



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter holiday. We now have a long and busy summer term ahead of us, so please check the Diary Dates and website regularly for additional events etc.

A couple of items of staff news for you...

Firstly, we say goodbye and thank you to Jenny Wyman, who has been the North Downs caterer for a number of years. Jenny has left us for an exciting opportunity with Anchor Care Homes and we wish her well in her new venture. Surrey Commercial Services is recruiting currently for a permanent caterer at North Downs and meanwhile we have Sally heading the kitchen team, to provide the children with a nutritional and tasty hot meal in the middle of their school day.

Our other piece of staff news is a very happy one, as we are delighted to say congratulations to Rebecca Winslade and her partner Rob, who are expecting a baby. Rebecca will be with us until the end of this school year before starting her maternity leave, so no changes for Butterflies this year.



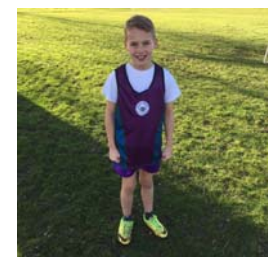
Dominic (6J) with his medals from the Surrey Swimming Championships



North Downs Netball 'Team A' and Isobel (6J) and 'Team B' and Katie (5MS)



Will the next Tiger Woods be found amongst our Year 5 tri-golfers?



Jared (4HS) and the North Downs Cross Country Team in their new school kit



Some ND Spring Term sporting events and activities...

Miss Sangster's 'round-up' is on Page 2 - and more photos on our website at...

[www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)

## REMINDERS AND DATES

**Mufti-Day next week:** FONDS has asked that we hold a mufti-day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April in celebration of the Queen's Official 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The theme will be 'red, white & blue' for a £1 donation please.

**Synchro-Fit Club:** it's not too late for pupils in Years 4 to 6 to join this after-school club on Monday's from 3.15pm to 4pm. If you would like to know more or to sign up please see Miss Winslade.

**Parents' Mobile Numbers:** please ensure you let your school office know if your mobile number changes. We have recently had reason to call a few parents only to find the number on their child's record is no longer in use. If any of these calls had been for an emergency, the delay caused could have been serious.

**Parent Helpers:** would you like to help in your child's class on a regular basis? If you are interested, please speak to your child's class teacher and pick up an application form from your school office. If your child's class has helper vacancies at that time, the teacher can sign your form to authorise a DBS check (as you will be aware, volunteers in school are required to have DBS clearance [previously CRB]). Once this has come through, you are eligible to help in class with the children at North Downs.

## OTHER NEWS

Over the Spring Term we took part in an assortment of sporting events...

### Cross Country

Due to adverse weather, the Dorking Primary Schools Cross Country League only managed one race this term. A North Downs team from Years 3 to 6 went to The Weald on 4<sup>th</sup> March. We had about 50 children enter, so a wonderful turn out with some great individual and team performances and fantastic team spirit - children encouraging others, helping them to finish the race.

Our Year 3/4 boys and girls were outstanding: the boys are currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the girls in 3<sup>rd</sup>, which leaves the 3/4 team in 2<sup>nd</sup> position overall. Meanwhile, Year 5/6 girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> position and the boys in 4<sup>th</sup>. All the children who took part showed improvements in fitness, many finishing higher up the ranks. I would like to thank them all for great commitment this term.

### Surrey School Cross Country

A few members of our Cross Country Club took part in this Saturday event. It's a very tough course and they all did extremely well. Well done Casey Williams, Famke Smith, Noah Taylor, James Honey, Ella Smyth, Anna Lewis and Anna Hunt. You all put in super performances.

### Year 5/6 Rugby Tournament

In February, some of our Year 6 boys took part in the annual Dorking Primary Schools Tag Rugby. As winners the last two years, a lot was at stake and the children - and I (!) - were keen to win for an unprecedented 3<sup>rd</sup> year. It was a very tight fought competition, but in the end North Downs won and we were all very excited to hold this title for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. We now have the County Final this month.

### Dorking Rotary Club Swimarathon

Two teams entered for this event; both did extremely well, taking part with great enthusiasm. Between them, they managed to swim 141 laps and were a credit to the school.

### Year 6 and Year 5 High 5 Netball Tournaments

I have a very enthusiastic group of girls attending Netball Club this year, so was able to enter two teams into the tournaments. They were very exciting events, with the girls playing extremely well and being a credit to the school. The Year 6 'A' team won every single match they played and won the tournament which was fantastic! They later met The Dawnay School in a playoff to reach the County Final; sadly we didn't win, but the girls never gave up trying. We are very proud of both our teams for doing so well. I would also like to take this opportunity, to thank Mrs Johnson for her help and support in running the netball club this year.

Finally, another thank you - to FONDS. As you will see from the photos on the previous page, we have some fantastic new netball kit and running kit, which makes our teams look so smart at competitions. We are very appreciative that FONDS has supplied this superb kit, thank you.

Miss Sangster

## FRIENDS' MATTERS

The Great British Ball is fast approaching, please get your tickets soon as places are limited and tickets are selling quickly!!

Our Ball Auction raised a huge amount of money last year, so we are running it again and are asking for donations please. Some of last year's donations were Campervan hire, pet portrait, car valeting, a night's hotel accommodation, a football party and cake baking. If you are able to donate please contact FONDS.

**Secondhand Uniform Sale:** to be held after school on the last Wednesday of the month in the playground at BROCKHAM.



Happy recipients of the wooden spoon at our Quiz Night...we have it on good authority they are very useful!

**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

J. Douglas

Finally

**Enjoy the weekend...**

## Summer Term 2016

w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming begins.
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Mole Valley Music Festival at Dorking Halls
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Mufti Day (Queen's Official Birthday)
w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> April	NDPS clubs begin
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> April	3MB assembly
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED - MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Pedals Training: Year 2 Leigh
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Pedals Training: Year 2 Brockham
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> May	4HS assembly
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> May	FONDS Summer Ball
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> May	5MS assembly
w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 PGL
w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 SATs
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> May	3M assembly
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Maypole - all pupils at Brockham
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET 4 of 5
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability (am Tue - Fri)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> June	6J assembly
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents' Meeting 7pm Brockham
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> June	4MM assembly
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Butterflies assembly
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Last week of NDPS clubs
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Induction Day for all pupils
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Ladybirds assembly
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 educational visit to Brooklands
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Last week of swimming
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Dragonflies assembly
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> July	All school reports to go home
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Consultation (children optional) Leigh and Betchworth: 5 - 7.30pm Brockham: 3.30 - 6pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leigh Gold Stars 9.15am
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Consultation (children optional) Leigh and Betchworth: 3.30 - 6pm Brockham 5 - 7.30pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Brockham Gold Stars 9.15am
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of Term      Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET 5 of 5

### Term and Holiday Dates 2015/2016

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and on the Surrey County Council website [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

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