



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

'Happy New Year'

....and welcome back to North Downs' Spring Term 2017.

We hope you all had a relaxing and happy Christmas break; we have been very entertained in school this week by your children's tales of their holidays, which seem to have been much enjoyed.

As always, we have a busy term ahead, so please give your attention to our Diary Dates page which shows our Spring Term activities and events (including some added this week), as well as some advance Summer Term dates. Thank you.



Before Christmas becomes just a distant memory, we have this lovely photograph of our Betchworth & Leigh KS1 Nativity to share.

Caterpillars are straight back into the thick of things with enthusiasm on their first day of term...



REMINDERS AND DATES

Year 1 Brockham: please note that with immediate effect, there is a change to the collection process for Dragonflies at the end of the school day. Children are to be collected from the gate (already used for drop off in the morning), not their classroom door. This is a safeguarding measure, to ensure that the adventure playground equipment in the outdoor classroom is not used inappropriately or without school staff supervising North Downs pupils (who are the only children permitted to use this equipment). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in promoting child safety.

Save the Children & Tadworth Court Children's Trust: huge thanks to our generous parents for the magnificent sums raised for these charities. A superb £1,155 was collected at our Infant & Junior Christmas productions, plus donations on Christmas Jumper Day, for Save the Children; whilst over £300 was collected at our Junior Carol Service alone for the Children's Trust.

KS2 Dinner Money: this half-term's payment, due now for the period 4th January to 10th February, is **£61.60**.

Should you wish to pay for the full Spring Term, the cost for the second half of the term (20th February to 31st March) will be an additional **£66.00**.

Alternatively, the weekly cost is £11.00.

Payment/s should be made online using your Tucasi account (via the link available on the school website). Please check your account prior to payment as you may find there is a credit or overdue amount outstanding. All meals should be paid for in advance and any changes require a week's written notice.

School Payments ('by hand'): you are reminded that any cheque (or in exceptional circumstances cash) payment made at school, **MUST BE GIVEN TO STAFF IN A SEALED AND NAMED ENVELOPE**. Please do not ask staff/the office to accept loose cheques/cash. Thank you.

OTHER NEWS

The National Autistic Society Surrey Resource Centre are running workshops for parents, which must be booked (£3 per person). Send an email/call to request a booking form on SEResourcecentres@nas.org.uk / 01483 521744.

'Understanding Challenging Behaviours' 11th January 10am-12.30pm at The Point, Mayflower, Lyons Court, Dorking
'Introduction to Autism' 20th January 11.30am-2pm Linden House, Woodside Park, Catteshall Lane, Godalming

'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. This FREE course runs for 5 weeks on Thursdays, 23rd February to 23rd March, 9.15am to 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.

Betchworth & Buckland Tiny Tots Toddler Group: Tuesdays 10am-12pm from 10th January to 4th April in The Reading Room, Buckland. There is a different craft activity every week, a baby corner, a ride on area, some yummy, healthy snacks and sessions finish with a story and songs. All are welcome. Contact Debbie Jones with queries on 01737 841005 or 07701 347351.

The Children's Society: has asked us to pass on their appreciation for the £379.44 donated by North Downs pupils, collected in the Christingle 'candles' which you returned before Christmas. They say "*On behalf of the Children's Society, please pass on to the children at North Downs Primary in all bases and their parents, a massive Thank You for such a generous donation to help in the support of children and young people who are facing challenging times.*" If you still have your candle at home, the Society would be grateful for its return as soon as possible please.



'Mud Kitchen' equipment is also excellent for drumming, as Caterpillars discovered this week...



FRIENDS' MATTERS

Happy New Year to everyone, we hope you've had a great Christmas and are ready for a new year with FONDS.

We are delighted to report that the Christmas Fair raised over £3,000, which is an amazing amount and wouldn't be possible without the support of parents, helpers, children and friends, so a massive thank you to everyone who helped.

FONDS Movie Night is coming up on Friday 27th January, further details shortly.

Unfortunately, we have to postpone the Valentine's Disco (intended to be Friday 10th February), so please keep an eye out for the new date soon.

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 lovely weekend

Spring Term 2017

Fri 13 th January	Class Assembly 9.10am - 6C
w/c Mon 16 th January	School Clubs commence
Fri 20 th January	Class Assembly 9.10am - 5HM
Fri 27 th January	Class Assembly 9.10am - Butterflies
Fri 27 th January	FONDS Movie Night
Fri 3 rd February	Class Assembly 9.10am - 3T
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 10th February	FONDS Valentine's Day Disco postponed - revised date TBA
Week 13 th -17 th February	HALF TERM
Mon 20 th February	School Swimming commences
Fri 3 rd March	Class Assembly 9.10am - Dragonflies
Mon 6 th March	Bikeability Level 1 Year 5
Tues 7 th March	Bikeability Level 1 Year 5
Fri 10 th March	Class Assembly 9.10am - 5O
Thurs 16 th March	Junior Citizen (child safety event) for Year 6 - details to follow
Fri 17 th March	Class Assembly 9.10am - 3MB
w/c Mon 20 th March	Last week of School Clubs
Fri 24 th March	Class Assembly 9.10am - Ladybirds
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
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th June	Bikeability Level 2 Year 6
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
Mon 10 th July	Pedals for Year 2 (Brockham & Leigh)
Tues 11 th July	Pedals for Year 2 (Brockham & Leigh)
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

...are available on Surrey County Council website www.surreycc.gov.uk
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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