



Newsletter

Term: AUTUMN 2014

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

As you know, at the end of this very busy half term we are sadly saying farewell to two members of staff, Mrs Elizabeth Hinchliffe and Mrs Lena Austen, and are sure you join us in wishing them every happiness and success in the future.

In light of this there will be some staff movement within the school:

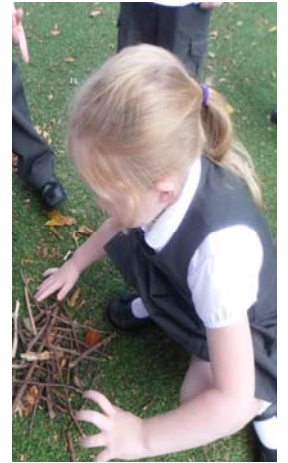
Mrs Ciara Deeks, Assistant Head Teacher, returns from maternity leave after half term, and we are delighted to welcome her back. Ciara, previously SENCo, will take on responsibility for Early Years and Key Stage One, and is looking forward to working with teachers and pupils in these areas. As a result of this change, Mrs Annie Scott, who has been successfully covering SENCo during Mrs Deeks absence, will continue in this role.

There are also some changes to the admin team, with Mrs Sue Lambert, currently based at Leigh on a Monday and Tuesday, transferring to our Brockham office; and Mrs Lesley Ramsey, currently at Brockham moving across to Leigh. Finally, Mrs Paula Barrett, currently based in the Brockham office all week, will be in the Betchworth office on a Monday.

Please join us in welcoming all staff to their new roles and or locations.

Finally, the Governors have asked us to advise you that they continue the search for a new Headteacher and will keep parents fully informed of their progress.

Have a lovely half-term break, and see you all on Monday 3rd November.



Ladybirds enjoying their outdoor areas



Year 4 has been discovering the joys of mud on their trip to Gaveston Hall.

The weather was mixed, but it didn't dampen any of their fun, energy and enthusiasm for the activities. All the children enjoyed the challenge of a night hike, wading through the muddy stream and singing by the campfire!

Thank you to the parent volunteers who came down to join us at Pulborough and to Mrs Harman for accompanying the trip.



Other News

Half Term Rugby Master Class: run by Elite Rugby Coaching at Reigate Grammar School on Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th October 10am-3pm, with star player appearances. Cost: £35 for 1 day / £65 for 2 days. Email Doug Cooper: doc@reigategrammar.org to book or for further details.



DENBIES October Spooky Spectacular HALF TERM HOLIDAY FUN Mon 27- Fri 31 October

Denbies Craft Activities: Mon 27 - Fri 31 10:30am-12:30pm & 2pm-4pm from £1.50 per activity. Face painting from £3

Lego Exhibition: Mon 27 - Fri 31 Lego build daily 11am to 3pm. Free entry - £1.50pp charity donation.

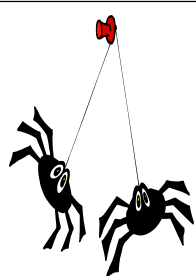
Henfold Birds of Prey: Mon 27 10am-2pm with main display at midday. Free entry.

Curiously Creepy Crawly Roadshow: Tues 28 11am & 2pm. Children £7.25, adults free. Booking recommended.

The Spookiest Fairy Tale Ever Told: Wed 29 by Hobgoblin Children's Theatre Co. Shows at 11am and 2pm. £7.25 per child, adults free. Booking recommended.

Punch & Judy: Thurs 30 10.30am, 12 noon and 2pm. Traditional family fun. Free entry.

All at: DENBIES WINE ESTATE London Rd Dorking Surrey RH5 6AA
T: 01306 876616 | RESERVATIONS online at: www.denbies.co.uk



Friends' Matters

The Frock Swop is fast approaching. FONDS will be in the playgrounds over the next few weeks with tickets to sell!! We have a Wreath Making morning coming up nearer to Christmas that is likely to get booked up fast - see poster (via ParentMail today) for details.

