



Newsletter

Term: SUMMER 2017

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Welcome back to the summer term at North Downs. We ask that you give your attention to our Diary Dates page in this issue and remind you to check future newsletters for added or revised events as this will be yet another very busy few weeks (13, but who's counting?!).

On the subject of Diary Dates, a quick reminder that before the next newsletter we have a long-weekend to enjoy, with school closed on Monday 1st May for the May Day Bank Holiday.



As promised last term, here are some more photographs of our pupils participating in local schools' sporting events. Congratulations to everyone who took part and represented North Downs so splendidly, we are very proud of you all.



REMINDERS AND DATES

North Downs Maypole Day

Some advance details of this popular annual event...

Thursday 25th May is this year's date for our traditional maypole & country dancing on Brockham Village Green.

All the children will be spending the whole day at the Brockham site, with activities planned for the morning, ahead of the afternoon's dancing - and with family and friends invited to join us on the Green from 1.30pm for the children's display. Fingers crossed for favourable weather!

On the day, Betchworth & Leigh parents are asked to take their children to Brockham for 9am, where they will be met in the School Hall by their teaching staff. School meals will be taken as normal, but all at Brockham.

At the end of the dancing, all the children will return to the Brockham site and be dismissed to their parent's care from school premises as usual. To ensure their safety, no child will be allowed to leave from Brockham Green.

School will be closed on Friday 26th May for Inset closure 4 of 5.

OTHER NEWS

Surrey Arts is inviting all young musicians to try out some of the local ensembles at an **Open Evening on Wednesday 26th April**:

5.15-6.30pm South West Winds - woodwind, brass and percussion (beginner to Grade 4); Prima - strings (beginner to Grade 2); Opus - strings (Grades 2 to 4)

6.45-8.45pm South West Surrey Youth Orchestra - strings, woodwind, brass and percussion (Grade 5+)

Expert tutors will be on hand to help, just take along your instrument. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings at Tillingbourne School and the first term is free. For more information, please contact Alison Harding - alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk.

Betchworth & Buckland Children's Nursery Open Morning & Nearly New Sale: Saturday 13th May 10am-12pm. Places available for children 2½ to 5 years. Come and see the nursery, enjoy tea and cake, get some great bargains - and try your hand at making a clay model with the help of a local professional sculptor! For more information phone 01737 843610 or email bbc@btconnect.com.

The Little Welly Goes Wild!: The UK's biggest obstacle course for children is back at Norbury Park on **Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th May** - and this year it's bigger, better and muddier than before!

If your children like being outside and active whilst having fun, we are told they will love this event, the highlight of which is a 3km course over 30 obstacles. They have a whole host of other fun activities happening and all details are on their website at www.thelittlewelly.co.uk.

The British Heart Foundation is running a free 'Heartstart' session to learn how to use a defibrillator, on **Thursday 18th May** at 7.30pm in the Hamilton Room, Betchworth. Betchworth now has two defibrillators available for public use in case of an emergency - one located at the Village Hall, the other at the entrance to Woodstock Farm on Gadbrook Road. Please email clerk@betchworth-pc.gov.uk or phone 07858 617253 if you would like to book a place.



Please join us in saying a huge "well done" to Sylvie (Bees). Sylvie and her mother completed a Swimathon Challenge for Marie Curie Cancer Care during the Easter break, swimming as a team to complete 5k (200 lengths), with Sylvie achieving a fantastic 34 lengths! The family has asked us to pass on thanks to everyone at ND for their support and donations, helping them raise a wonderful £555 for this worthy cause.



FRIENDS' MATTERS

We hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved Easter break and are fully charged and ready for our **Quiz Night on Friday 5th May**. If you have not yet done so, please fill in the booking form (sent again on parent email Wednesday 20th) and put it in the FONDS postbox at Brockham or hand it to the school office at Betchworth or Leigh. Get your booking in quickly, as this is a really popular evening!

We are always looking for new parents to become involved with Team FONDS, so if you would like to know more, drop us an email (fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk) or keep an eye out for our next meeting date.

Meanwhile, enjoy the photograph of our Brockham 'Easter Bonnet' winners from the end of last term (above left)!

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

Enjoy the weekend...



Summer Term 2017

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
Thurs 29 th June	Class Assembly Bees
Fri 30 th June	Class Assembly Dragonflies
w/c Mon 3 rd July	Last week of School Clubs
Thurs 6 th July	Class Assembly Beetles
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

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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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