



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Christmas songs are to be heard around school and cast lists are being finalised, with costume fittings to follow!

You may be interested to know that the Surrey Advertiser will be running a local schools' 'Infant Nativity Supplement' (probably with the last newspaper before Christmas). A photographer will be attending our dress rehearsals, and running photos from all our productions in Reception and KS1, so do look out for a copy.

Revd Kate will be taking Christingle Assemblies next week with all our Infant classes. Your child will then bring a collection box home, with an explanation on what to do and when to return it.



Can you see your superhero....?



...and how's that for a lovely selection of Christmas shoe boxes?

Thank you.



Christmas Performances

We refer you to today's ParentMail letters for details of the ticket booking process for your child's Christmas Nativity or Concert. Each site will handle its own bookings and ticket distribution, so please pay specific attention to arrangements in the letter relevant to your child.



Other News

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

Wreath Making: we are looking forward to this festive activity on Saturday - see you there if you have booked!

Christmas Fair Friday 5th December. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to their child's class or year group fundraiser at this year's Christmas Fair. If you have not yet brought your contribution, please see your FONDS rep. on Monday - it's not too late!

Please join us in the hall at Brockham after school on Friday (5th) - lots of stalls, raffle prizes and fun activities for the whole family to enjoy.

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)

Poppy Appeal: we are now able to tell you that the Brockham collection raised £207.75 - thank you all very much for your support.

Headlice: we have reported cases of headlice in both Year 3 and Reception at Brockham. **This is the third outbreak in Year 3 since September, so the cycle is obviously not being broken!** We ask that **all** pupils are carefully checked this weekend, and treated before returning to school if lice or eggs are found. It is usually necessary to check all the family if lice are found on one member. We need **every** family's full cooperation to eradicate this problem please. NHS information and advice is available at <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>.

Data Collection Sheets: today is the final return due date for the last alphabetical Data Sheets. If you still have your child's at home, **it must be returned on Monday please**, signed and dated, with corrections as appropriate.

Parents of children with ASD are directed to a poster (available at each site) with details of a 'Developing and Writing Social Stories' workshop being held locally in December that may be of interest.

Absence/Illness: there has been an increase in absence due to illness since half term, so we are sending a further reminder about the protocol for initially advising school, and the follow-up procedure as required by the Education Welfare Officer in the event of your child's absence.

- If you are aware in advance of a need for your child to be absent from school for any amount of time (from whole day medical appointments to an hour at the dentist etc.), you must let your class teacher/school office know in writing before the day.
- If your child is unexpectedly absent (through illness etc.), a phone call on the first day of absence is necessary (see below) to let your teacher/school office know - **but must be followed up by a written note on their return to school for the School Register.**
- Please note that sickness/diarrhoea require a 48 hour exclusion period.
- Finally, it is both a legal requirement, as well as an important safeguarding matter that the School Register be completed accurately twice a day. Please phone the school office - absence line at Brockham - by 9.30am at the latest (before 9.00am for preference) to advise your child's absence on the first day they are away, and if the absence is of a longer duration, please make contact every couple of days to confirm its continuance.

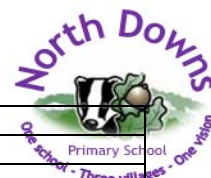
Yours sincerely

A.J. Ewing

Finally

Have a great weekend

Autumn Term 2014



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
Monday 8 th Dec	Reception Learning Journey class drop-in session 2.30-3pm
Wednesday 10 th Dec	Reception Learning Journey class drop-in session 8.45-9.15am
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 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

Monday Jan 5 th	INSET 3 of 5 - School closed to children
Tuesday 6 th Jan	Pupils return to school
Monday Jan 19 th	NDPS clubs begin
Tuesday Jan 20 th	Yr5/6 Ashcombe - Athletics - Sports Hall 2-4pm
Friday Jan 23 rd	Dragonflies Assembly
Friday Jan 30 th	5MS Assembly
Friday Feb 6 th	3M Assembly
Friday Feb 6 th	MUFTI for British Heart Foundation (wear something RED)
Friday Feb 6 th	Yr3/4 Key Steps Gym competition 9.30 - 12
Friday Feb 13 th	4HW Assembly
Friday Feb 13 th	Valentine's Disco: KS1 3.15 - 4pm / Years 3&4 4.15 - 5pm / Years 4&5 5.15 - 6.15pm
Monday Feb 23 rd	Swimming starts
Friday Feb 27 th	4MS Assembly
Thursday March 5 th	KS1 Bedtime Story 6pm to 7pm at all three sites
w/c Monday 2 nd March	Book Week
Friday March 6 th	3MB Assembly
Friday March 6 th	End of Book Week - dressing up as book character
Friday March 13 th	5S Assembly
Week of March 16 th	Last week of NDPS clubs
Friday March 20 th	6J Assembly
Friday March 20 th	FONDS Quiz Night 7.30pm
Friday March 20 th	Year 6 Pupil Reports go home
Tuesday March 24 th	Parent Consultations (pupils present) Brockham: 5 - 7.30pm Leigh and Betchworth: 3.30 - 6pm
Thurs March 26 th	Parent Consultations (pupils present) Brockham: 3.30 - 6pm Leigh and Betchworth: 5 - 7.30pm
Tuesday March 24 th	Gold Star Assembly - Betchworth 9.15am - by invitation
Thursday March 26 th	Gold Star Assembly - Leigh 9.15am - by invitation
Friday March 27 th	Gold Star Assembly - Brockham 9.15am - by invitation
Friday 27 th March	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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