



Newsletter

Term: SUMMER 2016

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

The summer term is when most of our educational trips and visits take place (in the hope - currently a forlorn one - that the weather will be kind).

As these trips and visits are booked, dates are being added to the Diary Dates page of the newsletter, so please check this on a regular basis. The school's website also has all these dates as well as the trips' associated letters and forms for your convenience (at www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk), so if you think you may have missed a relevant school email or have lost the necessary reply form, everything is available on the website.

Following our recent letter asking for nominations for a new Parent Governor, we are delighted to be able to welcome Alison Tomlinson, mother of Chloe in Dragonflies to the North Downs Governing Body. As it has not been necessary to hold a ballot, we have been able to 'enrol' Alison immediately!

The children all enjoyed the Queen's birthday last week and looked delightful in their **red, white & blue**. We were treated to their extensive knowledge of all things royal - including an enthusiastic announcement from a reception pupil that the Queen cut peoples' heads off!



Caterpillars designed their own **red, white & blue** flags, which they made in Lego or painted on paper - see Ava & Amelie and Jack & Lilybelle (below) at work.



Pictured (left) are some members of our choir, taking part in the recent **Dorking Halls Music Festival**. Eight local schools came together to sing 12 songs which told the story of "The King with Cold Feet" alongside some old folk favourites.

All the children sang with great confidence and were a credit to the School. Well done!

REMINDERS AND DATES

Coats: please be sure to send your child with a coat daily. Despite some sunny starts to the days, temperatures have been decidedly chilly in our playgrounds!

Year 3 & Year R Admissions offers: if you are in receipt of an offer for a North Downs sibling due to start in Year 3 or Year R this September, please ensure you have replied by the Surrey deadline - 3rd May 2016.

May Day Bank Holiday: a reminder that school will be closed next Monday, 2nd May for the May Day holiday - enjoy the long weekend. Fingers crossed for some spring-like weather!



Bees & Beetles at our Leigh Village site (above), celebrating the Queen's birthday in their best **red, white & blue** style.

OTHER NEWS

You are invited to enter a competition 'The Search for Bottom's Head': as part of the 400th anniversary celebrations of the Bard's death this year Dandelion Theatre Arts company is doing a musical version of A Midsummer Night's Dream as their summer show and are holding a contest to design and build a donkey's head for Bottom. For full details (and to register by 30th April), visit www.dandeliontheatrearts.co.uk.

Strengthening Families: is a 6 week programme aiming to provide parents/carers and young people (for Years 6 to 10) with the chance to have fun, understand each other and improve family relationships. The next group will start at The Ashcombe School on **Wednesday 4th May** with the sessions running from 6pm to 8.00pm. Light refreshments are provided. To book a place contact: Fiona Darnell, The Ashcombe Home School Liaison Worker on mobile 07900 437858 email: darnell.fiona@ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk.

Catch It: an event for children in Years 3 to 7 on **Saturday 7th May** at St Luke's Church, Reigate from 1pm -5.15pm - cost £5 per child. Phone 01737 243846 for more details and to book.

'Betchworth House & The Goulburns since 1816': an exhibition with sketchbooks, photographs, diaries and biographies on **Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May** from 10am -4pm in The Hamilton Room, Church Street, Betchworth.

Betchworth Operatic & Dramatic Society: are performing 'Mixed Doubles' at the North Downs Primary Brockham Village site on **Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th May** at 7.45pm. Tickets £10 (concessions £8). Box office 01737 760330.

Box Hill School: are holding a 'School at Work Day' on **Wednesday 11th May** at 10.45am and an 'Open Evening' on **Monday 13th June** at 6.15pm for prospective parents and pupils. If you would be interested in attending, please email Edel.Magee@boxhillschool.com or phone 01372 384240. If you are unable to attend, but would like to visit the school, please use the above contacts to arrange an appointment.

Update from Surrey Highways: Flanchford Bridge works start 16th May 2016 for approximately 6 months. More information is available via the 'Flanchford Bridge' link on the Leigh Parish Council website www.leigh-surrey.org.uk homepage.

Frankie and Lucas (5MS/Dragonflies) are very proud of their 70-year old Grandad, Terry Keen, who is cycling the length of the country (1400 miles) carrying a huge birthday card for the Queen for everyone to sign. He has been on the road for 5 weeks, completed over 800 miles, got several hundred signatures on the card and raised nearly £8000 for charity. He's got another 3 weeks to go before his tour ends in Cornwall and he will present the card to the Queen at Buckingham Palace for her official birthday in June. The boys have signed the card and are hoping she will read all the messages inside!

<https://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/grandparentsplus/tourdeterry>

Many congratulations to Ollie (4HS) (right) on winning his heat at an inter-club 'Fight Night' competition held at his club, the Kickbox Karate Club, earlier this month!



FRIENDS' MATTERS

Next week is going to be really busy with:

Our fantastic **Hamper Raffle** - more tickets will be available from your FONDS rep.

The **Auction** board - which will be at Betchworth on Tuesday, Brockham on Wednesday, Leigh on Thursday and at all 3 sites on Friday 6th for you to place your bids.

Summer Ball - any last minute forms must be back by Tuesday 3rd please.

Meanwhile, we hope your children enjoy this evening's **Movie Night**!

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

JL Douglas

Finally

Enjoy the May Day Bank Holiday

Summer Term 2016

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	
Thurs 19 th May	Year 1 visit to Bocketts Farm	
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)	
Thurs 9 th June	Year R Caterpillars - parent visit to Leigh 7pm	
Thurs 9 th June	Year 2 Beetles - parent visit to Brockham 7pm	
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	Year 5 visit to Hampton Court Palace	
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	
Fri 8 th July	Year 2 educational visit to Brooklands	
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

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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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