



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

On Tuesday 9th February, millions of people across the world are celebrating **Safer Internet Day**. For parents and carers, Safer Internet Day is a great time to have a conversation with their child about staying safe online.

The **Safer Internet Day 2016** theme is 'Play your part for a better internet' and young people from across the UK will be considering what they can do to help make the internet a kinder place. Perhaps you could talk to your child about what actions they could take to make the internet a kinder place?

Often we hear about the negative impact that the internet and new technology has on young people, but on Safer Internet Day we want to celebrate the positives and to explore what we can all do to make sure that all young people have a positive time online. Parents and carers play a crucial role in supporting children to navigate the risks and make the most of the opportunities offered by technology. The most important thing you can do is to have a conversation and stay engaged with your children's digital lives.

Here is the website link with more details - <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2016> - and we are also sending a couple of additional information sheets with this week's newsletter.



On Wednesday Years 3 to 6 were treated to a visit from author Gary Northfield, as part of the ReadingZone Festival.

Gary is a comic creator as well as a fiction writer for children with his Roman Rescue series, which stars a zebra gladiator. Gary shared tales of Julius the Zebra and showed the children how to create their own zebra characters. In addition, Gary read the children an extract from one of Julius's latest adventures, leaving them with a cliff hanger, not knowing what has happened to the zebra!

We must say a big thank you to Caroline Horn (Year 3 parent) for organising this wonderful opportunity for the children.

REMINDERS AND DATES

Wool Oddments: do you have any unwanted oddments of wool that could be donated for the children's art? If so, please leave it with your office staff. Thank you.

KS2 School Dinner Money: next half term's payment for Years 3 to 6 is **£49.45**. Payment due by Monday 22nd February via your Tucasi account please. Please remember to check your account balance before payment; if in credit, deduct this from the payment above or if in arrears, please add this amount to the above figure.

Meal change requests are required in writing by Monday 8th February - an email to info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk may be used for notification if preferred.

OTHER NEWS

Half-Term Hockey Camp: Reigate Grammar School is holding a Hockey Camp on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th February at their Sports Ground - RGS Hartwood, Reigate - for boys and girls of all abilities aged between 7-14 years old. For further enquiries or to book a place please contact Mr Chris Bowen, Reigate Grammar School Performance Director of Hockey, email: cjb@reigategrammar.org.



Congratulations Tom, Ladybirds, on achieving a Gold Belt in Choi Kwang-Do!

Active Kids launched in Sainsbury's stores on 27th January, with lots of exciting products available to keep kids active, so the more vouchers we collect the more things we can get to benefit the children.

Shopping in Sainsbury's or online www.sainsburys.co.uk will earn you vouchers.

In Sainsbury's Locals, you will get one voucher for every £5 spent (larger than the ones from Sainsbury's supermarkets with a photograph on them).

In Sainsbury's Supermarkets you receive one voucher for every £10 spent (spend £40 and you get four vouchers - but [new this year] they will all be printed on one piece of paper, are white, smaller in size and with no photograph on them).



Caterpillars have been learning about silhouettes in art. They cut out wild animal silhouettes and painted dramatic African sunsets as a backdrop to their chosen animals. Here are Jamie's, Austin's and Molly's for your enjoyment.



FRIENDS' MATTERS

Next Friday 12th February is our **Valentine's Disco**. Infants: 3:15-4pm; Years 3&4: 4:15-5pm and Years 5&6: 5:15-6pm. Wrist bands will be on sale afterschool next week for £2.50.

We are running an **Afterschool Movie Night** on all 3 bases on Friday 26th February. If your child would like to attend please fill out the form sent on ParentMail this week. Seats are limited - max 100 children at Brockham - so will be allocated on a first come/first served basis.

Our ever popular **Quiz Night** returns on Friday 18th March. Ticket order form and details to follow...

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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Tues 9 th February	Safer Internet Day
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
Fri 26 th February	<i>Class assembly: Dragonflies</i>
w/c Mon 29 th February	BOOK/READING WEEK
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	Ladybirds to visit Betchworth by bus and back
Tues 8 th March	Bikeability: Yr5
Thurs 10 th	Caterpillars to Brockham by bus and back
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
Tues 22 nd March	Easter Assembly at Betchworth 9.15 (children only)
Wed 23 rd March	Easter Assembly at Leigh (children only)
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

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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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