



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We start this newsletter with enormous thanks to you all for your recent generosity.

Samaritan's Purse was delighted to collect a total of 182 filled Christmas shoeboxes (as well as a generous financial donation) from North Downs last week. This includes 12 boxes from the Friday Night Group at Christ Church, Brockham, who included their boxes with ours. Thank you all.

We are also able to send £411.90 to Children in Need, which you donated in exchange for your child's mufti on Thursday 13th - again, our thanks for your generosity.

Finally, the Royal British Legion has asked for their thanks to be passed on for your contributions to the Poppy Appeal. Each of the sites has a poppy box, with Leigh raising £29.60 and Betchworth £72.89, where the specialist 'children's' poppy box was a huge hit - and not just with the Betchworth pupils...we had other-site siblings coming to partake of its wonders! We will let you know Brockham's total as soon as we hear.

Class Parent Representatives: we draw your attention to the two class reps lists sent out by FONDS this week on ParentMail. Please be sure to use the second version that says 'Class Representatives 2014-2015 (revised)' sent on Wednesday 19th, not the original version sent on Tuesday 18th.

We ask for your co-operation with the following. Please do not use school classrooms or toilets after school to change for parties or out-of-school activities such as ballet etc. This obviously does not apply to after-school clubs or school sporting fixtures. Thank you

We have now added Spring Term dates to our Diary Dates page, with most of next term's events and activities included. As always, please check weekly for changes or additions.



What a combination - superheroes and their Christmas shoeboxes!

Right from Reception, our children's Learning Journey at school is rich and varied. Caterpillars have been studying dinosaurs, and we have some excellent work by Alice on the computer; whilst in R.E. the children have been looking at celebrations and here is Adam's lovely picture of a wedding to enjoy.

Comparing Dinosaurs

T Rex



He is tall. He is fierce. He has a big head and a small neck.

He eats meat. He has small feet.

Diplodocus



He is tall. He is not so fierce. He has a small head and a very long neck.

He eats veg. He has big feet.

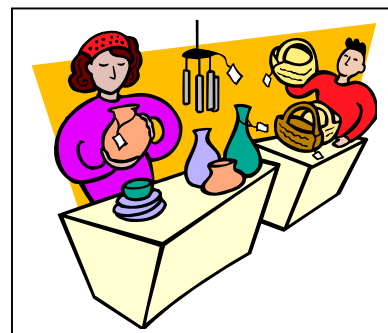


Other News

Christmas Market: St Mary's Church, Reigate on **Saturday 22nd November** 2pm-6.30pm. German-style Christmas market in the church itself; lots of stalls and a festive crafts area for children of all ages. Also a Christmas Café with wood fired pizza, crepes, hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies. Come and enjoy the start of the festive season.

Christmas Fair: to be held on **Saturday 29th November** 11am-4pm, admission free, in Betchworth Village Memorial Hall. Handmade crafts and gifts, festive cake stall, mulled wine and raffle. Support local craftsmen and help raise funds for St Michael's Church Lady Chapel Fund.

Christingle Service: you may be interested in a Christingle Service at St Michael's, Betchworth on **Sunday 30th November**. In addition to the Christingle collection for the Children's Society, there will also be the opportunity for you to donate a toy to Welcare in time for Christmas. Welcare will be distributing these to families in the local area, who are going through difficult times.



Friends' Matters

Christmas Fair Friday 5th December: a reminder that donations should be in school by **Wednesday 26th November** please; also sold raffle tickets/money - or unsold tickets please.

Classes in Years R/1/2 are each creating a hamper - please see your individual class list for specific items needed. Years 3/4 are asked for a chocolate item for the tombola. Years 5/6 please provide a 'nice smelly' (either Ladies or Gents) for the Gift Tree.

Our thanks to everyone who came to the **Frock Swop**, where we made **£350**.

If you wish to contact FONDS directly, please use the following email address -
fonds@northdowns.surrev.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)

Betchworth & Leigh Photographs: proofs came home with your child on **Tuesday 18th**, for anyone photographed in school that day in Caterpillars, Bees or Beetles. School has arranged postage free delivery option for parents, if orders are returned to school (complete and sealed in the Tempest envelope provided) by **Wednesday 26th November** at the latest. Orders can be placed after this date directly with Tempest, but incur an additional postage and packaging charge.

Data Collection Sheets: our final batch of alphabetical Data Sheets goes home with pupils today, for surnames beginning T-Z. These are due back by next **Friday 28th November** please.

IMPORTANT - if your child's surname begins A to S and you have not yet returned their signed and dated Data Collection Sheet, **please do so immediately**, irrespective of no changes made to the data. This is an annual check run by the school to ensure that all your child's details are up-to-date (especially important for contact details), and it is for this reason that we need your signed confirmation returned on this form, **even if there are no changes to be made to the data**. If you have mislaid your child's original sheet, please see your office to arrange for a copy.