Finally, well done everyone who brought back their Bags2School - we will let you know the amount we raised when we hear.

If you wish to contact FONDS directly, please use the following email address - fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

Reminders / Dates

Always remember to check the updated Diary Dates on the following page

(Note: dates in italics have been added or changed this week)

Reception Photographs: we have been advised that the 'New Starters' supplement featuring photographs of our Reception classes accompanies this week's edition of the Dorking Advertiser (out Thursday 23rd Oct).

School Meals: a reminder that payment due for the next half term (3rd Nov to 19th Dec) will be:

Years 3 & 4 & 5 = £73.50

Year 6 = £71.40 (incl. deduction for November school trip)

Please make your payment before Monday 3rd November via your Tucasi/ScoPay account (easiest access is via the Tucasi link on our website Home Page at www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk). **Prior to payment**, please check your dinner money account balance. If in credit, please deduct this amount from your total payment. Notification of a meal change from school meals to packed lunches or vice versa must be in writing before 24th October.

Harvest Donations: we have received a letter from Welcare, asking us to pass on their thanks to you all for your generous donations at Harvest. In addition to all the tinned and dried goods contributed, £95.25 was also raised by North Downs. Thank you.

Absence Letters: a further reminder that following any absence, a written note is required for the School Register. This does not need to be long, but should be signed and dated, and include dates of and reason for absence.

Yours sincerely

A.J. Ewing

Finally

Have a great half term holiday



Autumn Term 2014

w/c Monday Oct 27 th	Half Term
Tuesday 4 th Nov	Beetles parents invited to Brockham site 9.15am
Wednesday Nov 5 th	Brockham Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30am
Thursday Nov 6 th	Betchworth Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30am
Friday 7 th Nov	<i>Year 4 Gaveston Trip Assembly 9.05am</i>
Friday 7 th Nov	<i>Year 4 Lego Robotics Workshop</i>
Thursday 13 th Nov	Children in Need (day early due school photos on Fri 14 th)
Friday 14 th Nov	Individual School Photos - Brockham
Tuesday 18 th Nov	Individual School Photos - Betchworth & Leigh
Friday 21 st Nov	Year 6 LT Museum & Globe Theatre trip
Friday Nov 21 st	Butterflies (Yr2) Assembly 9.15am
Friday Nov 28 th	5S Assembly 9.15am
w/c Dec 1 st	Last week of NDPS clubs
Friday Dec 5 th	6C Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 10 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert 1.30pm Brockham
Thursday 11 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert 6pm Brockham
Friday 12 th Dec	Whole School Christmas Lunch - (pupils and staff)
Monday 15 th Dec	Betchworth Year R Nativity & Gold Star Assembly 9.15am
Monday 15 th Dec	Betchworth Year R Nativity 2.15pm
Tuesday 16 th Dec	Leigh KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity & Gold Star Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday 16 th Dec	Brockham KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity & Gold Star Assembly 2pm
Wednesday 17 th Dec	Brockham KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity 9.15am
Wednesday 17 th Dec	Leigh KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 17 th Dec	Carol Service, Christ Church Brockham 7pm
Thursday 18 th Dec	Brockham Year R Nativity 9.15am
Thursday 18 th Dec	Brockham Year R Nativity 2.15pm
Thursday 18 th Dec	Christmas Discos - all at Brockham site: 3.15pm - 4pm Year R & 1 & 2 4.15pm - 5pm Year 3 & 4 5.15pm - 6.15pm Year 5 & 6 Tickets £2 to include a drink
Friday Dec 19 th	Brockham Gold Star Assembly 9.15am
Friday Dec 19 th	Last Day of Term - school finishes at usual time (no early closure)

Term and Holiday Dates 2014/2015

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INSET DAYS: 1st) 02/09/2014 2nd) 03/09/2014 3rd) 05/01/2015 4th) 20/07/2015 5th) 21/07/2015

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