



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We hope you have enjoyed watching your children's performances as much as they and we have enjoyed performing them for you. We have one photo - Caterpillars below - to share with you this week, and will have more to follow in our first newsletter next term. Parents of children in Years R to 2 may be interested in supplements being issued by The Surrey Advertiser and The Dorking Advertiser, featuring local schools' infant nativity performances. We have been informed that North Downs will be in The Surrey Advertiser edition published with this week's newspaper; and The Dorking Advertiser edition featuring North Downs will be the week after Christmas.

We wish you all a very

**Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year**



Autumn Term Sport at North Downs

During this autumn we have enjoyed various sporting activities...

Cross Country: in October and November, with two races in the Dorking Primary Schools Cross Country League. A team from Years 3 to 6 went to The Weald School to race; in all about 50 children entered, a wonderful turn out. We had great team results and are now 3rd in the team competition. There were some great individual performances too and team spirit was high, with lots of the children encouraging others and helping them to finish the race. Well done to everyone who took part; it was very challenging and you put in so much effort. Thanks to all those who have attended cross country club over the term; you have shown great commitment and put in lots of effort at training!

Year 6 Football Tournament: in October, when two teams of Year 6 boys went to St Martins School to participate in the annual Dorking Primary Schools Football Tournament. It was a wonderful tournament, with ten teams taking part. Our A Team got through to the final (after coming top in their group) against St Paul's and after full time the score was 0-0. After extra time the score was still 0-0 so it came down to the penalty shootout! It was very tense (I now know how all those English managers must have felt, I could hardly watch.) After several taken and missed penalties North Downs eventually won, which means we have qualified for the county finals. Well done to all the boys and thank you to the parents for their help and support.

Year 5 Football Tournament: in November two teams of Year 5 boys went to St Martin's School to take part in the annual Dorking Primary Schools Football Tournament. Again it was a great event to be a part of, with the boys in both teams playing very well; the A team reached the semi-final without losing a match. Well done to all the boys and again thank you to all the parents who came to support and help. I would also like to thank Mr Webber for organising and running the tournament.

Last but not least, many congratulations to Felix Vaughan who has recently been picked to run for Surrey. He is running a year above his age and has performed really well at events, coming 2nd in one of his races. Well done Felix!

Rona Sangster



Children from Year 5 were wonderful role models this week, when they came to support Reception classes in their learning and skills.

5MS teamed up with Ladybirds at Brockham and 5S teamed up with Caterpillars at Betchworth, to work together on a range of Christmas related activities.

Here are some of their joint craft results...

Other News

We would like to say a big "thank you" to Mr Brennan-Jesson for his very generous donation of a Raspberry Pi to North Downs. This will be of great use in our IT Suite and at Computer Club, and is very much appreciated.

Friends' Matters

Firstly, we hope all your children had fun at the discos yesterday.

Next, we have the amazing total raised at the Christmas Fair to tell you - **£2806.90!** Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way. If you were one of our lucky hamper winners, please remember to return the hamper basket to FONDS asap.

Finally, all that remains for us to say is have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year and we look forward to seeing you all next year....Kerri and Estelle.

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)

School Meals: next term, the cost of school meals for pupils in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) will be:

payment for the first half term (6th Jan - 13th Feb) **£60.90**

or

payment for the full Spring Term (6th Jan - 27th Mar) **£113.40** (excl. half term week)

As always, payment for school meals must be made in advance, ideally via your Tucasi/ScoPay account please. **Prior to payment**, please check your dinner money account balance. If in credit, deduct this amount from your total payment.

Notification of a meal change from school meals to packed lunches or vice versa should have been made in writing by Friday 19th December (please note this applies to all children - those in Years R to 2 receiving the Universal Free School Meal, as well as those in KS2). If you wish to change next term, a minimum of one week will be required (please hand a letter into your school office on the first day of term).

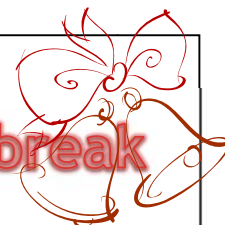
INSET Day 3 of 5: a final reminder that school is closed to children on Monday 5th January, for the 3rd of our 5 annual inset days. We will see you back in school on Tuesday 6th January 2015.

Yours sincerely

A.J. Ewing

Finally

Have a great Christmas break





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
<i>Tuesday 10th February</i>	<i>Safer Internet Day</i>
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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