Pupil Absence: a reminder that for a school to be able to authorise a child's absence on their pupil record, it is a DfE requirement that any such absence be covered by signed and dated written confirmation from their parent/carer. If your child is unwell or otherwise unexpectedly away from school, please note that a phone call is required on the first day of this absence, **but must be followed up with a letter on their return**. This need only contain their names, dates of absence and a brief explanation for this absence. Please do not require our admin staff to chase for this letter. Thank you.

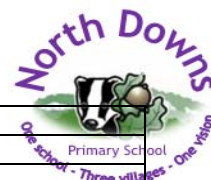
Yours sincerely

A.J. Ewing

Finally

Have a lovely weekend

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Tuesday 25 th Nov	Parent E-Safety session 9.15-10am Computer Suite, Brockham
<i>Tuesday 25th Nov</i>	<i>Reception Class Reading Evening 7-7.45pm at Brockham site</i>
Thursday 27 th Nov	Parent E-Safety session 7-7.45pm Computer Suite, Brockham
Friday Nov 28 th	5S Assembly 9.15am
Saturday 29 th Nov	FONDS Wreath Making (see FONDS letters for details)
w/c Dec 1 st	Last week of NDPS clubs
Monday 1 st Dec	Christingle Assembly for children at Brockham
Tuesday 2 nd Dec	Christingle Assembly for children at Betchworth
Wednesday 3 rd Dec	Christingle Assembly for children at Leigh
Friday Dec 5 th	6C Assembly 9.15am
Friday 5 th Dec	FONDS Christmas Fair 3.30pm Brockham Village site
<i>Monday 8th Dec</i>	<i>Reception Learning Journey class drop-in session 2.30-3pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 10th Dec</i>	<i>Reception Learning Journey class drop-in session 8.45-9.15am</i>
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)

Spring Term 2015

<i>Monday Jan 5th</i>	<i>INSET 3 of 5 - School closed to children</i>
<i>Tuesday 6th Jan</i>	<i>Pupils return to school</i>
<i>Monday Jan 19th</i>	<i>NDPS clubs begin</i>
<i>Tuesday Jan 20th</i>	<i>Yr5/6 Ashcombe - Athletics - Sports Hall 2-4pm</i>
<i>Friday Jan 23rd</i>	<i>Dragonflies Assembly</i>
<i>Friday Jan 30th</i>	<i>5MS Assembly</i>
<i>Friday Feb 6th</i>	<i>3M Assembly</i>
<i>Friday Feb 6th</i>	<i>MUFTI for British Heart Foundation (wear something RED)</i>
<i>Friday Feb 6th</i>	<i>Yr3/4 Key Steps Gym competition 9.30 - 12</i>
<i>Friday Feb 13th</i>	<i>4HW Assembly</i>
<i>Friday Feb 13th</i>	<i>Valentine's Disco: KS1 3.15 - 4pm / Years 3&4 4.15 - 5pm / Years 4&5 5.15 - 6.15pm</i>
<i>Monday Feb 23rd</i>	<i>Swimming starts</i>
<i>Friday Feb 27th</i>	<i>4MS Assembly</i>
<i>Thursday March 5th</i>	<i>KS1 Bedtime Story 6pm to 7pm at all three sites</i>
<i>w/c Monday 2nd March</i>	<i>Book Week</i>
<i>Friday March 6th</i>	<i>3MB Assembly</i>
<i>Friday March 6th</i>	<i>End of Book Week - dressing up as book character</i>
<i>Friday March 13th</i>	<i>5S Assembly</i>
<i>Week of March 16th</i>	<i>Last week of NDPS clubs</i>
<i>Friday March 20th</i>	<i>6J Assembly</i>
<i>Friday March 20th</i>	<i>FONDS Quiz Night 7.30pm</i>
<i>Friday March 20th</i>	<i>Year 6 Pupil Reports go home</i>
<i>Tuesday March 24th</i>	<i>Parent Consultations (pupils present) Brockham: 5 - 7.30pm Leigh and Betchworth: 3.30 - 6pm</i>
<i>Thurs March 26th</i>	<i>Parent Consultations (pupils present) Brockham: 3.30 - 6pm Leigh and Betchworth: 5 - 7.30pm</i>
<i>Tuesday March 24th</i>	<i>Gold Star Assembly - Betchworth 9.15am - by invitation</i>
<i>Thursday March 26th</i>	<i>Gold Star Assembly - Leigh 9.15am - by invitation</i>
<i>Friday March 27th</i>	<i>Gold Star Assembly - Brockham 9.15am - by invitation</i>
<i>Friday 27th March</i>	<i>Last Day of Term - school finishes at usual time (no early closure)</i>

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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