



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This will be our last newsletter of the academic year 2016-2017. We take the opportunity to say a very fond farewell to all our leavers, especially our Year 6 pupils who move on to pastures new. We wish them much happiness and success at their new schools. Do come back to see us and let us know how you are getting along.

We look forward to seeing our returning children on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> being INSET closure 1 of 5). Our returners are joined by our new pupils in Year 3 on the 5<sup>th</sup> and by our new Reception Group 1 and Group 2 pupils on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Meanwhile we hope you all have a very enjoyable summer - Happy Holidays!



Very well done to all our pupils involved in these recent sporting events.

You have made your school proud!

## North Downs Sporting Round-Up...

**Year 6 Boys Kwik Cricket** took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May at Newdigate Cricket Club. Our North Downs boys played really well, won their group and made it to the final. They came 2<sup>nd</sup> after a very close match, with just a few runs in it.

**Year 6 Girls Kwik Cricket** took place on 15<sup>th</sup> June at Newdigate Cricket Club. Again the girls played really well. We were defending our title, and it was a very close and exciting competition with 3 teams ending up on the same number of points! In the end it came down to runs, with our team just missing out and coming 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Year 4 Rounders** took place on 13<sup>th</sup> June at Powell Corderoy School in Dorking. The team played brilliantly, there was some super fielding and fantastic team work which led to our winning the competition.

**Year 4 Tennis** took place on 20<sup>th</sup> June - yes, that really hot day. Having already competed in Sports Day at school, the tennis teams from Year 4 headed to Dorking Tennis Club to play in the Dorking Primary School Competition! We had 2 teams entered and despite the heat they both played exceptionally well, with B team coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, having made it to the 3 / 4 position playoff. As well as Year 4 competing, our Sports Leaders from Year 5 went along to umpire and score. They did a fantastic job and really were a credit to the school.

## OTHER NEWS

**Swimsense Summer Crash Course:** 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July at ND Brockham for ages 3+, all abilities welcome. Come for 3, 4 or 5 days; fees are £7 per child per day. Children will be in ability groups with a maximum of 6; teachers and assistants in the water. All main strokes and water skills covered and distance badges awarded for those that achieve them. Book direct with Emma Miller at [emiller5253@gmail.com](mailto:emiller5253@gmail.com) or contact for more information.

**'Print & Stitch' Day:** the Embroiderers' Guild is keen to encourage young people to be creative with stitch and are running a workshop during the summer holidays for ages 8 to 18 at Juniper Hall Field Centre, Mickleham, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6DA. You will use a variety of printing techniques on paper and fabric in the morning and make a unique bag in the afternoon. Cost is £5. Contact Jo Freeborough [dodofreeborough@gmail.com](mailto:dodofreeborough@gmail.com) / 01306 876918 for details of date and times and to book your place.

**Leigh Flower Show & Country Fair:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 12-5pm at Leigh Recreation Ground. Stalls, activities and refreshments. Entry £2, under 16 free. Free parking.

**Leith Hill Place Summer Activities:** the National Trust invites families to experience a house full of music and history, in an outstanding position on Leith Hill. There are grounds for the children to run about, trails inside and outside the house, plus a tea shop. In addition there are a number of family activities planned for the summer, including an outdoor performance of Peter Pan, art workshops and Sunday music afternoons. For more information, and to book where necessary, visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/leith-hill-place](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/leith-hill-place).

**Girls Touch Rugby Summer Camp:** run in conjunction with the RFU at Dorking RFC on the Big Field, Brockham every Wednesday from 26<sup>th</sup> July. Sessions will run 10:15-12:00 and are open to all girls moving into Years 4-10. No experience necessary. No pre-booking required. For more information contact [pip.merrett@gmail.com](mailto:pip.merrett@gmail.com) or 07976742421.

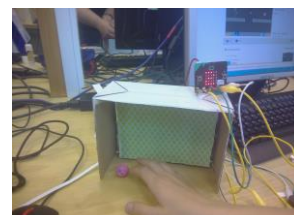
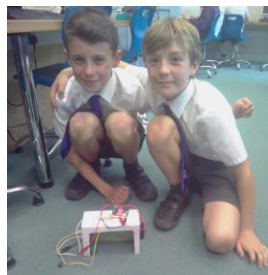


Ladybirds grew seeds and planted some in the school allotment. They watched them grow and picked the crops...



...then they enjoyed preparing and eating the first beans and courgette with some pasta!

Oscar, James, Jamie and Eden (Year 6) have enjoyed making a goal using the BBC Microbits in IT Club.



Our **Year 6 Leavers** thank everyone who has bought an ice cream in the recent months! With your support they have been able to raise enough money for each of them to have a very special 'Leaving Book', including photos and favourite memories of their time at North Downs. Their last day will be a special one, to remember for a long time!

## FRIENDS' MATTERS

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported FONDS this very successful year, with a staggering £10,500 raised! Touch screens are steadily finding their ways to class rooms.

**Autumn Ball:** Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October; tickets are selling fast, get your forms and money back ASAP to avoid disappointment! Future dates for your diary...

**Teas on the Green:** Sun 24<sup>th</sup> September

**FONDS AGM:** Wed 27<sup>th</sup> September. We are currently looking for a new Chairperson/persons to take over, please see Estelle/Kerri for details.

Finally, thank you and farewell to Helen Metcalfe. Helen has been everything to FONDS these last 4 years, a great help and support - we are very sad to see her go, but wish her and her family well.

Have an enjoyable holiday - Team FONDS x



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

Only four more school days to go...!



## Summer Term 2017

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	Class Assembly - Caterpillars 2.15pm
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 of Term Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET 5 of 5

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## Autumn Term 2017

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	INSET 1 of 5 (school closed to pupils)
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	First Day of Term - Years 1 to 6 return/start
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Reception Starters Group 1 (9am-12pm)
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Reception Starters Group 2 (9am-12pm)
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All Reception 9am-12pm
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All Reception 9am-12pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All Reception 9am-12pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All Reception 9am-1pm (incl. lunch)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All Reception 9am-1pm (incl. lunch)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All Reception fulltime
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	FONDS Autumn Ball (7pm Betchworth Golf Club)
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET 2 of 5
w/c Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	HALF TERM WEEK

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