



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

As we write, our new Reception children are coming to the end of their first full week and as you can see from the photographs below and overleaf, they have settled in beautifully and are right at home. We now look forward to seeing as many Year R parents as possible at their '**Meet the Teacher**' session on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> (2.30pm at your child's site).

During the past week, local newspapers (**Surrey Advertiser** and **Trinity Mirror for Dorking Advertiser**) have sent photographers into all the local schools to photograph the new reception classes for their annual 'Class of ....' supplements. This supplement will be published with a weekly edition of their respective newspapers shortly, so keep an eye out for Caterpillars and Ladybirds in the local press!



## REMINDERS AND DATES

**Unwanted Digital Cameras:** now that so many people use their phone instead of a camera to take photos, we are wondering if anyone might have a compact digital camera that they no longer use. A cheeky request, but if so, we would be pleased to offer it (them?) a good home! Please let your office know if you are able to help. Thank you.

**Harvest Assemblies:** Revd Carol Coslett will be holding Harvest Assemblies with the children next week at all our school sites. We would be very grateful for donations of tinned, packet and dried foodstuffs please for the school's harvest charity 'Welcare', a local organisation who provides assistance to families in time of need. Please ensure that your offering is well within its 'Best Before' date and please send it into school on the morning of your child's village site's assembly (see Diary Dates below). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Catering Assistant:** Surrey Commercial Services has a vacancy for a catering assistant at the Leigh Village site of North Downs. The position is 10 hours a week, Monday to Friday, term-time only at £8.25 an hour. Uniform and full training given. Apply via the Surrey County Council website 'Jobs', searching for Catering and selecting Catering Assistant - Surrey Wide. If you do not have internet access, or for further details before applying, please call Barbara on 07968 834313 or Louise on 07772 136836. Surrey Commercial Services are also recruiting for other schools as well as Bank staff. Please note that the successful candidate will need to provide details for a DBS search (previously CRB).

## OTHER NEWS

Reigate Grammar School invites you to an **Open Morning on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 9.30am-12pm**. There will be presentations at 9.40, 10.30 and 11.15 followed by personalised tours of the School. Reigate Grammar School Bursaries are available to enable gifted children to attend the school irrespective of family income. For further information and to book your place please visit [www.reigategrammar.org](http://www.reigategrammar.org) or tel. 01737 222231.

Box Hill School are holding an **Open Morning on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 10.15-12pm** and a **School at Work on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 10.45am-12pm**. For information or to pre-register, contact Edel Magee on (01372) 384240 or email [edel.magee@boxhillschool.com](mailto:edel.magee@boxhillschool.com).

Revd Carol Coslett invites everyone to the following events...

**All-Age Harvest Festival:** St Michael's, Betchworth on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10.30am**

**Harvest Messy Church:** Buckland Reading Room on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am-12.30pm** (for ages 3 to 12)

**Harvest Parish Communion:** St Mary's, Buckland on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am**, followed by a Harvest Lunch

A **Fundraising Disco** is being held in Brockham Village Hall on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm-11.30pm**, in aid of 'Rainbow Trust', 'LAM Action' and 'Free the Children'. Licenced bar and raffle prizes. Tickets £10, available from Mariola on 07500 391047 and Ella on 07766 147728.



Not everyone was sorry to see the recent rain....!



## FRIENDS' MATTERS

Welcome again to parents old and new, to the new school year at North Downs and to FONDS. We hope all the Reception children enjoyed their gingerbread man as much as Albert can be seen enjoying his, above right!

Having received our September events letter, you will see that September is a busy month for us, starting with ice lolly sales every Friday 3pm at Brockham and secondhand uniform sales the last Friday of the month 3pm at Brockham.

Teas on the Green are this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-5pm at Brockham Church Hall. This is also 'pole-up day', the start of building the Brockham Bonfire, so hopefully it will be a glorious one! There will be plenty of tea and cake, so please come along and bring family and friends to support us. If you can help, please let your FONDS rep know, it would be much appreciated.

Our AGM is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> at Brockham 7:30pm - everyone welcome, please join us.

Lastly, Movie Night, straight after school at Leigh and Brockham on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> ....and breathe!

You can keep up-to-date by 'friend requesting' on Facebook: Friends of North Downs School  
or via our email [fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk).

**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

See you at Teas on the Green



## Autumn Term 2016

Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> September	FONDS Teas on the Green
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Teacher - Year R (Reception) 2.30pm
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Assembly Betchworth (pupils only)
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Assembly Leigh (pupils only)
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Assembly Brockham (pupils only)
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> September	FONDS Movie Night - all sites
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Residential Trip - High Ashurst
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Class Assembly 9.10am - 50
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Teacher Consultations Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm. Brockham 5 - 7.30pm
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Teacher Consultations Brockham 3.30 - 6pm. Leigh / Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> October	FONDS Autumn Disco
w/c Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>HALF TERM WEEK</b>
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	OPEN MORNING - BROCKHAM
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	OPEN MORNING - BETCHWORTH
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Class Assembly 9.10am - Year 4 High Ashurst
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Class Assembly 9.10am - 3MB
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Class Assembly 9.10am - 6C
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> November	FONDS Quiz Night
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Last week of School Clubs
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	FONDS Christmas Fair
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Performance 1 at 1.30pm / Performance 2 at 6.30pm
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Performance 3 at 6.30pm
	Infant Christmas Performance dates and times TBC
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Assembly 9.10am - 6J
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service, Christ Church Brockham 7pm
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Gold Star Assembly at Leigh 9.15am (by invitation)
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Gold Star Assembly at Brockham 9.15am (by invitation)
Wes 21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Term      Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm

## Spring Term 2017

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>INSET Closure 3 of 5</b>
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>First Day of School - for pupils</b>
w/c Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> January	School Clubs commence
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> January	FONDS Movie Night
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Teacher Consultations Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm. Brockham 5 - 7.30pm
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Teacher Consultations Brockham 3.30 - 6pm. Leigh / Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> February	FONDS Valentine's Day Disco
Week 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School Swimming commences
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability Level 1 Year 5
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability Level 1 Year 5
w/c Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Last week of School Clubs
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> March	FONDS Movie Night
w/c Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bonnet competition week
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Gold Star Assembly at Leigh 9.15am (by invitation)
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Gold Star Assembly at Brockham 9.15am (by invitation)
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Term      Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm

### Term and Holiday Dates 2016/2017

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INSET DAYS: 1<sup>st</sup>) 05/09/2016; 2<sup>nd</sup>) 06/09/2016; 3<sup>rd</sup>) 03/01/2017; 4<sup>th</sup>) 26/05/2017; 5<sup>th</sup>) 21/07/2017

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