

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

As this will be the last newsletter before we break up for Christmas, here are just a few notes regarding the final week and a half of term...

We look forward to our Infant classes' nativity performances at Brockham and Leigh, our school Carol Concert at Christ Church Brockham, the children's Christmas Lunch on all sites (also **Christmas Jumper Day** - see overleaf) and our Gold Star Assemblies at Brockham and Leigh - quite a packed schedule for seven and a half days!

'Post boxes' are available for children's Christmas cards. Please ensure the recipient's full name and class are written on the envelope, to avoid confusion for our postage elves!

Don't forget the last day of term on Wednesday 21st December is early closure after lunch and the first day of next term is an INSET closure, so children will return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

As this is our last opportunity in print, we send the best of season's greetings to you all and wish you a very enjoyable Christmas holiday.



Year 1 enjoyed their shared Elizabethan Curriculum Day at Leigh in November, with children - and staff - dressing up in some fabulous costumes for the event, ranging from commoner to royalty!

As well as having a lot of fun, this was a fantastic learning opportunity for Bees and Dragonflies and they engaged fully with the organised activities.

An added bonus was the time spent with their counterparts from another village site, seeing old friends and making new.

Caterpillars, eager to help Mrs Brockwell make some extra display areas for their work.

REMINDERS AND DATES

Breakfast & Moles Clubs at Brockham: will recommence Monday 9th January. A booking form for Moles went to all parents via the school's electronic mail in November. Please be aware that places are limited; if you wish to book a place for your child and have not yet done so, you should complete and return your form as soon as possible.

Early Birds Clubs at Betchworth & Leigh: will recommence Wednesday 4th January. At present there is no requirement to pre-book places at Early Birds, but you must complete and sign an application form prior to your child attending.

Christingle Candles: many thanks from Revd. Carol for returning Christingle Candles in time for the Christingle Assemblies. If you have not returned your child's candle, please do so by Friday 16th December, so that your donation may be passed on in time to benefit less fortunate children this Christmas. Thank you for your kind contributions to The Children's Society.

Primary School Applications: you are reminded that applications for a school place in Reception or Year 3 for September 2017 must be with Surrey County Council Admissions & Transport by the deadline **15th January 2017**. Applications received after the closing date will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. Details are available at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions. For help call Surrey Schools & Childcare Service 0300 200 1004.

OTHER NEWS

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 16th December is Save the Children's 'National Christmas Jumper Day'. This is also our children's Christmas Lunch and we have decided to hold a mufti day in support. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper in exchange for a donation to Save the Children. Please bring your donation on the morning for early banking.

Tree of Light Service: at Christ Church, Brockham Green on Sunday 11th December at 5pm. It will be an informal carol service remembering loved-ones and will support the work of St Catherine's Hospice locally. This is a nation-wide event, with Trees of Light all over the country remaining lit until Twelfth Night. All are welcome to attend.

Buckland & Betchworth Choral Society Christmas Concert: at St Michael's Church, Betchworth on Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm. You are invited to get Christmas off to a sparkling start with traditional carols and other festive music...plus a mince pie and glass of wine!

Children in Need & Poppy Appeal collections: thanks to your generous support we were able to send a splendid **£623.05** to Children in Need, following this year's mufti donations.

We have also been asked to pass on thanks from the **Royal British Legion** for your kind donations to the 'Poppy' boxes and purchase of related goods at all Village sites. Your support is much appreciated.



Caterpillars had a wonderful time investigating the effects of a freezing night on their outdoor classroom area.



Please join us in congratulating Charley 3MB, who was chosen to represent the Under 8's Chelsea Advanced Foundation Squad at the Chelsea Training Ground last Sunday. His team did very well, with Charley scoring a superb seven goals over the tournament!

St Michael's 'Alternative Christmas Tree Festival' was enjoyed by all who visited. Thank you to everyone who voted for ND ...see our splendid tree above.

FRIENDS' MATTERS

Waitrose 'Community Matters': we are pleased to let you know that Dorking Waitrose has made the Friends of North Downs one of their three local charities to support this month. Shoppers at Waitrose receive a green token at checkout to put into one of the three collection boxes available. If you are not given yours, please ask, as it is easy to forget at a busy checkout point. At the end of the collection period, £1000 is shared between these three charities, with the percentage of the share determined by the number of tokens each box has received. If you are shopping at Waitrose in Dorking, please be sure to collect your token and support North Downs! Thank you for your support.

A massive thank you to everyone who helped and supported us with our **Christmas Fair**; it was a great success and so lovely to see everyone enjoying the festivities.

The **Christmas Wreath Evening** went really well and the finished wreaths looked amazing.

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** from 'Team FONDS' xxxxx



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

JWonglass

Finally

Merry Christmas



Autumn Term 2016



Tues 13 th December	Brockham Infants Christmas Performance at Brockham 5pm
Wed 14 th December	Caterpillars to Leigh all day - rehearsal of Christmas production (details in school mailing)
Thurs 15 th December	Betchworth & Leigh Infants Christmas Performance at Leigh 5pm
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 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
Fri 13 th January	Class Assembly 9.10am - 6C
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	Class Assembly 9.10am - 6J
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

Summer Term 2017

Tues 18 th April	First Day of School
Mon 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
Tues 2 nd May	School Clubs commence
w/c Mon 8 th May	KS2 SATS
Thurs 25 th May	Maypole Day & Dancing (all at Brockham for the day)
Fri 26 th May	INSET Closure 4 of 5
Week 29 th May - 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Week 5 th -9 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Windmill Hill
Thurs 8 th June	Meetings for Year R Betchworth & Year 2 Leigh parents transferring to Leigh/Brockham Sept17
w/c Mon 12 th June	KS1 Phonics Assessment
Wed 14 th June	Induction Evening for new intake Reception parents 7.30pm Brockham
Tues 20 th June	KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 22 nd June	KS1 Sports Day
w/c Mon 3 rd July	Last week of School Clubs
Wed 12 th July	End of Year Pupil Reports
Thurs 13 th July	Parent/Teacher Consultations Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm. Brockham 5 - 7.30pm
Mon 17 th July	Parent/Teacher Consultations Brockham 3.30 - 6pm. Leigh / Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm
Tues 18 th July	Gold Star Assembly - Leigh (by invitation)
Wed 19 th July	Gold Star Assembly - Brockham (by invitation)
Wed 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
Thurs 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Thurs 20 th July	End or Term Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm
Fri 21 st July	INSET 5 of 5

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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