



Newsletter

Term: SPRING 2016

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break; we have been enjoying your children's tales of presents and family visits etc. which have been told with enthusiasm!

A quick thank you to everyone who made a donation for their child to wear a festive jumper for the School Council's 'Christmas Jumper Day' last term; a total of £271.16 was raised to be shared between Macmillan Cancer Support, Make-A-Wish® UK and Save the Children.



Before Christmas is a distant memory, here are a few photographs of Caterpillars enjoying their Christmas lunch...

REMINDERS AND DATES

Application for a Reception School Place in September 2016: children born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 will need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2016. Apply online at www.surrey.gov.uk/admissions; please note that your application must be completed by the deadline above or it will be counted as late and will not be considered until all other applicants have been offered a school. If you have another child at North Downs, you must still apply by the deadline date for this sibling. If you are unable to make your application online, you may request a paper copy by calling 0300 200 1015.

Application for a Year 3 School Place in September 2016: this year, for the first time, North Downs has an official PAN at Year 3: meaning it will be available to select during the online application process for pupils moving on from a local infant school etc. If you are on the waiting list for a Year 2 place at NDPS, please be sure to make a separate Year 3 application. Apply online at www.surrey.gov.uk/admissions, with a **deadline date of 15th December 2016**. If you are unable to make an online application, you may request a paper copy by calling 0300 200 1015.

KS2 School Meal Payments: payment for children taking meals in Years 3 to 6 should have been paid prior to the start of term. However, if you have yet to make your online payment, you are reminded that the half term's total is £60.20.

School Parking: parking issues have raised their heads again at all sites and we find ourselves having to remind you of the need for considerate and safe parking please. We include a specific parental plea overleaf...

OTHER NEWS

Parking at Brockham

The following is an extract from an email received from a North Downs' parent just before we broke up for Christmas...

"I am writing to express my concern over the drop off at school in the morning.

Some parents seem to think that it is perfectly acceptable to stop outside the school to let their child out of the car and wait for them to go into the gate. This causes all sorts of problems, one being this morning when I stopped to let some children cross the road, the person behind obviously thought I was dropping off and overtook me, which could have had disastrous consequences.

Then there are other parents who drop their child off further down the road and crawl along to make sure they go into the gate, again I have seen people overtake them. Some even stop in the middle of the road to let their child out and wait until they cross the road before pulling away.

...if the parent feels they need to be watched entering the school, then surely they need to park and take them in themselves.

There are yellow lines outside the school and also signs indicating no parking. Please could you remind parents of this as it's a busy area both in the mornings and after school and it's an accident waiting to happen."

...we ask you to give this your attention. Thank you.



Butterflies enjoying last term's Toy topic - with examples of old, new and self-made toys ...

FRIENDS' MATTERS

Happy New Year! FONDS will be having a meeting soon, so keep an eye out for the date.

To contact FONDS directly, please email -
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

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Finally

Have a good weekend

Spring Term 2016

w/c Mon 18 th January	NDPS clubs begin
Fri 22 nd January	Class assembly - 3MB
Fri 29 th January	Class assembly: 5MS
Fri 5 th February	Class assembly: Dragonflies
Fri 12 th February	Class assembly: Butterflies
w/c Mon 15 th February	HALF TERM
Mon 22 nd February	INSET CLOSURE 3 of 5
w/c Mon 22 nd February	Swimming starts
Thurs 3 rd March	KS1 bedtime story: 6 - 7pm
Fri 4 th March	Class assembly: 5S
w/c Mon 7 th March	Last week of NDPS clubs
Mon 7 th March	Bikeability: Yr5
Mon 7 th March	<i>Ladybirds to visit Betchworth by bus and back</i>
Tues 8 th March	Bikeability: Yr5
Thurs 10 th	<i>Caterpillars to Brockham by bus and back</i>
Fri 11 th March	Class assembly: Ladybirds
Tues 15 th March	Parent Consultations Leigh and Betchworth: 3.30pm - 6pm Brockham: 5pm - 7.30pm
Thurs 17 th March	Parent Consultations Brockham: 3.30pm - 6pm Leigh and Betchworth: 5pm - 7.30pm
Fri 18 th March	Class assembly: 3M
Wed 23 rd March	Brockham Gold Stars: 9.15pm
Thurs 24 th March	Leigh Gold Star Assembly: 9.15am
Thurs 24 th 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

and on the Surrey County Council website www.surreycc.gov.uk

INSET DAYS: 1st) 02/09/2015; 2nd) 05/01/2016; 3rd) 22/02/2016; 4th) 06/06/2016; 5th) 22/07/2016

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