



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

As always, there have been a variety of activities and events during the Spring Term to which parents have been invited or which have required parent participation in some way. These are planned to enrich your children's educational experience, as well as providing opportunities for you to be more actively involved with your children's 'school lives'. The children have clearly benefitted from and enjoyed our spring term events, and we hope you have too.

Just to remind you that notice of our school event dates is given (and updated) on the fortnightly Newsletter's 'Diary Dates' page. A link for the Newsletter is sent to your nominated email address with each issue - [NDPS Newsletter page](#); and a paper copy of the most recent edition is available to read on the noticeboard at each village site. These dates are also available on the school's website calendar - [NDPS School Calendar page](#).

Should there be supplementary details closer to a particular event, we will feature a specific newsletter item or send an individual electronic mailing to provide this additional information.

We hope you continue to participate in and enjoy everything on offer at North Downs and look forward to seeing you at future events.



Our recent popular and eventful 'Pen & Page' Week culminated in a fun Book Character Dressing-Up Day.

It was great that everyone embraced the idea with such enthusiasm...staff too, as you can see!

Thank you for all the brilliant costumes, with an especial 'well done' going to some incredibly imaginative home designed and made ensembles.



## REMINDERS AND DATES

**Early Birds, Breakfast & Moles Clubs:** please be advised that these clubs will all resume on the first day of the summer term, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure you have completed the necessary application forms and made payment via your Tucasi account in advance.

**School Payments:** an important reminder that any cheque or cash payment, other than a mufti/charity donation, being handed into school must be in a sealed and named envelope. Please do not ask teaching or office staff to accept 'loose' payments. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Year 6 Leavers:** with the weather improving Year 6 will be selling ice lollies after school at Brockham on Fridays. Proceeds from the sale of the lollies will go towards the children's Leavers Book, so please keep this in mind when buying yours!

**KS2 Choir** (reminder for members' parents): tickets for **Dorking Halls Music Festival** are on sale from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at a cost of £7.50 each - from the Box Office (01306 881717 or in person) or online (*PLEASE NOTE - quote the code "Surrey" to confirm eligibility*). Two tickets per performing child are available for sale until 8<sup>th</sup> April, after which tickets are sold on a first come first served basis. You are advised to purchase tickets as early as possible as the event is always sold out!

## OTHER NEWS

**Mothering Sunday Services:** on 26<sup>th</sup> March. At St Mary's, Buckland at 9.30am, with posies for all mothers. Also at St Michael's, Betchworth at 11.30am, with posy making in the Hamilton Room at 10am. All welcome.

**Brockham Green Nursery Easter Egg Hunt:** on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March between 2pm-4pm, on the Eco Field at North Downs Brockham Village site. Tickets are £3 each and will be on sale at ND Brockham site next week.

**Nick Torpey 'Just Soccer':** is running **Development Courses** on Brockham Big Field during the Easter holiday. **DEV1** is on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> April 10am to 3pm / **DEV2** is on 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> April 10am to 3pm. Cost: 1 Day £25; 2 Days £45; 3 Days £65. The courses include 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.

**Good Friday Walkabout Service & Treasure Hunt:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's, Buckland 10.30am. Followed by Easter garden making, egg marbling and other crafts in the Buckland Reading Room until 1pm. All ages welcome.

**Easter Sunday Services & Blessing of the Easter Gardens:** on 16<sup>th</sup> April. 9.30am at St Mary's, Buckland and 11.30am at St Michael's, Betchworth. There will be a small Easter Egg for each child as they leave either service.



Caterpillars have really looked forward to and enjoyed their weekly P.E. lessons with Mr Webber this term



Surrey Schools Cross Country took place last Saturday, with two races in each year group and about 70 competitors in each race from schools all over Surrey. Well done to Jarrod 9<sup>th</sup>, Evan 5<sup>th</sup>, Oscar 36<sup>th</sup> and Evie 34<sup>th</sup> in their respective races!

Congratulations to our two teams from Years 3-6 who took part in the Swimarathon, with over 100 laps between them - well done! If you would like to sponsor them, they will be collecting after school today and next week please.

## FRIENDS' MATTERS

Be sure to return your Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 'Movie Night' booking form as soon as possible, As always help is needed to run this event, so if you are able to volunteer please add your name on the form in the relevant place.

Plans for the **Plant Sale** are coming along nicely. **Kingfisher Farm Shop, Abinger Hammer** is kindly donating enough compost for every class to be able to plant seed and bulbs, which is great news, a huge thank you to them.

Finally, our next **Secondhand Uniform Sale** is on the **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** at the Brockham site, from 2.45pm.

Enjoy your weekend, Team FONDS

**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

Have a lovely weekend...



### Spring Term 2017

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	End or Term      Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm

### Summer Term 2017

Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of School
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Dorking Halls Music Festival 7pm
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> April	FONDS Quiz Night
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
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	INSET Closure 4 of 5
Week 29 <sup>th</sup> May - 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM
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 Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm. Brockham 5 - 7.30pm
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent/Teacher Consultations Brockham 3.30 - 6pm. Leigh / Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm
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	End or Term      Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET 5 of 5

#### Term and Holiday Dates 2016/2017

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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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