



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

Brace yourselves for a very full and busy half term! Snatches of carols are already to be heard in corridors, and glitter is making an appearance in our infant classes - it must be Christmas.

Before then though, we shall be sorry to say goodbye to Ms Macleod, one of our Teaching Assistants at the Leigh village site, who leaves North Downs at the end of next week. We shall all miss Heather's enthusiasm and sense of humour enormously - please join us in wishing her well in her future ventures.

A belated goodbye also to Mrs Jennifer Tina, TA at Brockham Village site, who left at the end of last half term and to whom we send our best wishes and good luck for the future.

On a happier note, please also join us in welcoming three new members of staff to the North Downs' team, Kate Owen, Lucy Mann and Matthew Hill, who have joined us as Teaching Assistants. We are sure they will settle quickly into our friendly and happy community.

### Tempest Photographer

Brockham parents are reminded that it is your children's individual school photographs next week, if you want to be sure they are looking their best!

### Children-in-Need Mufti - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

School Council has voted to hold a mufti day in aid of Children in Need, for a donation of £1 per child please, next Friday.



### School Meal Payments

If your child is in KS2 (Years 3-6) and having school meals this half term, please be reminded that payments are due at a cost of £2.15 per day / £10.75 per week. If you would prefer to pay for the full half term, the total cost is £75.25. Before making your payment please check your child's account online via Tucasi to check for arrears or credits and adjust your payment accordingly, adding or deducting as necessary.

Please pay online via Tucasi. If you are unable to pay using this method, please make your cheque payable to Surrey County Council and return to school in a sealed named envelope. No cash payments please.

KS1 children (Years R-2) are entitled to a free meal under the Universal Free School Meal Scheme, with no payment due.



Bees & Beetles looking splendid in their Pumpkin Party mufti...

Jake, Harry & Ben in Caterpillars sharing what must be a very good story!

## Other News

### Consultation on admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for 2017

#### Surrey County Council is consulting on:

- the admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2017
- proposed changes to admission arrangements for some community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2017
- a proposed change to Surrey's coordinated scheme for primary admissions

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are available at Surrey Says ([www.surreysays.co.uk](http://www.surreysays.co.uk)).

#### What are the proposed changes?

The changes being proposed are as follows:

1. Beacon Hill Primary School - introduction of admission criteria for entry at Year 3
2. Chennestone Primary School - introduction of a feeder link from Beauclerc Infant School for entry at Year 3
3. Cranleigh CofE Primary - reintroduction of admission criteria for entry at Year 3
4. West Ewell Infant School - decrease in Reception intake from 90 to 60
5. Change to the date from which parents can apply for a primary school place - proposal to change the date from which applicants can apply for a primary school place (Reception and Year 3) so that they will be invited to submit their applications from 31 October 2016 rather than 1 September 2016

#### How can I respond to the consultation?

The consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and these proposed changes will run from Monday 2 November 2015 to Monday 14 December 2015. If you would like to take part please complete an online response form at Surrey Says ([www.surreysays.co.uk](http://www.surreysays.co.uk)). Alternatively if you would prefer to respond on a paper form, please telephone the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004 to request a copy. Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

#### What happens next?

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the County Council's decision making Cabinet on 2 February 2016. It will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposed changes as well as determining the admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for which no changes are proposed. Cabinet's decision will then need to be ratified by the full County Council on 9 February 2016. Once determined the final admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools will be placed on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions).

## Friends' Matters

Our 2015 Pumpkin Disco was a huge success and all involved seem to be having a great time...as you can see!

Quiz Night is fast approaching. Please be sure to get your ticket requests in by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November - see the school website for full details [www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk) under News & Events/Forthcoming Events.

We are now on countdown to the Christmas Fair on 4<sup>th</sup> December - only 20 school days to go!! We will be asking for your support shortly - please look out for areas where you can help!



## 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...

A - O: any unreturned sheets are overdue...please give this your immediate attention. Thank you.

P - T: sent home this week; due back by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

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

Yours sincerely



Finally

Have a great Brockham Bonfire weekend!



## Autumn Term 2015

Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Brockham individual photos (am) - Tempest
<i>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Nov</i>	<i>Children in Need Mufti Day</i>
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

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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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