

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Classes for September 2017. We have undertaken a minor 'cabinet reshuffle' of our own, resulting in some changes to class teachers for next year.

- Reception - Miss Morgan at Betchworth; Miss Mackay at Brockham
- Year 1 - Ms Terry (Mon-Weds) & Mrs Whitehead (Thu-Fri) at Brockham; Mrs Papworth at Leigh
- Year 2 - Mrs Tubb at Brockham; Mrs Boyer at Leigh
- Year 3 - Mrs Tolan; Miss Winslade (Mon-Thurs) & Mr Morton (Fri)
- Year 4 - Mr Skinner; Miss Hilston (Mon-Tues) & Ms Manisier (Weds-Fri)
- Year 5 - Ms Marshall Bailey; Mrs Bradby (Mon-Tues) & Mrs Mitchell (Weds-Fri)
- Year 6 - Mrs Cummins; Mrs Judd

You will notice some additional changes: we will be delighted to be welcome Mr Neill Morton to the North Downs team, working alongside Miss Winslade and Mrs Tolan in Year 3. Also, Mrs Ottaway is not going to be class-based next year. Her role will focus on working with Mr Webber to develop even further the level of PE and competition throughout the school. She will also be helping to develop an outdoor learning curriculum for the whole school, across the sites. We are very lucky to have access to the resources we do and are pleased to have this opportunity to make more use of them.

Sadly, there are members of staff who will be leaving us at the end of this term too. Teaching Assistants Mrs Armstrong from Ladybirds and Mrs Newham from Caterpillars have been much-valued members of the North Downs team and will be sadly missed, but we wish them every success in the future.

Also sad for North Downs, is Mrs Cobbold's departure at the end of this term, following the very successful completion of her teacher training course. Mrs Cobbold leaves us to take up post as a Reception teacher at Holmesdale School - our loss is definitely their gain. Congratulations Tracy!

A reminder that parents MUST NOT park on the white and yellow lines outside Brockham Village site - and a request, for both safety and consideration, that you do not park on the bend of Middle Street/Wheelers Lane please.



Year 1 had a visit from Waitrose as part of their healthy eating topic. They learnt the names of exotic fruit, how and where they were grown and how they are transported across the world to our tables.

They also made and enjoyed some yummy, healthy baguettes.

REMINDERS AND DATES

Junior Sports Day - Tuesday 20th June

This will be a traditional sports day with track and field events. Parents/Carers are invited to come and watch in the morning, starting at 9.15am. Years 3 & 5 will start with field events. Years 4 & 6 will start with track events. The children are organised in houses for sports day and are allowed to wear the colour of their house:

Drake - Blue / Kingsley - Red / Cook - Yellow / Scott - Green

KS1/Infant Sports Day - Thursday 22nd June

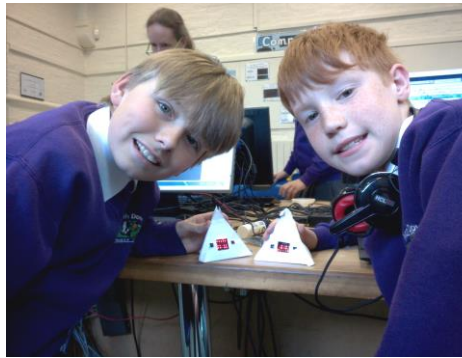
All children will spend all day at our Brockham site on Thursday 22nd, where they will take part in different activities throughout the day. Parents/carers are invited to come and watch in the afternoon. We start at 1.15pm, with the children taking part in a carousel of activities - your programme will show you at which station your child starts. Year 1 & 2 children will also take part in running races after the main sports day has finished.

On both days please ensure your child has a hat and a water bottle; and has sunscreen applied before school.

OTHER NEWS

'Drama at Deepdene', live Shakespeare Weekend: from 10am on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th wandering actors will be performing scenes from Shakespeare's plays along Deepdene Trail, Dorking. Bring a picnic and spend the day on The Trail. Refreshments and toilets will be available and there will be a craft tent for children, face painting (charged) and a children's costume parade at 1pm – on a suggested theme of fairies and knights, in keeping with the plays. Tickets should be booked at www.dorkinghalls.co.uk and are just £3 per person (under 5's free) thanks to Heritage Lottery Funding. Pre-booked on-site parking is available at the Kuoni building for £2. For more information see www.deepdenetrail.co.uk.

Family Concerts: Surrey Arts are hosting concerts led by Joe Broughton's Conservatoire Folk Ensemble on Sunday 18th June at Dorking Halls. Special family-friendly one-hour concerts at 1pm and 6pm are a great opportunity for children to see live music. The Folk Ensemble band has 50 members and encompasses most of the instruments you could name - and a few you probably couldn't! The music they play is broadly based on folk tunes, but with exciting percussion and electric bass. Tickets are available from www.dorkinghalls.co.uk.



IT Club - members of North Downs IT Club were making MicroPets before half term, a complicated project! They were very enthusiastic and really enjoyed the process, as you can see from Jamie, Eden, James, Jack and Adam above. The children had to cut-out and make the MicroPet's body from a template, as well as writing code and copying the code onto the BBC Microbits. Well done!

FRIENDS' MATTERS

Thanks to all the children and helpers who took part in the **Sponsored Bounce** before half term, it was a great morning of bouncing. Well done to Archie, 50 who won the trophy for most bounces. We are just finalising details of which child raised the most money: they will win a small prize and books for their class.

The sun shone on **Maypole Day**, which meant that our 'Pimms Stall' was very busy! Thank you to Sarah from the Plough, Leigh for running this and for donating most of the Pimms!!

Many thanks if you filled and returned bags for **Bags2School** - we were finally able to ditch the winter wardrobe!

We are very much looking forward to **Sports Day** next week - you will be able to help yourselves to tea, coffee and cake for a donation!

Finally, the big one...**FONDS Autumn Ball** tickets are on sale now for Saturday 7th October. Start planning - all details were sent out this week!!

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

The forecast is looking good, so have a great weekend...

...and Happy Father's Day!



Summer Term 2017

Tues 20 th June	KS2 Sports Day
Tues 20 th June	Reception visit to Goring
Thurs 22 nd June	KS1 Sports Day
Fri 23 rd June	Class Assembly - joint 6C & 6J
<i>Fri 23rd June</i>	<i>Year 6 Charity Fayre 3pm-4pm Brockham Village site</i>
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
Tues 4 th July	Induction Day (details to follow after half term)
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
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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