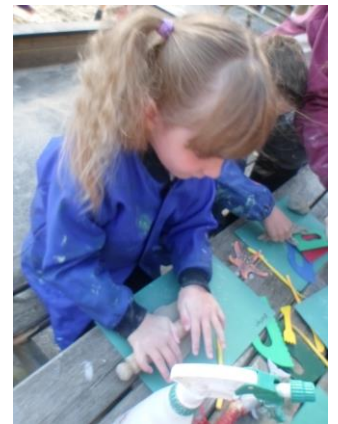


## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Please join us in sending best wishes to Year 6, who will be engaged in SATS next week.

Meanwhile, groups of children are to be seen practising dance steps in various corners of the school and playground as they prepare for this year's Maypole Day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. We hope you've blocked the date in your diaries and refer you to our previous newsletter for further details.



Our Caterpillars and Ladybirds had the opportunity to try their hands at clay sculpting last week, making models on a seaside theme. The children gave their creative side free reign and produced beautiful starfish, rays, sea anemones and fossils to name a few. Enjoy Caterpillars artistic output above...

## REMINDERS AND DATES

**Academic Year 2017-2018:** as you check this week's Diary Dates, you will notice that the 2017-2018 INSET closures have been added, starting with Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 as Inset 1 of 5. The first day of term for Years 1 to 6 is therefore Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Our new Reception pupils will have a staggered start, with parents notified individually as to their child's arrangements later this term.

**Lego/Playmobile:** if anyone has any Lego or Playmobile figures that their children have outgrown, our IT coordinator Mrs Blumire would love to have them in school for Technology Club and related class activities such as animation please. You are asked to donate any available little characters you have to your school office please (sorry, children cannot be accepted). Thank you.

## OTHER NEWS

Some local events that may be of interest...

**Betchworth & Buckland Children's Nursery Open Morning & Nearly New Sale: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 10am-12pm.** Places available for children 2½ to 5 years. Come and see the nursery, enjoy tea and cake and get some great bargains at the same time. You can even 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](mailto:bbc@btconnect.com).

**Dorking Tennis Club Open Day:** is being held on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm-5.30pm**, including free coaching for Under 10s 3pm-4pm. Tea and cakes available - and a membership discount for anyone joining on the day.

**The Little Welly Goes Wild:** at Norbury Park on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. If your children like being outside and active whilst having fun, see details at [www.thelittlewelly.co.uk](http://www.thelittlewelly.co.uk).

Our Ladybirds have been growing plants for the allotment. This week Mrs Rode kindly helped us to plant our French beans, sweetcorn and sunflowers (below). We are also going to plant potatoes.



 Friends of Holmwood Common 

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
**13:00 to 16:30**

**Official Opening of the Natural Play Area on Holmwood Common**

- \* Live Music from 'The Courgettes'
- \* Teddy Bear competition\*\*
- \* Free to attend!
- \* Local Craft Stall & Activities
- \* Children's Activities
- \* Refreshments to purchase ... hot dogs for lunch & home-made cakes for afternoon tea!

Supported by the **National Trust** and the **18th Dorking Scout Group**  
Old Cricket Ground, North Holmwood ...  
... access via Inholm's Lane NT Car Park

\*\* For further information please visit the Friends of Holmwood Common on Facebook



56 children from Years 4 to 6 (above right) represented the school at the recent singing festival at Dorking Halls. The children worked extremely hard to learn songs, including some trickier songs divided into 3 parts, around the story of "Jake and the Right Genie". All our pupils sang with enthusiasm and confidence whilst demonstrating impeccable behaviour throughout the concert. Mrs Mitchell was very proud of all their efforts.

## FRIENDS' MATTERS

We are really sorry that it has been necessary to **POSTPONE** this evening's **Quiz Night**, but unfortunately we didn't have sufficient people to make it a success; we will be looking to hold it in November hopefully.

**BAGS2SCHOOL** are booked on **15<sup>th</sup> June** to take away all your unwanted clothes! Collection will be from Brockham, so we will be collecting the day before from Leigh and Betchworth. Bags will be coming home soon for filling, with more details nearer the time.

Thanks 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

JL Douglas

Finally

**Have a great weekend.**





## Summer Term 2017

w/c Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Assembly 45
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Assembly 3T
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	Familiarisation visit to Leigh for Caterpillars' parents 7pm
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Familiarisation visit to Brockham for Beetles' parents & Sept incoming Year 3 parents 7pm
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
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Assembly Butterflies
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
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<i>Class Assembly - joint 6C &amp; 6J</i>
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Assembly Bees
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Assembly Dragonflies
w/c Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last week of School Clubs
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Induction Day (details to follow after half term)</i>
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Class Assembly Beetles
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Class Assembly Ladybirds
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
<del>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July</del>	<del>Class Assembly 6J see 23<sup>rd</sup> June</del>
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	<b>End of Term</b> <b>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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