

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Safeguarding pupils, parents, carers, staff and visitors whilst in school is of the highest importance. It is for this reason that we ask for your cooperation in complying with the following:

- Pupils arriving after 9am must be signed in at the school office, to avoid their not being recorded on the school premises if they have missed Registration
- All visitors (including classroom volunteers) must sign in at the school office, to record their presence on school premises (in the event of fire etc.)
- Any known pupil absence should be advised in writing in advance
- Any unexpected pupil absence should be advised by phone before 9.30am on the first day, and...
- All absence must be covered by a written note for the school office on return to school
- If someone other than a parent is collecting your child, remember to sign the collection sheet in their classroom, or, if it is a last minute arrangement, phone your school office

*Ladybirds (top 3, right) have been harvesting fruit from the school grounds as part of their harvest celebrations - and have used the fruit to make delicious apple and blackberry cake and apple crumble.*



*Caterpillars (left & bottom right) have also been baking this week, making apple cake.*

*Lovely smells have been wafting around school, making our tummies rumble!*



## Other News

Year 4 attended a special brass workshop last week where they were introduced to the family of brass instruments and even managed to have a go at making a sound. At present we offer tuition in piano, guitar, woodwind and drumming in KS2 - and it would be great to see some of our children learning a brass instrument. As an incentive, Surrey Arts is offering a discount to any prospective 'brass pupil', primarily aimed at Year 4 and above. If you would like an application form or to discuss instrumental tuition on any instrument, do contact Mrs Mitchell at the Brockham site. Please note that guitar and piano have waiting lists, but the woodwind teacher only has 2 pupils currently, so if any KS2 children are interested in learning the flute, clarinet or saxophone please get in touch! You can also contact Surrey Arts on 0345 600 9009 for further details.



## Friends' Matters

I would like to thank everyone for my leaving present and also for all the support you have shown me over the last few years. I have now handed over to lovely new Chairs, Estelle O'Keefe and Kerri Johnson, who I wish all the best - and hope they enjoy their time as much as I have. Thank you once again, Lucy.

Thank you to everyone who baked such beautiful cakes and/or came along to help and support us on Sunday at Teas on the Green, it was a great start to our new year of fundraising. The final amount is still to come - but looking very promising! Thanks, Kerrie and Estelle.



## 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)*

**Meet the Teacher:** our sessions for Reception pupils are next week - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2.40pm for Caterpillars at Betchworth and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 2.40 for Ladybirds at Brockham. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Harvest Collection:** thank you for your generous donations of tinned and packet goods this week.

**Headlice:** we have been advised of cases of headlice in both Year 3 and Year 4 this week. We ask that all pupils are carefully checked this weekend, and treated before returning to school if lice or eggs are found. It is usually necessary to check all the family if lice are found on one member. We ask for your full cooperation in this matter please, as re-infestation is likely unless all pupils are checked thoroughly.

NHS information and advice is available using the following link: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>.

**P.E. Kit:** please remember that a full kit should be available in school every day, with all items name-labelled.

Yours sincerely

A.J. Ewing

Finally

Have a good weekend





### Advance Dates - Autumn Term 2014

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	Year 4 Gaveston Hall - final parent's meeting
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	Year 6 LT Museum & Globe Theatre trip
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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