

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Next week sees our Year 4 off on their residential visit to High Ashurst. We hope they have an exciting and fulfilling trip and look forward to hearing tales of adventure and achievement on their return.

4BM and 4S also enjoyed a walk along the River Mole from Brockham to Betchworth and back this week, calling in to visit Caterpillars (Year R) on their way. Both year groups had a lovely time, each showing great pleasure in the others company. We will have some photographs of this happy visit to share with you in the next newsletter just before half-term.

Meanwhile, we have a very full newsletter for you this week - lovely photos, interesting news and some important reminders (below) for your attention please.



Caterpillars at their Harvest Assembly last week (*right*) with Revd. Canon Coslett. A big thank you to everyone who kindly donated foodstuffs for 'Welcare', our harvest charity. We have received their grateful thanks to pass on to you too.



Ladybirds (*above*) enjoyed picking blackberries and apples on the school field to make blackberry and apple crumble....and, as you can see, enjoyed eating it up with custard and ice cream even more!

As well as their Harvest Assemblies, the children have been engaged in related activities. Here is Bees' harvest art display at Leigh (*right*).



REMINDERS AND DATES

IMPORTANT - Absence Letters: we remind you that any unexpected absence should be reported to the school office by 9am on the first day of absence - and a signed, dated note should accompany your child's return, which is a DfE requirement, to be made available for the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) during their termly checks. In the event of sickness and/or diarrhoea, the school operates the NHS recommended 48 hour exclusion period: **a child may not return to school until there has been a clear 48 hours between their last bout of illness and their intended return to school.**

IMPORTANT - Data Collection Sheets: across the autumn term we will be running our annual DATA CHECK. A sheet will be sent home in paper copy for you to sign and return as your confirmation that details held for your child on the school database are up to date. (NB. Any changes may be made directly to this form before returning.) With over 400 pupils' data to check, form delivery to families will be staggered alphabetically, with the first batch (A-C) coming home today (in the case of siblings, with the eldest) and further batches coming home fortnightly. **Please look out for and return your form within 5 days of receipt, irrespective of changes or not.** Accompanying this form will be an Online Safety Consent Form. This too should be completed, signed and returned, with your Data Collection Sheet please.

IMPORTANT - School Payments: you are reminded that any cheque (or in exceptional circumstances cash) payment made to school, **MUST** be in a sealed and named envelope. Please do not ask staff/the office to accept loose cheques/cash.

Parent Consultation Evenings: appointment lists for our two Parents' Evenings will be available to sign from Monday 10th October. These lists will be outside the classrooms at Brockham and outside the office at Betchworth & Leigh.

OTHER NEWS

'Chatter Matters' Group: Is your child aged 2-3? Are you concerned about their communication development? Are you waiting for a speech therapy referral? Then come with your child to our **Chatter Matters** group in November. This **FREE** course runs for 5 weeks, 10th November to 8th December, 9.15am - 10.15am and consists of activities designed to encourage such things as interaction, listening and attention skills, eye contact, oral motor skills, building vocabulary and modelling skills to parents to encourage the child's communication development. Please contact Christine 01737 223621 or outreach@dover-green.surrey.sch.uk for further information and to book a place.

The Betchworth & Buckland Children's Nursery
are looking to recruit a **Qualified Level 3 Early Years Practitioner** for **January 2017**
This is a part time position for 3.5 hrs a morning for up to 5 sessions a week
Hourly Rate: £9.50/hr

Experience of working in an Early Years Setting and a Level 3 Qualification are essential
Email: bbc@btconnect.com or phone Mandy on 01737 843610 (a.m. only)

Brockham Bonfire Saturday November 5th: are you able to shake a tin at this year's bonfire to help raise money for village charities? (North Downs receives a share of this fundraising collection.) If you can help, please collect a tin from Lucy Woolley in the Brockham playground during the week commencing Monday 31st October. Thank you.

Surrey County Cricket Club 'Pride of Lions' Coaching Courses: begin 8th October for 10 weeks. These courses, available at venues around Surrey, are for Reception to Year 11. They form part of the Performance Player pathway. If you require further information about the courses, please contact Katie Baker on 0207 820 4190 or email kbaker@surreyccricket.com



We are happy to share these lovely photos of Miss Winslade's son, Samuel - who is 15 weeks today, having arrived earlier than expected! Samuel is gaining weight and doing well.



Well done to Anna 6J, who recently completed her first triathlon at Hever Castle with a 100m open-water lake swim, a 2.5 mile bike ride and a 1 mile run. Anna raised a fantastic £1,300 in sponsorship money for charity 'Toybox'!



FRIENDS' MATTERS

What a fabulous turn out for **Teas on the Green**. Thanks to all that came and drank tea and ate cake, but especially to everyone that baked and brought cakes and helped out on the day. We raised just over £900, including the after-school cake sales.

Our first **Movie Night** of the year was a roaring success - the children loved Zootropolis!

Now we are looking forward to our next event, the **Pumpkin Disco**, but please note a change of date to 31st October.

Finally, don't forget **Lolly Sales** every Friday after school at Brockham until half term.

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

Autumn Term 2016

Tues 11 th October	Reception 'Autumn Day' (ALL Year R to our Betchworth village site ALL DAY)
Wed 12 th - Fri 14 th October	Year 4 Residential Trip - High Ashurst
Fri 14 th October	Class Assembly 9.10am - 50
Tues 18 th October	Parent/Teacher Consultations Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm. Brockham 5 - 7.30pm
Thurs 20 th October	Parent/Teacher Consultations Brockham 3.30 - 6pm. Leigh / Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm
w/c Monday 24 th October	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon 31 st October	FONDS Autumn 'Pumpkin' Disco
Wed 2 nd November	OPEN MORNING - BROCKHAM
Thurs 3 rd November	OPEN MORNING - BETCHWORTH
Fri 4 th November	Class Assembly 9.10am - Year 4 High Ashurst
Fri 11 th November	Class Assembly 9.10am - 3MB
Fri 18 th November	Class Assembly 9.10am - 6C
Fri 18 th November	FONDS Quiz Night
Mon 28 th November	Last week of School Clubs
Fri 2 nd December	FONDS Christmas Fair
Wed 7 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance 1 at 1.30pm / Performance 2 at 6.30pm
Thurs 8 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance 3 at 6.30pm
	Infant Christmas Performance dates and times TBC
Fri 16 th December	Class Assembly 9.10am - 6J
Fri 16 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Mon 19 th December	Carol Service, Christ Church Brockham 7pm
Tues 20 th December	Gold Star Assembly at Leigh 9.15am (by invitation)
Wed 21 st December	Gold Star Assembly at Brockham 9.15am (by invitation)
Wed 21 st December	End or Term Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm

Spring Term 2017

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

Term and Holiday Dates 2016/2017

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

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