



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

It was lovely to see so many parents at our consultation evenings this week. Do remember that if you ever have something you would like to discuss with your child's class teacher at any other time, you are always welcome to make an appointment through the school office or with the teacher themselves after school.

Have a great half term holiday and see you back on Monday 31st for an action-packed run up to Christmas!



Caterpillars were delighted to have two 'group' visits to Betchworth Village site this half term. First were Year 4, as mentioned in our last newsletter, followed by Ladybirds joining Caterpillars for Reception's 'Autumn Day', for a day of varied fun activities themed around autumn. Both classes participated in a drama workshop during the afternoon, led by staff from theatre group 'Perform'.



REMINDERS AND DATES

School Parking: we write following calls from parents and school neighbours drawing attention to potentially dangerous parking. These have been about hazardous parking on pavements and on a sharp road bend at Leigh - often for prolonged periods at the end of the school day; about vehicles parking on the corner of the turning from The Street into The Walled Garden in Betchworth, obscuring lines of vision in both directions (please remember that The Walled Garden is a private road, with no parking available); and about pavements opposite the school site parked up on and zig-zag lines used for drop-off/pick up at Brockham - with additional complaints received that neighbours' drives have been impeded by inconsiderate parking. Our primary concern is for everyone's safety, which is compromised by such parking, as well as keeping inconvenience to our neighbours at a minimum. **Please help us by parking with care.**

Data Collection Sheets: data sheets are now being sent home with children on a staggered but regular basis. Please remember to check your child's book bag weekly and, once received, return it within 5 days to your school office. Surnames A to L have been released so far, which should all have been returned by 31st October, after the half term break please.

KS2 Dinner Money: next half term's cost will be: Years 3,4 & 6 £83.60 / Year 5 £81.40 (incl. deduction for day out at Wisley). Payment should be made online using your Tucasi account (via the link available on the school website). Please remember that payment is due in advance, so by Monday 31st October at the latest. Thank you.

Swimming Years 5 & 6: school lessons commence after half term. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £15 to help with costs please. Payment via your child's account on Tucasi please.

OTHER NEWS

Operation Christmas Child: Samaritan's Purse are once again running their Christmas project to send gift-filled shoe boxes to children who would not otherwise receive a seasonal gift. You can pick up a GO box (saves gift-wrapping your own) and a leaflet from Betchworth PO, and return your filled box to Reigate Community Centre or Holy Trinity Church, Redhill by 14th November. Thank you.

Denbies October Spooky Spectacular: from spooky train rides & spooky fairy stories to a fancy dress disco & birds of prey displays. See www.denbies.co.uk for details.

Bocketts Farm Wizards & Witches Week: invites you to have a Spooktacular day out. Spooky Quiz Trail, Wizard Magician Shows, Creepy Crafts, Reptile Roadshow & pumpkins for sale. See www.bockettsfarm.co.uk/explore for details.



What an achievement. The Boys' Football Team won the recent Dorking Schools Tournament by a clear margin - no less than 7 points! Well done to all involved; they showed great maturity in their approach to the games, as well as team spirit. Here are Oliver, Robbie, Jake, Charlie, Timothy, James, Sonny, Frankie & Henry celebrating.

North Downs entered teams of boys and girls from Years 3/4 and 5/6 in a recent Cross Country League meeting at The Weald. They performed with distinction, as teams and individually; especial mention for the boys' Year 5/6 team for their overall win and to Jarrod (5HM) and Ella (6J) on their 2nd places. We are so proud of all the children for representing NDPS so well.



Well done to Isabella and Holly (6J) who took part in a charity walk around Holmwood Common on a recent Saturday. The walk was part of the 'BBC Countryfile Ramble', raising money for Children in Need. They tell us that it was good fun, but they got very wet!



Further to our item in the last newsletter about a North Downs' pupil competing in a triathlon at Hever Castle (you'll remember the 100m open-water lake swim, 2.5 mile bike ride and 1 mile run!), we send our congratulations to Oscar (5HM), who also took part. Here he is topping up his energy levels after all that exertion! Well done Oscar.



The lunchtime Infant DT Club at Brockham has proved very popular. Here are some monsters designed and made recently. Sam's finds and eats metal, Stephanie's eats children (!) and Jessica's walks over to knock houses down.

FRIENDS' MATTERS

We promised you a quiet October and thankfully kept it that way! The next half term promises to be a busier one, but gradually! We ease you in with our **Pumpkin Party** on Monday 31st, always a fun event!

We have **Bonfire Tins** to distribute for those going to the fireworks display, please take one to shake and collect money on the night - available in the playground soon. We always receive a donation from the Bonfire so don't be shy!

Our popular fantastic **Quiz Night** is fast approaching - Friday 18th November. Start planning your team of 8 now, it's likely to be a sell-out event!!

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

Wishing everyone
an enjoyable and relaxing half term break

Autumn Term 2016

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
<i>Tues 13th December</i>	<i>Brockham Infants Christmas Performance at Brockham - more details to follow</i>
<i>Thurs 15th December</i>	<i>Betchworth & Leigh Infants Christmas Performance at Leigh - more details to follow</i>
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)
Wes 21 st December	End of 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 of Term Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm

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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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