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# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Following on from the tragic death of one of our pupils last week, I wanted to pass on my thanks, on behalf of all the staff, for your kindness. This has been such a sad and difficult time for us all and we have taken great strength from your support.

On Thursday last week, we held special assemblies for the children and then pupils at Leigh took the time to talk and reflect, making memory books. Several children have also placed flowers beneath the oak tree in the playground at Leigh, but we are already thinking about something more permanent there. Suggestions include creating a garden with a specially made bench and I am very grateful to the parents who are helping to liaise with our wider parent community, as we finalise our plans. In the meantime we have decided to hold a mufti day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, across all three sites. The theme will be the colour blue or Spiderman. All donations will go towards the bench at Leigh.

I will write to you again soon with further information and details, and thank you once again for your support towards us and each other.



Caterpillars celebrated Chinese New Year in style last week. They performed their own Lion Dances, tried their hands at writing Chinese characters, and then prepared and tasted a vegetable stir fry.

## REMINDERS AND DATES

### Have you booked your appointment for next week's Parent Consultations?

Lists are available outside classrooms at Brockham and the offices at Betchworth and Leigh. Please be reminded that the timings for all 3 sites are 5pm to 7.30pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & 3.30pm to 6pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Dorking Rotary Club Swimarathon: Calling all swimmers!** The Dorking Rotary Club Swimarathon is to be held at Dorking Sports Centre on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 11am to 12 noon. Mrs Ottaway needs a team of 12 swimmers to take part. This is a sponsored event and will help us raise money for new equipment for playtime. If you are interested in representing the school at this event please see Mrs Ottaway. Thank you.

**Swimsense Half Term Crash Course:** at North Downs Brockham site pool. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Beginners through to Improvers 09.30-10.30. Contact Emma Miller directly for places on this course at [emiller5253@gmail.com](mailto:emiller5253@gmail.com).

## OTHER NEWS

**Nick Torpey 'Just Soccer' Half Term Course:** on Brockham Big Field. 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> February, 10am to 3pm. Cost: 1 Day £25; 2 Days £45; 3 Days £65. The course includes developmental coaching sessions for all abilities. For more details or to book, visit [www.nicktorpeyjustsoccer.com](http://www.nicktorpeyjustsoccer.com) or contact Nick at [nicktorpeyjs@gmail.com](mailto:nicktorpeyjs@gmail.com) or on 07734 721572.

**Family Service:** you are invited to an all-age family service at St Michael's Church Betchworth on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am. All welcome. Also to 'Messy Cathedral' at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 11am-1pm.

**Gatton Park Half Term Activities:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - 'Tracks and Signs' (4 - 7 years). Find out more about animal footprints and poo! Crafts, activities and trails. 10 - 12noon or 1pm - 3pm, cost £7.50 per child. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - 'Toddler Trails and Tales' (2 - 4 years). Enjoy the story of Going on a Bear Hunt and go for a walk around the park to bring it to life. 10 - 11.30am or 1.30 - 3pm, cost £7.50 per child. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - 'Toddler Trails and Tales' (2 - 4 years), details as 15<sup>th</sup>. All events are bookable online at [www.gattonpark.com](http://www.gattonpark.com). Would you like to receive mailings about Gatton Park events and activities? Send your email address for information on adult or children's courses, or both, via the website.

**Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club Half Term Camps:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30-12/Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 11-1.30/Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30-12. £13 members/£15 non-members. Email [dorkingtennis@gmail.com](mailto:dorkingtennis@gmail.com) or phone 07712 557076 to book a place.

**Brockham Green Nursery Quiz Night:** is being held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February in the North Downs Brockham site School Hall at 8pm. Spaces are available, so please email Amanda at [brockhamnurseryfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:brockhamnurseryfundraising@gmail.com) to book your place. Tickets £10 to include chilli. BYO drinks.



North Downs' Year 6 Team, photographed (above) at last week's football finals.

If you are in need of a team of reliable builders, we know some very creative ones... (left)

## FRIENDS' MATTERS

Not too much to report this time, January is always rather quiet - thank goodness we hear you say.

Our next Meeting is on the Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at The Plough, Leigh at 7.45pm and it would be great to see you there if you can make it.

The next event is Movie Night on the Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, more details to follow.

Meanwhile, enjoy the peace and quiet! Team FONDS xx

If you wish to contact FONDS directly, please use the following email address - [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

Finally

Don't forget, we break up for the half term holiday next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February and return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Have a good break.

### Spring Term 2017

Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Teacher Consultations <i>Leigh / Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm Brockham 5 - 7.30pm</i>
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Teacher Consultations <i>Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm Brockham 3.30 - 6pm</i>
<i>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Mufti Day on the theme the colour blue or Spiderman</i>
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Class Assembly 9.10am - 6J
Week 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School Swimming commences
w/c Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>BOOK WEEK - details to follow</i>
<i>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March</i>	<i>Book Character dressing-up day</i>
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Class Assembly 9.10am - Dragonflies
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability Level 1 Year 5
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability Level 1 Year 5
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Assembly 9.10am - 50
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Junior Citizen (child safety event) for Year 6 - details to follow
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Assembly 9.10am - 3MB
w/c Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Last week of School Clubs
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Assembly 9.10am - Ladybirds
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	<b>End or Term      Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm</b>

### Summer Term 2017

Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>First Day of School</b>
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> April	FONDS Quiz Night
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>May Day Bank Holiday - school closed</b>
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Clubs commence
w/c Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Maypole Day & Dancing (all at Brockham for the day)
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>INSET Closure 4 of 5</b>
Week 29 <sup>th</sup> May - 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Week 5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Windmill Hill
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Meetings for Year R Betchworth & Year 2 Leigh parents transferring to Leigh/Brockham Sept17
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> June	FONDS Summer Ball
w/c Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Phonics Assessment
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability Level 2 Year 6
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Induction Evening for new intake Reception parents 7.30pm Brockham
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	KS1 Sports Day
w/c Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last week of School Clubs
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Pedals for Year 2 (Brockham & Leigh)
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Pedals for Year 2 (Brockham & Leigh)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Pupil Reports
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent/Teacher Consultations <i>Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm. Brockham 5 - 7.30pm</i>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent/Teacher Consultations <i>Brockham 3.30 - 6pm. Leigh / Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm</i>
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Gold Star Assembly - Leigh (by invitation)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Gold Star Assembly - Brockham (by invitation)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>End or Term      Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm</b>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>INSET 5 of 5</b>

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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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