



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This is the first of our new fortnightly Newsletters. Edition 1 of our 'Learning Letters' was sent home last week. I would just like to say thank you so much for the positive feedback and comments we have received following the launch of these Year Group Letters. We hope they become a really useful source of information for you.



A splendid £409.55 was raised by wearing mufti for Children in Need; well done to everyone who participated.

Also, a huge well done to the Frewers, who raised just under £100 through their cake sale last week. Thank you for all your support.



Beetles, Bees and a Caterpillar in mufti for Children in Need - well done!

## THANK YOU!

We have a number of other thank-you messages to share with you this week:



Donations of £219.37 at Brockham, £99.57 at Leigh and £65.81 at Betchworth were made to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, for which they have expressed their gratitude.

Please join us in saying 'very well done' to Estelle (FONDS) for sweet-talking the new owners of The Pheasant at Buckland (previously The Jolly Farmers) into not only donating some picnic benches to North Downs, but also delivering two each to our Betchworth and Leigh sites! Our thanks also go to the owners for their generous gesture.

Our final thank you is a huge vote of thanks to Estelle, Kerri and all the FONDS reps and helpers for organising such a great event at their recent Quiz Night, with over £1000 being raised by their efforts. Lots of hard work paid off with a fun evening and a great result - well done all!



## REMINDERS AND DATES

**CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES:** ParentMail letters have gone home this week with details of your child's Christmas performances. **Ticket request details:** Betchworth will have a board outside the school office from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, whilst Brockham & Leigh parents will be in receipt of order forms. Please be sure to get your requests in promptly for these lovely events.

**KS2 SCHOOL DINNER MONEY:** next half term's payment for Years 3 to 6 will be £60.20 - due by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January via your Tucasi account please. Do remember to check your account balance and if in credit, deduct this from your total payment (or add if in debit).

**MEAL CHANGE NOTIFICATION:** should be received by the school office by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at the latest. If you do not do so and then wish to change, please be aware that a week's notice in writing will be required at the start of next term.

**SCHOOL CLUBS:** a reminder that next week is the last before Christmas for all North Downs clubs.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:** a reminder that Brockham photo orders are due in today to secure the school's free p&p service. Betchworth proofs went home on Monday, and orders should be returned by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Finally, there was a delay with delivery of the Leigh proofs, which were sent home yesterday, but with a short turnaround before Christmas, we ask that you return these orders by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December also if you wish to order through school for free p&p.

## OTHER NEWS

**Christingle:** your child will be bringing home (or has already brought home), a Christingle 'collection candle'. Any donation however small will be very gratefully received by The Children's Society, to help children living in difficult circumstances. It would be great if these could be returned to school on the day of your child's Christingle Assembly next week (see Diary Dates for exact dates), but if not, any time before the end of term.



A reminder that you are invited to the **Betchworth & Buckland Joint Toy Service** on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CAN YOU HELP?

- **Air Conditioning:** We need to install an air conditioning unit in the server room at Brockham, to prevent the server from overheating in summer. Is there anyone who might be able to help? Perhaps you know someone who works for an air conditioning company or who could help with installation etc. If you think you may be able to offer help in whatever way, please leave a message for Mrs Mandy Knapp at a school office. Thank you.
- **Tripod:** does anyone have a camera tripod they would be willing to donate to school for recording assemblies in Brockham School Hall? Please let your office know.
- **Nativity Costumes:** Does anyone have any unused nativity costumes in dressing up boxes? If so please pass them on to Mrs Deeks.

## Friends' Matters

We would like to thank everyone who came to our sell-out Quiz Night. A fun evening was had, with an amazing amount raised - £1,115 was the final total!! We especially thank Mrs Douglass for being our amazing Quiz Master. I think you'll agree she did a great job!

Christmas Fair is next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. It will be a mufti day in exchange for **Mince Pies at Betchworth**; **Cakes at Leigh**; **Cakes at Brockham for Reception/Year 1**; **Jolly Jars at Brockham for Years 2 to 6**.

Finally, don't forget to get your Father Christmas tickets next week!

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



Always remember to check the updated Diary Dates on the following page

*(Note: dates in italics have been added or changed this week)*

Yours sincerely

JL Douglass

Finally

Have a lovely weekend



### Autumn Term 2015

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 at St Michael's Betchworth 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

### Spring Term 2015

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

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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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