



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

One of the more surreal aspects of working in a school is always being a few weeks ahead of the rest of the population. The necessity to plan well in advance of events means, for example, that we are thinking about the autumn harvest in July, and about Christmas in September.

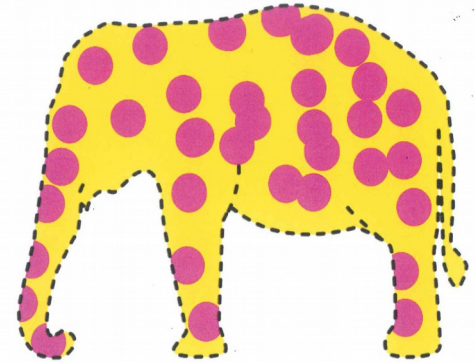
With this in mind, we draw your attention to the dates added to this week's Diary Dates page - with the times and venues of our various Christmas performances etc. too. Specific details will follow nearer the time, but please keep dates relevant to your child's class/year group free to join them in their Christmas celebrations.

Parent Evenings

Also, a reminder that our autumn term Parent Evenings for all classes/years are being held on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October - see Diary Dates for the specific site appointment times.

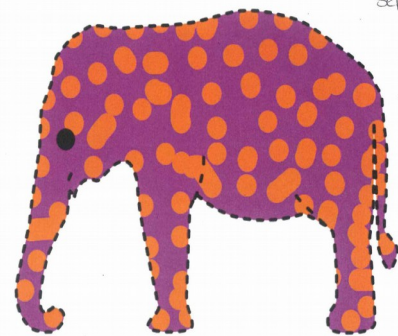
Appointment sheets will be available from Monday 13th October, outside classrooms at Brockham and outside the school office at Betchworth and Leigh.

Please sign up for a convenient appointment time on one of these evenings. Please note that children should not attend.



Sophie

Sophie & Nara (Caterpillars) used the 'fill tool' on Purple Mash (an online educational resource used in school) to design lovely elephants after hearing the story of 'Elmer' in class.



Nara

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER - no nuts in school

It has come to our notice that some children have been bringing peanut butter sandwiches into school, which is not permitted. We have a number of children with nut allergies at North Downs, ranging from mild to quite severe, and whilst we cannot guarantee an entirely nut-free zone, we do not allow nuts in any form to be brought into school. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

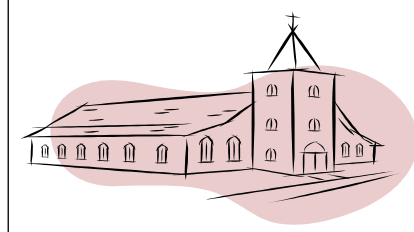
Other News

Well done Dan! We are always pleased to be told of our pupils' achievements out of school, and so are delighted to be able to share a recent success with you, and ask you to join us in sending congratulations to Dan (6J), who swept the boards (well, pool) at a recent Swimming Gala - winning gold medals for 50m frontcrawl, 50m backstroke and 50m butterfly, and a silver medal for breaststroke!



Catch It!: a Reigate Deanery Children & Youth Event for children in Years 3 to 6 on Saturday 4th October at Reigate Baptist Church; from 10am to 3pm. Cost is £5 per child. Please Contact Rev. Kate Capper for booking and more information on 01737 217191 or email revkate@thecappers.co.uk

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



Friends' Matters

A Big Wow for our 1st fundraiser! Teas on the Green and the after school Cake Sale made £776 - thank you everyone!

Please give your attention to the FONDS Newsletter, coming out on ParentMail today - and the poster for another up and coming fundraiser: Frock Swap!!

If you wish 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)

Uniform labels: a reminder that all children's clothing must be named please - ideally with stitched-in labels as marker pens wash out. This applies to coats and full P.E. kit too. Please also name shoes, plimsolls, wellington boots etc. This saves considerable wasted time for the staff and pupils - and equally importantly, prevents tears resulting from unidentifiable or mislaid items.

Gaveston Hall Meeting: Year 4 parents are reminded that Monday will be the final parents' meeting at school before your children's residential trip later in October.

Yours sincerely

A.J. Ewing

Finally

Enjoy the weekend



Advance Dates - Autumn Term 2014

Monday 6 th Oct	Year 4 Gaveston Hall - final parents' meeting
Wed-Fri Oct 15 th - 17 th	Year 4 Gaveston Hall trip
Tuesday Oct 21 st	Parents Evening: Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm (no children) Brockham 5 - 7.30pm (no children)
Wednesday Oct 22 nd	Parents Evening: Leigh / Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm (no children) Brockham 3.30 - 6pm (no children)
w/c Monday Oct 27 th	Half Term
Wednesday Nov 5 th	Brockham Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30am
Thursday Nov 6 th	Betchworth Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30am
Thursday 13 th Nov	<i>Children in Need (day early due school photos on Fri 14th)</i>
Friday 14 th Nov	<i>Individual School Photos - Brockham</i>
Tuesday 18 th Nov	<i>Individual School Photos - Betchworth & Leigh</i>
Friday 21 st Nov	Year 6 LT Museum & Globe Theatre trip
Friday Nov 21 st	Butterflies (Yr2) Assembly 9.15am
Friday Nov 28 th	5S Assembly 9.15am
w/c Dec 1 st	Last week of NDPS clubs
Friday Dec 5 th	6C Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 10 th Dec	<i>KS2 Christmas Concert 1.30pm Brockham</i>
Thursday 11 th Dec	<i>KS2 Christmas Concert 6pm Brockham</i>
Friday 12 th Dec	<i>Whole School Christmas Lunch - (pupils and staff)</i>
Monday 15 th Dec	<i>Betchworth Year R Nativity & Gold Star Assembly 9.15am</i>
Monday 15 th Dec	<i>Betchworth Year R Nativity 2.15pm</i>
Tuesday 16 th Dec	<i>Leigh KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity & Gold Star Assembly 9.15am</i>
Tuesday 16 th Dec	<i>Brockham KS1(Years 1 & 2) Nativity & Gold Star Assembly 2pm</i>
Wednesday 17 th Dec	<i>Brockham KS1(Years 1 & 2) Nativity 9.15am</i>
Wednesday 17 th Dec	<i>Leigh KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity 2pm</i>
Wednesday 17 th Dec	<i>Carol Service, Christ Church Brockham 7pm</i>
Thursday 18 th Dec	<i>Brockham Year R Nativity 9.15am</i>
Thursday 18 th Dec	<i>Brockham Year R Nativity 2.15pm</i>
Thursday 18 th Dec	<i>Christmas Discos - all at Brockham site:</i> <i>3.15pm - 4pm Year R & 1 & 2</i> <i>4.15pm - 5pm Year 3 & 4</i> <i>5.15pm - 6.15pm Year 5 & 6</i> <i>Tickets £2 to include a drink</i>
Friday Dec 19 th	Brockham Gold Star Assembly 9.15am
Friday Dec 19 th	Last Day of Term - school finishes at usual time (no early closure)

Term and Holiday Dates 2014/2015

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INSET DAYS: 1st) 02/09/2014 2nd) 03/09/2014 3rd) 05/01/2015 4th) 20/07/2015 5th) 21/07/2015

Term and Holiday Dates 2015/2016

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