



Newsletter

Term: SPRING 2016

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Date: 24th March

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We have come to the end of an unusually short, but very busy Spring Term. Our Book & Reading Week was a definite highlight for children and staff alike, with so many fun and inspirational events to inspire a love of books. We ended last week supporting Sport Relief and thank you for your donations, amounting to the splendid sum of £458.70. The day saw everyone participating in a sporting activity at their site (see photos below). Aptly rounding off the term, this week's Easter Bonnet Parade was another photo opportunity - see below and enjoy!

Finally, we wish everyone a happy Easter break - and hope the Easter Bunny is suitably generous. You are reminded that our Summer Term begins on Monday 11th April and we look forward to seeing you all then.



REMINDERS AND DATES

KS2 SCHOOL DINNER MONEY: next half term's payment for Years 3 to 6 is due by Monday 11th April via your Tucasi account please. Amounts are as follow, including a deduction for the May Bank Holiday:

Years 3, 4, 5 - £73.10

Year 6 - £62.35 (excludes days at Windmill Hill)

Do remember to check your account balance and if in credit, deduct this from your total payment (or add if in debit).

BREAKFAST/EARLY BIRDS/MOLES CLUBS: please note that all school clubs will resume Monday 11th April.

SUTTON SELECTIVE SCHOOLS - KEY DATES FOR CHILDREN TRANSFERRING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2017: we have been asked to advise Year 5 parents who may be considering any of the following schools for their child - Greenshaw High School; Nonsuch High School for Girls; Sutton Grammar School; Wallington County Grammar School; Wallington High School for Girls; Wilson's School - that the deadline for registrations for the Selective Eligibility Test is midnight on Wednesday 19 August 2016. The online registration form is available on the website of any participating school, as are details of the schools' Open Evenings.

SCHOOL SWIMMING / SCHOOL CLUBS: please give your attention to the Diary Dates page for respective start dates.

OTHER NEWS

Flanchford Bridge: a Temporary Prohibition Order has been granted, to enable Surrey County Council to carry out bridge replacement works. These works are expected to be carried out within twenty six weeks, during the twelve month period of the Temporary Traffic Order, which comes into effect 1st April. The closure will be in force 24 hourly and will prohibit all traffic (including pedestrians) over Flanchford Bridge and 40 metres either side of the bridge. The closure will only operate when the relevant traffic signs are displayed.

"Tolkien's Middle Earth" Model Showcase: Saturday 9th April, 10- 4pm in the Buckland Reading Room. Come and see landscape scenery and buildings and get ideas on how to create your own/how to paint model figures. All welcome, with donations for Syrian refugees please. Themed refreshments will be served.

Dorkers Easter Egg Hunt: The Friends of Dorking are inviting children to take part in a FREE Easter Egg Hunt throughout the town over the Easter holiday - from 24th March 24th to 10th April. The competition is fun for all ages and there are fantastic prizes to be won. To download an entry form, visit www.friendsofdorking.org.

St Michael's & St Mary's Good Friday Activities: can anyone help? Revd Carol Coslett is short of helpers for children's activities on Good Friday 25th March. Please call Carol Coslett 01737 842102 for details of 10.30 Walkabout Service; Crafts Activities/aster Garden making/treasure hunts. (9.30-10am at the Hamilton Room to help set up.)

Nick Torpey Just Soccer Development Courses: on Brockham Big Field, 30th-31st March or 5th-6th April 10am-3pm. See www.nicktorpeyjustsoccer.com for details/booking form.

Denbies Wine Estate: has Easter activities most days during the two-week Easter holiday, from Birds of Prey to 'Creation Station' workshops. Details and reservations online at www.denbies.co.uk

Dorking Tennis Club Easter Camps: 29th Mar - 1st Apr & 4th - 8th Apr at DLTC, Roman Road, Dorking RH4 3AT. Call Brian Love 07712 557076 or Ali Prossner 07941 266155 or brianlovetennisacademies@gmail.com



A selection of this term's school events - with our Cross Country team; Year 2 at Betchworth Castle; & our Reception classes visiting each other's sites for their transport days...



FRIENDS' MATTERS

FONDS has had a busy few weeks. The Quiz Night was a really fun evening, and our thanks to Mrs Douglas, our entertaining Quiz Master, and to Miss Mackay for all their help. Many thanks too, to our FONDS Reps at Betchworth, Emma Lambert and Leigh, Helen Metcalfe, who organised the quiz - it just goes to show that no matter at what site you are based, we can all work as Team FONDS - very well done to them! Don't forget your tickets for our Great British Ball - not long to go now. Finally, didn't the children look lovely on Monday in their Easter Bonnets well worth the effort everyone! Happy Easter Everyone FONDS X

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

Happy Easter





Spring Term 2016

Thurs 24 th March	End of Term	Early Closure: R/KS1: 1pm KS2: 1.15pm
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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	
Mon 2 nd May	SCHOOL CLOSED - MAY BANK HOLIDAY	
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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