



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

We are at the end of a busy and enjoyable first half term and have a lovely selection of photographs for you this week - an assortment of clubs, visits and trips (right and below).

### Open Mornings

The week of our return we are holding our annual Open Mornings, for the parents and carers of prospective pupils. If you know anyone with a child due to start school in September 2016, please invite them to join us for tea, talk and tour on Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Nov at Brockham and Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Nov at Betchworth.

### School Photographs - individual and same-site sibling groups

Tempest Photographers will be at Brockham on Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Nov and at Betchworth & Leigh on Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Nov to take our children's individual and same-site sibling photographs during the school day. If you do not want your child photographed please let us know in writing by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov.



Leigh Environmental Club had fun pond dipping. They found lots of interesting creatures and used I.D. charts to find out what they were.



Some of Year 4's many adventures during last week's residential trip to High Ashurst.



Caterpillars had an unexpected treat, when they were invited to participate in Betchworth & Buckland's Children's Nursery's visit from a police car. As you can see, they were only too happy to join in!

## Other News

Have you taken the time to look at our attractive and full North Downs website recently? If not, you may be surprised at just how much there is to see and find out.

Amongst the many areas are a lovely Gallery of the children's photographs for you to enjoy, all the year's Newsletters for you to refer to, Surrey school term dates, a North Downs' Calendar - indeed almost every piece of information you could need concerning day-to-day life at North Downs.

If you need to know about...when Parent Consultations are, when Bags2School need to be returned, when the coach will be back from a day/residential trip, what time clubs finish, what your child will be learning this term, how you apply to join one of our pre/after-school clubs, how to hire a school hall for your child's party...it's all on the website.

If you need to see or download...an application form for a school club, a copy of your child's curriculum sheet, a copy of a letter sent on ParentMail that you may have missed, a dietary request form...it's all on the website.

There are links to ParentMail and Tucasi from the website Home Page, as well as links for many useful school-related and government websites you can access.

The website is updated at least weekly; and in addition we have a Stop Press banner and a Latest News section on the Home Page to publish last minute notifications or specific forthcoming events such as sports fixture cancellations, school weather closures, Open Morning dates etc.

So, if you have a question, do look on the website first - the answer will almost certainly be there!

[www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)

## Friends' Matters

FONDS are looking forward to this afternoon's Pumpkin Party - see you there!

**Christmas Cards Design:** your child brought home a design sheet on Wednesday for them to draw or paint a picture/design which will be produced as Christmas cards for you to buy. See this week's ParentMail for full details, but if you would like to participate, please return the completed design sheet to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. If you misplace your sheet (or need another for revised designs!), a copy is attached to the ParentMail for you to print off at home.

Meanwhile, thanks for all the Bags2School brought in this week - and have a restful half term!

## 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)*

**KS2 School Dinner Money:** next half term's payment for Years 3 to 6 is £75.25. Payment due by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November via your Tucasi account please. Remember to check your account balance and if in credit, deduct this from your total payment. Meal change notification should have been received by the school office today at the latest. If you have not done so and wish to change, please be aware that a week's notice in writing will be required at the start of next term.

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

H-L home last week; due back Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov (after half term)

M-O home this week; due back Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov (after half term)

**N.B. Data Sheets should be returned to your school office, signed and dated even if there are no changes.**

**Royal British Legion Poppy Collection:** poppies and other poppy-related items will be available for donations after half term at all sites. Boxes will be outside the office at Betchworth & Leigh from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November for parents to visit with their child, whilst Year 6 will take boxes around classrooms at Brockham during the week before Remembrance Sunday if your child wishes to bring a donation to school. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause.

**Children's Society Christingle Candles:** early notice (at the risk of mentioning Christmas before autumn half term holiday!) that collecting candles will be given to all the children next half term in advance of their school Christingle service. Last year we raised £229.43 for the Children's Society, for which they sent their thanks.

Yours sincerely

JL Douglas

Finally

Enjoy half term





## Autumn Term 2015

w/c Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term Week
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Leigh parents invited to tour Brockham Village site
<i>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov</i>	<i>Year 1 only - Parents' Reading Information session 3pm in classroom - see ParentMail</i>
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Brockham Open Morning
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Betchworth Open Morning
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	KS1 Curriculum Day (all Year 1 at Brockham / all Year 2 at Leigh) - see ParentMail
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
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
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	KS2 Carol Service at Christ Church Brockham 7pm
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>) 05/01/2016; 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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