



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Easter has come around with surprising speed, but it has been a most enjoyable term with lots of activities and events to enliven and complement the children's learning. Not least was North Downs involvement with and success in various sporting events. We include a round-up and photographs for you to enjoy.

Cross Country: over the year there have been four cross country races in the Dorking Primary Schools League. We had some fabulous performances in all races, which has reflected in the end results, with awards for individuals as well as teams. *Team events:* Year 3/4 Boys - 3rd, Year 3/4 Girls - 7th, Year 3/4 Team - 4th; Year 5/6 Girls - 2nd, Year 5/6 Boys - 1st, Year 5/6 Team - 1st. *Individual events:* Year 3/4 Boys - Luke Smyth 3rd; Year 5/6 Boys - Jarrod O Keefe 1st. Lots of our children finished in the top ten in their races, so well done everyone.

Year 5/6 Netball: Dorking Primary Schools District Netball tournaments took place during March. Due to the high number of children who attend netball club we were able to enter 2 teams in both tournaments. The first was Year 6 and both teams played brilliantly, with 'A' team winning their matches by quite a long way. They were just beaten by St Martins 4-3 in the final - a very tense and exciting competition. Then the Year 5 tournament, which was full of anticipation as it was the first time the girls had played matches against other teams. They were such a credit to the school, with the 'A' team finishing in 3rd place. Congratulations to Katie Johnson who received the award for scoring the most goals in the tournament - she got a magnificent 17! Well done to all the girls.

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby: again we were fortunate to enter two teams in the Dorking Primary Schools District Tag Rugby Tournament. Due to the high level of skill in Year 6, our 'A' team won the competition - winning 4 games and drawing 1 - and our 'B' team finished 3rd overall. Officials and parents at the competition commented on the excellent team work from both teams, evident with some outstanding individual and team tries being scored. It was an all-round great day. Well done to everyone involved.

A few photos below to enjoy, with more to follow in the next newsletter...



REMINDERS AND DATES

School Uniform: we draw your attention to the fact that trainers are not permitted to be worn instead of school shoes. If you are thinking of buying new shoes over the Easter holiday, please be reminded that the school's Uniform Policy states, "Black shoes (not trainers); please try and avoid laces unless your child is proficient at tying them! Shoes should be sensible shoes, heels are not encouraged, nor are ballet style shoes, boots or open toe sandals."

Welcome to our School Allotment!

'Surrey Healthy Schools' is a joint project between the Education and Health Services and is an opportunity to promote the health and well-being of whole school communities, supporting the links between health, behaviour and achievement. With this in view, North Downs has been fortunate to be allocated an allotment near our Brockham site - and we are very grateful too for the offer of financial assistance from Brockham Horticultural Society and Betchworth Parish Council which will allow us to purchase some necessary items to garden the allotment.

Our aim is to give the children, at all our sites, an opportunity to grow vegetables and fruit. They will visit the allotment, assist with planting, caring and harvesting etc. and will then plan and prepare healthy meals with the produce.

We would like to involve parents/carers too. We need your help with initially preparing the allotment for planting please - then on-going assistance with planting, watering and harvesting, as well as help with administrative tasks.

If you are interested in being part of this exciting development, please email mrenagle@hotmail.com or leave your name and contact details with the school office.

Finally, we are seeking donations of gardening tools for the children please (hoes, trowels, forks etc.). If you have anything you could spare, there will be a collection box outside the Brockham office. Thank you - and Happy Easter!

Mrs Christina Papworth (Healthy Eating Project Co-ordinator) & Mrs Mary Rode (Governor for Healthy Eating)

OTHER NEWS

Dorkers Easter Egg Hunt 2017: Friends of Dorking invite children to join a FREE Easter Egg Hunt throughout the Town from 1st to 18th April. Entry forms available from 30th March. To find out which shops are participating and to download an entry form visit www.friendsofdorking.org. For more information see website or email: info@friendsofdorking.org.

Betchworth & Buckland Family Activities: are holding an **Easter Egg Hunt** with crafts and games on 5th April 10.15am - 12noon for accompanied 2-8yrs. Meet at The Hamilton Room, Betchworth. Contact Catriona Dawes to book (and check weather on the day!) - 07710 498591 / catdawes@aol.com.

