

Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Here we are at the end of another happy and successful year for North Downs and its pupils, parents, staff and friends. Thank you all for the part you have played in this and for the support you have shown in so many ways.

As always at this time of year, we say farewell and good luck to Year 6 as they move on to the next stage of their lives. This is a bittersweet moment for us, but we look forward to return visits in the future and hearing their news. We also say goodbye to children leaving us from other year groups - and wish them happy times at their new schools.

Meanwhile, we hope you all have an enjoyable and restful summer break.

Parents Focus Group

Thank you to the members of our Parents Focus Group who have given up their time to discuss matters such as Homework, Communication and End of Year Reports. Your help and input have been extremely valuable and greatly appreciated. If any other parents would like to join our group next term please do send an email to <a href="https://example.com/hemospheres/hemosph













As you can see, Caterpillars & Ladybirds had a wonderful seaside day at Goring-by-Sea last week (lots more photos on the website).

REMINDERS AND DATES

KS2 SCHOOL DINNER MONEY: we have been advised by Surrey Commercial Services that the cost of school meals will be increasing by 5p per day to £2.20 effective next academic year.

The first half term's payment will be -

Years 3, 5, 6 (and Year 4 pupils not on the High Ashurst residential visit): £72.60 Year 4 (on the High Ashurst residential visit): £66.00

Payment is due by the first day of term please, via your Tucasi account as our preferred payment option. Alternatively, a cheque payable to North Downs Primary School in a sealed/named envelope - as a cashless school please be aware that NO CASH payments can be accepted. Finally, do check your Tucasi account balance before paying and if in credit, deduct this from your total payment (or add if in debit).

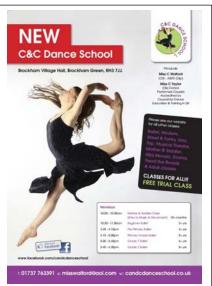
OTHER NEWS

We are delighted to share AJ's (3M) superb achievement with you. Following two years of monitoring in his local football team (Charlwood Village), AJ has been signed to Fulham FC (Category 1) Academy with a 3 year contract starting in Year 4, which will allow him to receive the highest level of football education during the remainder of his primary school life. He will experience playing with other children at Fulham and against children at other clubs such as Arsenal, Chelsea, Tottenham, Brighton and Southampton. Many congratulations AJ on your hard work and well-deserved success. (AJ is pictured below right with the Academy's director Huw Jennings.)









An assortment of community activities (above, left and below) that maybe of interest to you...

Meadowbank Playground in Dorking is nearing completion after a big makeover and is due to open on Friday 22nd July in time for the school holidays. It has been designed to ensure that it can be enjoyed by a range of ages and abilities. Highlights include: an in-ground trampoline; roundabout; sensory planting; sand and water play; musical orbs; a double zip wire; climbing net; box maze, climbing tower...the list goes on! There is to be a celebratory family fun day on Saturday 13th August from 10am-3pm at the recreation ground to mark the official opening. Come and enjoy the fun atmosphere and new play facilities, as well as a number of inclusive activities to try on the day - plus soft drinks, hot food and snacks.

Summer Tennis Camps at Dorking Tennis & Squash Club. Daily sessions for ages 4 to 18 from Thurs 21st July to Wed 31st August at a cost of £18 per session (£15 members). Enquiries to Brian Love 07712 557076 or Ali Prosser 07941 266155, or email brianlovetennisacademies@gmail.com.

FRIENDS' MATTERS

Thank you everyone for coming down and supporting us on Saturday at the Victorian Fair. It was lovely to have 'Penny C' the cow and so many year 6 helpers. We hope to see lots of you on Saturday 23rd at the Leigh Flower Show - bouncy castle, sweets, drinks etc. Thank you for your support during the year, without you we wouldn't be able to supply all the little extras we do. Have a great summer and see you next year! Love Team FONDS x

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

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Finally

Have a wonderful summer holiday!



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	Reception - all attend 9am-12noon
Wed 14 th September	Meet the Teacher - Years 5 & 6
Thurs 15 th September	Reception - all attend 9am-1pm
Fri 16 th September	Reception - all attend 9am-1pm
Mon 19 th September	Reception - all attend fulltime
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 12th - Fri 14th October	Year 4 Residential Trip - High Ashurst
Tues 18th October	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thurs 20 th October	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Fri 21st 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 21st December	Gold Star Assembly at Brockham
Wes 21 st December	End or Term Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm

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