



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

It has been lovely to see so many of you at The Meet the Teacher sessions this week and we hope you found them fun and informative.

Don't forget to put Parent Evening dates in your diaries too. These are being held during the last week of this half term, and signing-up sheets for booking an appointment will be available from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October - outside classrooms at Brockham and outside the office at Betchworth and Leigh.

Next week the children will be celebrating Harvest Festival, with Rev. Kate Capper taking assemblies for them all during the week. As always, our collection will be in support of 'Welcare', a local charity assisting local families through difficult times. Please read more about donations and ways in which you and your children can help in our 'Other News' section overleaf. Thank you.

Meanwhile, enjoy some more lovely reception photos...



## Other News

**Harvest Festival for pupils only: week 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September (next week).** We are asking pupils to bring a donation of non-perishable foodstuffs - tins/packages/bottles etc. (all in date!) for next week's assemblies please - to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> please. These items will be given to Welcare, a local charity, for them to distribute to local families experiencing difficulties.

Alternatively, Rev Kate is able to supply small decorated envelopes for a monetary donation or a Sainsbury's voucher, which she will bring to the assemblies. This would enable Welcare to buy specific foodstuffs they know they require. If you would like your child to support the collection in this way, please remind them to collect an envelope from Rev. Kate next week, and return it to school with their donation before Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - in time for Harvest Festival services at St Michael's, Betchworth and St Mary's, Buckland....see below.

**Harvest Festival Service:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 11am at St Michael's Church, Betchworth - all are welcome to this all-age service.

**Harvest Festival Service and Harvest Evening:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am and 6pm respectively at St Mary's the Virgin, Buckland. Again, all are very welcome.



## Friends' Matters

**Teas on the Green:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Paper plates came home with children this week for cakes and other delicious edibles. If you returned yours to school today, many thanks; if not, you can bring it to the Village Church Hall on Sunday (before 2pm please). Please come and support our first fundraising event of the year - and have a good excuse for eating cake!

Following this week's AGM and first meeting of 2014-2015, we will be sending a list of events and dates home shortly....watch this space.

## 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)*

**ParentMail Registration:** a reminder that North Downs is a 'green school' and part of this involves our making every effort to eradicate paper communication. To this end, school to home communication is via email and text, using a 'ParentMail2' account. To receive these communications it is necessary for parents and carers to register with ParentMail and create this account - using a code supplied by the school and specific to the named child. This allows you to specify your chosen email address and mobile number (used for occasional 'emergency' texts, such as unexpected school closures). If you have not yet registered, please do so; if you no longer have your child's code, or it has expired, please see a member of the admin team to request a new code. Once you have created an account, you are able to see all previous communications, as well as make changes to your contact data etc.

**School Website:** to also assist in keeping parents fully informed, most whole-school communications (including the weekly newsletter) and many class/year group 'mailings' are posted on our school website at [www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk). If you ever miss or mislay a ParentMail email, with curriculum/homework sheets or newsletter etc., these are available to read and print from our website - as are many school forms...and a lovely selection of school photos! Do take the time to have a look at what's available.

Yours sincerely

*A.J. Ewing*

Finally

See you at Teas on the Green





### Advance Dates - Autumn Term 2014

w/c Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	NDPS clubs begin
w/c Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Harvest Assemblies (for pupils only)
Tuesday Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>	Betchworth Reception (Caterpillars) Meet the Teacher 2.40pm
Thursday Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brockham Reception (Ladybirds) Meet the Teacher 2.40pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<i>Year 4 Gaveston Hall - final parent's meeting</i>
Wed-Fri Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Gaveston Hall trip
Tuesday Oct 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents Evening: Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm (no children) Brockham 5 - 7.30pm (no children)
Wednesday Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Evening: Leigh / Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm (no children) Brockham 3.30 - 6pm (no children)
w/c Monday Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
Wednesday Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Brockham Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30am
Thursday Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Betchworth Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	<i>Year 6 LT Museum &amp; Globe Theatre trip</i>
Friday Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	Butterflies (Yr2) Assembly 9.15am
Friday Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	5S Assembly 9.15am
w/c Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last week of NDPS clubs
Friday Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	6C Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	Betchworth Gold Star Assembly 9.15am
Thursday Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Leigh Gold Star Assembly 9.15am
Friday Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	Brockham KS1/2 Gold Star Assembly 9.15am
Friday Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term

### Term and Holiday Dates 2014/2015

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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>) 02/09/2014 2<sup>nd</sup>) 03/09/2014 3<sup>rd</sup>) 05/01/2015 4<sup>th</sup>) 20/07/2015 5<sup>th</sup>) 21/07/2015

### Term and Holiday Dates 2015/2016

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