



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This is our penultimate newsletter of the academic year - not long 'til the summer holidays! As the final newsletter will be published on the last day of term, we take this opportunity to remind you that school finishes after lunch on Thursday 21st July, as Friday 22nd is our 5th INSET closure of the year. Meanwhile, we have two full weeks of fun and activities to enjoy.

Speaking of enjoyment, we are delighted to tell you that the North Downs after-school Art Clubs have entered their work on the theme of 'trees' in the Brockham Art Exhibition being held in Brockham Village Hall over the Victorian Fair weekend, 16th & 17th July. Do visit the exhibition and enjoy their work, which you will find on the stage. The exhibition is open Saturday 12noon to 4.30pm and Sunday 11am to 3pm.



Caterpillars spent a wonderful afternoon last week playing in the gardens of Betchworth House and enjoying a refreshing glass of squash after their labours! Our thanks to Corinna Hamilton for her invitation, much enjoyed as always.

REMINDERS AND DATES

SWIMSENSE Summer Crash Course - 25th to 29th July: classes from 3+ years catering for all abilities. All ND pupils plus younger siblings and friends welcome. Groups for non-swimmers, beginners, improvers and intermediates - a maximum of 6 in any group. Private lessons with Emma also available after group lessons. Children taught with the teacher in the water, two groups at a time. Normal pool rules apply and hats must be worn. Courses are for 3, 4 or full 5 days (specify when you book); fees are £7 per session, payable by the first lesson. Contact emma@emmamiller.demon.co.uk - bookings/timings TBC nearer the time.

Parent Consultations: lists are available to sign-up for an appointment to see your child's class teacher on Monday 18th or Tuesday 19th. Outside classrooms at Brockham and outside the office at Betchworth and Leigh.

School Payments: a few reminders when making school payments (lunches, items of clothing, trips etc.) please. Our preferred payment method is online payments using your child's account on Tucasi. If you have not yet registered for this, please ask at your school office for a registration code. Alternatively, payment by cheque payable to North Downs Primary is also accepted. **IMPORTANT - PAYMENTS MUST BE IN A NAMED & SEALED ENVELOPE BEFORE HANDING TO A MEMBER OF STAFF.** Finally, please be reminded that we are a cashless school (apart from mufti payments in support of a charity), so are unable to accept cash as a payment means.

OTHER NEWS

North Downs pupils (and families) shine again! On Sunday 26th June a group of Year 6 girls (see photo below), 1 boy, mums and siblings ran the 'Race for Life' Guildford. They did amazingly, most of them running the 5km in under 35mins! Together they have raised nearly £400 for Cancer Research UK. There is still time to donate if you are able - visit 'Justgiving.com' and search Brockham Belles'. Well done!

In partnership with The Leatherhead Theatre, **Dandelion Theatre Arts** are starting new drama and dance classes for children aged 4-11 on Saturday mornings from September. Ring or email for details or to book a trial: 01306 886243 / jennai@dandeliontheatrearts.co.uk.

FABB (**Family Activities for Betchworth and Buckland**) is organising some fun events for the summer holidays - leaflets are on school noticeboards with details of events and how to book.

Do you have a child with ASD? Are you considering a specialist school placement?: The Head Teachers at Linden Bridge School, West Hill School, Freemantles School and Pond Meadow School are keen for parent input to a survey about providing two new Autism specialist Free Schools for Surrey. Please complete the survey using the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P8XDNH5>



We are delighted to share the fantastic achievement of ex-pupil Nicholas Harris (pre-North Downs, but having attended both The Acorns Infant & Brockham Primary schools).

Nicholas (top left) has been selected to represent Great Britain in gymnastics at the European Games later this year. Well done Nicholas!



Caterpillars have been busy writing letters to post home this week - and since every letter needs a stamp, they walked to Betchworth Post Office to buy them!

FRIENDS' MATTERS

Thank you for all the returned **Sponsored Bounce** forms and money. What a fantastic job you all did - we raised just over £1200, which will be going towards more Touch Screens for the children.

Coming up in is the **Victorian Village Fair**. We are hosting a Sweet Stall at the Saturday afternoon fete, with Year 6 and their 'cow' Penny running a **LUCKY COW GAME**. Do come and see us from 12noon to 5pm on Brockham Village Green on **Saturday 16th July**.

We will also be at **Leigh Village Flower Show & Country Fair** on **Saturday 23rd July** in Leigh, with our Sweet stall and a bouncy castle. Please come and support us and join in the family fun.

We are launching a **Facebook page** to keep you all updated with school and FONDS events (only). It is a closed page, so 'friend request' us for acceptance on "Friends of North Downs School".

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

Have a great weekend.

Summer Term 2016

w/c 11 th July	Last week of swimming
Mon 11 th July	Freshwater Theatre Company 'Ancient Greek Adventure' Years 3-6 in school
Tues 12 th July	Bees assembly 9.15am
Thurs 14 th July	Reception trip to Goring
Thurs 14 th July	Beetles assembly 2.30pm
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
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Wed 20 th July	Brockham Gold Stars 9.15am
Wed 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 7pm-8.30pm
Thurs 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am
Thurs 21 st July	End or Term Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm
Thurs 21 st July	Year 6 leavers BBQ at Brockham Cricket Pavilion 3pm-6pm (<i>non-school event</i>)
Fri 22 nd July	INSET 5 of 5

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

Autumn Term 2016

Mon 5 th September	First Day of Term - INSET CLOSURE 1 of 5
Tues 6 th September	INSET 2 of 5
Wed 7 th September	Children return to school + all starters except Reception
Fri 9 th September	Reception Start Group 1 (9am-12noon)
Mon 12 th September	Reception Start Group 2 (9am-12noon)
Mon 12 th September	Meet the Teacher - Years 3 & 4
Tues 13 th September	Reception Start Group 3 (9am-12noon)
Tues 13 th September	Meet the Teacher - Years 1 & 2
Wed 14 th September	Meet the Teacher - Years 5 & 6
Mon 19 th September	School Clubs commence
Sun 25 th September	FONDS Teas on the Green
Fri 30 th September	FONDS Movie Night - all sites
Wed 12 th - Fri 14 th October	Year 4 Residential Trip - High Ashurst
Tues 18 th October	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thurs 20 th October	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Fri 21 st October	FONDS Autumn Disco
w/c Monday 24 th October	HALF TERM WEEK
Wed 2 nd November	OPEN MORNING - BROCKHAM
Thurs 3 rd November	OPEN MORNING - BETCHWORTH
Fri 18 th November	FONDS Quiz Night
Mon 28 th November	Last week of School Clubs
Fri 2 nd December	FONDS Christmas Fair
Fri 16 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Tues 20 th December	Gold Star Assembly at Leigh
Tues 20 th December	Carol Service, Christ Church Brockham 7pm
Wed 21 st December	Gold Star Assembly at Brockham
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