The Deepdene Trail's Easter Egg Adventure: on The Deepdene Trail, Dorking from 14th to 17th April. Can you crack Coady the lion's code and pick up your chocolate prize from Dorking Halls? Those ready to take the challenge can download the quiz sheet from www.deepdenetrail.co.uk or pick a sheet up at The Trail's entrance (bring a pencil). If you haven't visited The Deepdene Trail yet then please do, it is open every day and free to enter.

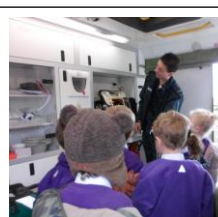
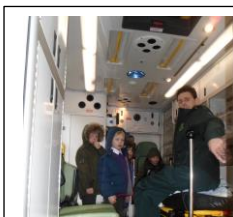
Denbies Wine Estate Easter Events: various dates 3rd to 17th April. Activities include Birds of Prey Displays, Creepy Crawlies Roadshow, Train Ride & Storytelling, Vintage Horse & Carriage Rides, Punch & Judy and Easter Chocolate Fun. Information & booking www.denbies.co.uk, 01306 876616.

Dandelion Theatre Arts: you are invited to join an **Easter Workshop 'The BFG'** from 3rd to 7th April 9.30am to 3pm at Leatherhead Theatre. 7-11yrs (all week £150); 4-7yrs Thurs/Fri £60). Ends with a show for family and friends. More information: jennai@dandeliontheatrearts.co.uk; 01306 886243; text 07785 974870.

Reigate Grammar School Easter Activities: Cookery Camp - 3rd or 4th April 10am-3pm for 10-15yrs, £40. More information email elb@reigategrammar.org. **Cricket Camp** - 3rd to 5th April 10am-3pm for 7-14yrs, £35 one day/£100 three days. Book on-line www.reigategrammar.org/school-life/sport/sport-camps/cricket-camp-registration/. **EVO Hockey** - 10th to 12th April for 6-17yrs. Information and book at: www.evo-hockey.com. **Netball Camps** - Years 3 & 4 12th April 10am-4pm, £42. Years 5 & 6 13th April 10am-4pm, £42. More information email info@surreystormnetball.co.uk; to book www.reigategrammar.org/school-life/sport/sport-camps/.

Reigate Lawn Tennis Club Open Day: Saturday 22nd April 11am-4pm. RLTC invites you to be their guest for the day. Try some coaching or knockabout with the coaches, meet the members and enjoy the free BBQ at RLTC, Manor Road, Reigate, RH2 9LA. Contact: www.reigateltc.org.uk.

Mountain Bike Skills Sessions: for Year 5 & 6, all abilities, on 12th, 13th, 19th & 20th April. £25 per half-day session. Limited places, must be pre-booked - info@surreyhillsbikes.com / 01306 713724 / 07748 641174.



Reception has really enjoyed their 'Transport' topic this half term. They've had visits from vehicles old and new - thanks to everyone who brought something into school for them to see and in some cases explore! Here are Caterpillars getting 'hands on' with an ambulance.



Please join us in congratulating Connor (4S) on achieving his Black Belt in Choi Kwang Do earlier this month - a splendid achievement for a nine year old! Well done Connor.



FRIENDS' MATTERS

The order form for our next Quiz Night, on Friday 5th May, was sent via Tucasi on Wednesday - so start gathering your friends for a team and get your booking in quickly!

Meanwhile, well done to all the participants of yesterday's Easter Bonnet Parade.

We hope the children all enjoyed their Easter Eggs from FONDS and would like to wish you a Happy Easter and see you all next term.

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

Happy Easter



Summer Term 2017

Tues 18 th April	First Day of School	
Mon 24 th April	Dorking Halls Music Festival 7pm	
Fri 28 th April	Class Assembly 4BM	
Fri 28 th April	FONDS Quiz Night	
Mon 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed	
Tues 2 nd May	School Clubs commence	
Fri 5 th May	Class Assembly 5HM	
w/c Mon 8 th May	KS2 SATS	
Fri 12 th May	Class Assembly 4S	
Fri 19 th May	Class Assembly 3T	
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	
Sat 10 th June	FONDS Summer Ball	
w/c Mon 12 th June	KS1 Phonics Assessment	
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th June	Bikeability Level 2 Year 6	
Fri 16 th June	Class Assembly Butterflies	
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	
Fri 23 rd June	Class Assembly 6C	
Fri 30 th June	Class Assembly Dragonflies	
w/c Mon 3 rd July	Last week of School Clubs	
Fri 7 th July	Class Assembly Ladybirds	
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	
Fri 14 th July	Class Assembly 6J	
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 of 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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