



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

As you will be aware, over the last term we have been reviewing our Whole School Aims. We would like to thank all of the pupils, staff, parents and governors who contributed to this activity.

We are delighted to be able to share with you our new School Aims, which we believe underpin the values and ethos of our school.

## North Downs School Aims 2016

The Aims of our school are to ensure that:

- ❖ Our school is creative, exciting, positive and fun
- ❖ Our teachers help us to get where we need to be. They help us in ways we understand the most
- ❖ Although we are all different, everyone gets treated the same, no matter how we look or think
- ❖ We are encouraged to make good choices
- ❖ We care for each other



Around school...

Year 6 relaxed and made ceramic pots in the shade of a beautiful tree, whilst Year 2 had fun on their 'Pedals' training; and meanwhile.... Reception just enjoyed the sunny weather!

## REMINDERS AND DATES

**Headlice:** we've had a few reported cases of headlice in school since returning from the school holiday. Please could you check your child's head over the weekend and if lice or nits (the small white sacs) are found, please treat accordingly. Advice is available on the NHS website at <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>.

**Coats:** please continue to send your child to school with a coat or jacket daily, and do not let recent warm weather lull you into a sense of security (all too frequently false!). Thank you.

## OTHER NEWS



Help celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Goulburn Green, Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>. The theme is Crazy Crowns... wear a crown/tiara/some other regal headwear for the day! Tickets will be £4 adults / 16 and under FOC - and will include tea and delicious cake.

Tickets available from:  
The Dolphin Pub & Betchworth Post Office



A very proud Alfie (3MB) in receipt of his Chief Scout's Bronze Award from 22<sup>nd</sup> Dorking Beaver Scouts - the highest award achievable by a Beaver! Well done Alfie...

We are very pleased to welcome Suzie Reed to North Downs as our new Home-School Liaison Worker - if you see Suzie around, do say hello. Suzie takes over the role from Lynette Mallinson, to whom we take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you and to send our good wishes for the future.



**Maypole Day at Brockham:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May is this year's date for our traditional maypole & country dancing on Brockham Village Green. All the children will be spending the whole day at the Brockham site, with activities planned for the morning, ahead of the afternoon's dancing - and with family and friends invited to join us on the green from 1.30pm for this annual display. Fingers crossed for favourable weather!

On the day, Betchworth & Leigh parents are asked to take their child/children to Brockham for 9am, where they will be met in the School Hall by their teaching staff. School meals will be taken as normal, but all at Brockham. Please note that at the end of the dancing, all the children will return to the Brockham site and be dismissed to their parent's care from school premises as usual. To ensure their safety, no child will be allowed to leave from Brockham Green.

Children may wear their own smart clothing for the day (no strappy tops, bare midriffs etc. please).



### FRIENDS' MATTERS

A fantastic evening was had at The Great British Summer Ball.....thank you for your support and for buying raffle tickets and bidding in our Silent Auction.

This all contributed to a splendid total of over £4000, so we will be able to buy not just one, but two more touch screens for our children's benefit!

Next event **Leigh Charity Plant Sale:** Saturday 21st May, 2pm, Leigh Village Green.



**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

JWonglass

Finally

Have a great weekend...

## Summer Term 2016

w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 PGL
w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 SATs
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 visit to Bocketts Farm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> May	3M assembly
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Maypole - all pupils at Brockham
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET 4 of 5
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability (am Tue - Fri)
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R Caterpillars - parent visit to Leigh 7pm
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Beetles - parent visit to Brockham 7pm (also Year 3 Sept intake parents)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> June	6J assembly
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents' Meeting 7pm Brockham
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<i>EYFS/KS1 Sports Day</i>
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 visit to Hampton Court Palace
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> June	4MM assembly
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Butterflies assembly
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Last week of NDPS clubs
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Induction Day for all pupils
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Ladybirds assembly
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 educational visit to Brooklands
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Last week of swimming
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Freshwater Theatre Company 'Ancient Greek Adventure' Years 3-6 in school</i>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Dragonflies assembly
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> July	All school reports to go home
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Consultation (children optional) Leigh and Betchworth: 5 - 7.30pm Brockham: 3.30 - 6pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leigh Gold Stars 9.15am
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Consultation (children optional) Leigh and Betchworth: 3.30 - 6pm Brockham 5 - 7.30pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Brockham Gold Stars 9.15am
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of Term      Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET 5 of 5

### Term and Holiday Dates 2015/2016

....are available on the school website [www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)  
and on the Surrey County Council website [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

INSET DAYS: 1<sup>st</sup>) 02/09/2015; 2<sup>nd</sup>) 05/01/2016; 3<sup>rd</sup>) 22/02/2016; 4<sup>th</sup>) 06/06/2016; 5<sup>th</sup>) 22/07/2016

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