcare

Welcare has sent certificates of thanks to our three village sites, for your kind Harvest gifts. The food items will be used to make up emergency food parcels given to families in need throughout the year, and each of the parcels has a £5 Sainsbury's voucher included as well, to enable families to buy fresh goods, so thank you very much for your cash donations too.



Surrey County Council is consulting on proposals to improve walking, cycling and public transport facilities in Guildford town centre:

The consultation is open from 5<sup>th</sup> October 'til 15<sup>th</sup> November and Surrey is inviting the public to complete a questionnaire online or at exhibitions in October and November to share their views on the scheme. Full details of the consultation and exhibition can be found at: [www.surreycc.gov.uk/guildfordtransportschemes](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/guildfordtransportschemes).

Public exhibitions displaying the proposals and information panels (currently available online) will be held in the Seminar Room at Guildford Library, at 77 North St, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4AL on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov from 10am to 5.30pm.

## Friends' Matters

We are looking forward to our **October Disco** on 23rd - please see our letter for details next week.

**Quiz Night:** with our last quiz such a huge success (and a really fun evening even if some of us weren't able to answer many questions!) we've decided to hold another Quiz Night on Friday 13th November, 7.30pm at the Brockham Village site. Please see this week's ParentMail for full details and ticket slip.

**Bags2School:** bags will be coming home shortly for your unwanted clothing (an ideal opportunity to have a clear out and raise funds for ND at the same time!). Please return these to Betchworth & Leigh sites on (**not before please**) the morning of Wednesday 21st October; and to Brockham on the morning of Thursday 22nd October.

To contact FONDS directly, please use the following email address -

[fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto: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)*

**Year 6 / Secondary School Applications:** you are reminded that the **deadline** for pupils to submit an application for a secondary school place next September 2016 is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2015**. Please be aware that any application received after this date will be treated as a 'late application' by the admissions authority. For more information, and to apply online, see:

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions>

**Data Collection Sheets:** surnames...

A-B were due back Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October

C-E home last week; due back Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct

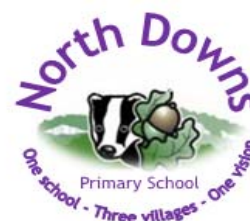
F-G home this week; due back Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

Please give these data sheets your immediate attention. The dates above are the *latest date* by which your child's Data Sheet should be returned to your school office, but we ask that you check, correct (if necessary), sign and return your form as soon as possible please.

Yours sincerely

Finally

**Enjoy your weekend**



## Autumn Term 2015

14 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 4 Residential Trip to High Ashurst
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<i>EYFS Curriculum Day (all Year R children at Betchworth all day) - see ParentMail</i>
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 Brockham 5-7.30pm
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Parents Consultation (no children): Brockham 3.30-6pm 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	<i>KS1 Curriculum Day (all Year 1 at Brockham / all Year 2 at Leigh) - letter to follow</i>
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 & 6.30pm
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: Leigh 9.15am + Gold Star Assembly Brockham 2pm
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance: Brockham 9.15am) Leigh 2pm
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<i>KS2 Carol Service at Christ Church Brockham 7pm</i>
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 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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