



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We have been asked to pass on thanks from the Children's Society to everyone who made a donation using the Christingle candle boxes sent home before Christmas. A total of £312.84 was raised by North Downs pupils and parents, with the following comment from the Children's Society: "Your generous gift will help us to keep changing the stories of disadvantaged children. We can't thank you enough." Well done to you all.

If your child has a hat, scarf and gloves that you could name and send with them to school, please do in this wintery weather. This is especially important for our youngest pupils who spend a lot of the day in their outside classrooms. Thank you.

Thank you  
for raising an amazing  
£ 312-84



Christingle



The cold weather has finally caught up with us, but Caterpillars were delighted with the activities they could devise with the ice and frost it brought!



We are delighted to inform you that the school has been awarded the 'Gold Sainsbury's School Games Mark' award for our commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport during 2014/15. North Downs School is one of only 6% of schools nationally to have received this award!

Congratulations to all of the children who have participated on behalf of the school and also to Miss Sangster and Mr Webber for their hard work and commitment to sports at North Downs.

## REMINDERS AND DATES

**Cake Sake:** School Council is having a cake sale on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**Save the Date and don't forget to BAKE!**

Please bring your cake/s to school on the morning of Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> (and if you use a tin you would like back, please label it clearly with name and class). Each site's sale will start immediately after school for about 20 minutes. The money raised will be used for the playground at each of our village sites - games, equipment and for areas that need a bit of TLC! We thank you in advance for your support.

School Council



## OTHER NEWS

**Flanchford Bridge:** an Officer from SCC Highways is attending a Public Meeting at Leigh Village Hall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm to discuss the plans and schedule for the rebuilding work.

Surrey County Council has awarded the contract and final preparations are in hand, so this is your opportunity to find out what is planned; the time schedule; and how the work will affect the area and the future of business on both sides of the bridge. If you are unable to attend but have a question, please forward it to the Leigh Parish Council Clerk who will ensure that the matter is raised - [leighparishcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:leighparishcouncil@googlemail.com).

**Upper Mole Group Candlemas Workshop:** you are invited on, Sunday 31st January from 2pm to 5pm in Buckland Reading Room (Old Road, Buckland RH3 7DY) and St Mary's Church, to a fun workshop for families with craft activities, prayer trail etc. Parents are welcome to join in or to leave school age children there for the afternoon and return for a cup of tea and a short closing act of worship at 4.30pm in the church.

Please contact Revd Sue Weakley ([revsueweakley@btinternet.com](mailto:revsueweakley@btinternet.com) or 07887 888372) for a booking form or more information. Places must be booked by Sunday 24th January to make sure there are enough craft supplies. To help cover costs a donation of £2 per person is requested.



Well done to Louis who has achieved White Belt Senior in Choi Kwang Do!



Reception children are enjoying their first Topic of the term - three guesses what it is? Yes, transport!

## FRIENDS' MATTERS

**Valentine's Day Disco:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February in the Brockham School Hall. More details to follow shortly.

**Quiz Night:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March in the Brockham School Hall. More details later.

**Movie Afternoon:** we have an idea germinating, about holding a movie afternoon on the last Friday of each month, after school at our Brockham Village site. Watch this space for further details!

To contact FONDS directly, please email - [fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)



Congratulations to Jake on gaining his white / yellow belt in Kung Fu!

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

JL Douglas

Finally

Enjoy your weekend...



## Spring Term 2016

Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Class assembly: 5MS	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>School Council Cake Sale after school at each site</i>	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Class assembly: Dragonflies	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Class assembly: Butterflies	
w/c Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM	
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	INSET CLOSURE 3 of 5	
w/c Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Swimming starts	
w/c Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>BOOK/READING WEEK</i>	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	KS1 bedtime story: 6 - 7pm	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Class assembly: 5S	
w/c Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Last week of NDPS clubs	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability: Yr5	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Ladybirds to visit Betchworth by bus and back	
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability: Yr5	
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Caterpillars to Brockham by bus and back	
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Class assembly: Ladybirds	
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations	Leigh and Betchworth: 3.30pm - 6pm Brockham: 5pm - 7.30pm
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations	Brockham: 3.30pm - 6pm Leigh and Betchworth: 5pm - 7.30pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Class assembly: 3M	
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<i>Easter Assembly at Betchworth 9.15 (children only)</i>	
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<i>Easter Assembly at Leigh (children only)</i>	
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Brockham Gold Stars: 9.15pm	
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Leigh Gold Star Assembly: 9.15am	
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)

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

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