



Newsletter

Term: SPRING 2016

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We are currently undertaking a review of our **Whole School Aims and Values**. We began this process by asking all of the children what they feel makes North Downs School so special. From their comments and feedback, the staff and governors have identified key statements which we feel encapsulate the ethos of the school and the aspirations we have for our pupils. At Parents Evening next week we will display these statements on a flip chart, in a prominent position as you enter the sites. We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to read through the statements and mark on the sheets which of them you feel are most important and should, therefore, be included in our final list of Whole School Aims. We will then share with you via letter and the school website the updated aims for our school.

Reading Week was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by children and staff alike. Thank you for all your efforts in supporting this fun and beneficial event - from encouraging sponsored readers in our Readathon to helping with costumes for our Book Character Dressing-Up Day! Here are some photographs to give you a taste of the children's week...



...and finally,
it was not
only the
children who
embraced
dressing up
with
enthusiasm!



REMINDERS AND DATES

Parent Consultations: if you have not yet signed up for an appointment for next week's parent evenings, please be sure to do so on Monday.

End of Term Early Closure: you are reminded that school ends at 1pm for Years R to 2 and at 1.15pm for Years 3 to 6 on the last day of term - Thursday 24th March.

OTHER NEWS

North Downs Gymnastics Team: North Downs had teams in the Mole Valley Schools Gymnastic Competition this term and we are delighted to report that both performed exceedingly well!

Years 3 and 4 came 1st overall and Years 5 and 6 came 3rd - and as this was the first year a competition was held for Years 5 and 6, we were very pleased with the result. Well done everyone!!



Year 5 (top left and right) on their Bikeability training...

Whilst Infants on all sites recently enjoyed drama workshops on 'Superheroes' hosted by drama company Perform (bottom left)...



Finally, FONDS Film Night was a big hit with Caterpillars....as was the popcorn (bottom centre and right)!

FRIENDS' MATTERS

Quiz Night: is next Friday 18th March, so we need your booking form by Monday 14th at the latest for the food order please. Get those brains in gear - and be ready for some interactive challenges too!

The Easter Hat Parade: will be taking place on the morning of the 21st March. The children should come to school wearing their hat, which will be judged at school and the winner of each class will receive a prize.

Tickets for **The Great British Ball** on 7th May at Betchworth Golf Club will be on sale after the Easter holiday.

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 great weekend

Spring Term 2016



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	3M assembly	
Mon 21 st March	Easter Assembly at Brockham 9.15 (children only)	
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 Stars 9.15am	
Thurs 24 th March	End of Term	Early Closure: R/KS1: 1pm KS2: 1.15pm

Summer Term 2016

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

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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