



Newsletter

Term: AUTUMN 2015

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

As always in school, our minds are weeks ahead of actual events, so planning for Christmas commenced in September - and this week we attach our Spring Term dates below for events such as class assemblies and parent consultations for your 2016 diaries!

Please keep in mind that new dates may be added to the calendar during the term, and on occasion changes may unavoidably need to be made to existing dates, so be sure to check regularly.

School Christmas Lunch

Back to this term and Christmas now, to ask that if you have not yet returned your child's slip indicating their meal choice for the school's festive lunch on Friday 11th December, this is brought to school on Monday please.

Betchworth & Leigh Individual Photographs

Next week is Betchworth & Leigh's turn, with Tempest taking individual and same-site sibling photos on Tuesday 17th November.



5S Class Assembly photographs for you to enjoy (we particularly like the lower photo!).



Caterpillars have enjoyed a mathematical challenge. We have been seeing how many elephants we can join together in two minutes. We have been practising our counting skills too and some of us can count over 100!

Other News

We have details of a course available to parents of a child with autism: 'ASD Awareness for Fathers' starts on Thursday 14th January, 6.30 to 8.30pm at Linden Bridge School at a cost of £65 for the 5 week course. Please contact Vicky Jones on 020 8330 3009 ex.237 or courses@sendteachingschool.co.uk for more information or for a booking form. Please note spaces are limited.

You are invited to the **Betchworth & Buckland Joint Toy Service** on Sunday 15th November, 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Buckland, on behalf of local charity Welcare. Donated toys and books for children aged 0-7 will be warmly welcomed.



Friends' Matters

We are looking forward to tonight's sell-out **Quiz Night!** See you there.

Meanwhile **Christmas Fair** plans are well underway, for our fundraising festive event on Friday 4th December. Please show your support by donating something as follows:

Years R, 1 & 2 - hamper lists are in class at Brockham and outside the school office at Betchworth/Leigh, please sign up to contribute something to your child's class hamper.

Years 3 & 4 - please provide a lovely 'smellies' item for ladies or gents.

Years 5 & 6 - please contribute something chocolate for the chocolate tombola.

See this week's FONDS Newsletter for more details.

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)

Children in Need: as part of the Blue Peter fundraising for Children in Need, Freddie, Robbie and Annie Frewer are organising a **Cake Sale** after school at Brockham on Thursday 19th November. Please do remember to bring your money for the end of the day to support their effort. Well done Frewers!

Data Collection Sheets: surnames...

A - O: unreturned sheets are overdue. Reminders were sent via ParentMail this week to all pupils with outstanding Data Sheets. If you are in receipt of this email please give the matter your immediate attention. Thank you.

P - T: sent home last week; due back on Monday 16th November.

U - Z: sent home this week; due back by Monday 23rd November.

Please note that Data Sheets should be returned to your school office, signed and dated even if there are no changes. Thank you.

Class of 2015: we have just been advised that Caterpillars and Ladybirds (reception classes at Betchworth and Brockham) will be featured in the Dorking Advertiser's 'Class of 2015' supplement, with the paper due out today, Friday 13th November.

School Equipment: parents and carers are reminded that school equipment and facilities at all sites (such as playground climbing frames and trim trails, bikes and trikes etc.) are only for the use of North Downs pupils, and only during school hours under the supervision of a member of the school staff. These facilities are not to be used by pre-school siblings at any time nor by school pupils before and after school hours please.

Yours sincerely

Finally

Have a great weekend

Autumn Term 2015

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	Brockham Christingle Assembly 10.15am (children only)
Wed 2 nd Dec	Betchworth Christingle Assembly 2pm (children only)
Thurs 3 rd Dec	Leigh Christingle Assembly 10.15am (children only)
Fri 4 th Dec	FONDS Christmas Fair
Wed 9 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance 1.30pm & 6.30pm
Thurs 10 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm
Fri 11 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
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
Wed 16 th Dec	KS2 Carol Service at Christ Church Brockham 7pm
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

Spring Term 2015

Tues 5 th January	<i>INSET CLOSURE 2 of 5</i>	
Wed 6 th January	<i>Pupils' first day back to school</i>	
w/c Mon 18 th January	<i>NDPS clubs begin</i>	
Fri 29 th January	<i>Class assembly: 5MS</i>	
Fri 5 th February	<i>Class assembly: Dragonflies</i>	
Fri 12 th February	<i>Class assembly: Butterflies</i>	
w/c Mon 15 th February	<i>HALF TERM</i>	
Mon 22 nd February	<i>INSET CLOSURE 3 of 5</i>	
w/c Mon 22 nd February	<i>Swimming starts</i>	
Thurs 3 rd March	<i>KS1 bedtime story: 6 - 7pm</i>	
Fri 4 th March	<i>Class assembly: 5S</i>	
w/c Mon 7 th March	<i>Last week of NDPS clubs</i>	
Mon 7 th March	<i>Bikeability: Yr5</i>	
Tues 8 th March	<i>Bikeability: Yr5</i>	
Fri 11 th March	<i>Class assembly: Ladybirds</i>	
Tues 15 th March	<i>Parent Consultations</i>	<i>Leigh and Betchworth: 3.30pm - 6pm Brockham: 5pm - 7.30pm</i>
Thurs 17 th March	<i>Parent Consultations</i>	<i>Brockham: 3.30pm - 6pm Leigh and Betchworth: 5pm - 7.30pm</i>
Fri 18 th March	<i>Class assembly: 3M</i>	
Wed 23 rd March	<i>Brockham Gold Stars: 9.15pm</i>	
Thurs 24 th March	<i>Leigh Gold Star Assembly: 9.15am</i>	
Thurs 24 th March	<i>End of Term</i>	<i>Early Closure: R/KS1: 1pm KS2: 1.15pm</i>

Term and Holiday Dates 2015/2016

...are available on the school website www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

and on the Surrey County Council website www.surreycc.gov.uk

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

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