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# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Finally some sunshine! I'm not sure how long it's going to last (and I must confess I am currently a tad nervous about the forecast for Maypole on the 23<sup>rd</sup>) but let's not worry about that just yet!

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our consultation event yesterday evening regarding North Downs Primary School joining an Academy Trust. Those in attendance asked excellent questions and made very valid points during the discussions. We will share these questions and responses with you all once the consultation period ends. Governors are really keen to hear your views and will use these to consider our next steps. We are holding another event next Wednesday, **15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. This meeting will be held online**. To join, please use the link below.

<https://zoom.us/j/97417981112?pwd=V1FnU2E2Tzl3Mks3RDQyZTFraVRSZz09>

You can also share any questions or comments via our online MS form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/xBUvWj0xid>

Or by emailing [consultation@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:consultation@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)

## News from FONDS

With the summer whizzing by, we have several events and activities to bring to your attention:

### Bags2School

Just a reminder that the Bags 2 School are due to be collected on Wednesday 22nd May. Please take your filled bag with you to the morning drop off and leave it in the designated area for a member of the FONDS team to collect.

### Maypole

FONDS will be running the usual PIMMS tent at maypole again this year which is on 23rd May - starting at 1.30. There will be soft drinks and snacks available as well as jugs of Pimms before and during the dancing! We are running an honesty box so please give generously.

### Sponsored bounce

FONDS are working hard in the background to bring a sponsored bounce to North Downs. This will take place on 13th June after the Infants sports day at Brockham.

More details to follow soon...

### SAVE THE DATE

Our annual FONDSFEST will be held on Saturday 6th July! Pop it in your diary and bring the whole family along!

**From Team FONDS**

## Sports Report from Mrs Stowell

### Surrey Panathlon County Final

After winning the District Panathlon competition, the North Downs team of six Year 3 -6 children took part in the Country Final on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at Nescott College in Epsom. The children competed in eight different multi skill style stations, scoring points towards their team's total. Their tremendous effort, accuracy, speed and teamwork paid off. They finished in a fantastic 2<sup>nd</sup> place winning **SILVER MEDALS**. Well done to all our team!

### Swimming Gala



Last Thursday was a busy sporting day as we also had the Dorking schools Swimming Gala at the Priory School. Twenty-one children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in the gala, along with pupils from six other schools. There were individual events for each Year Group, for freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly and 3 relay events. Our team competed extremely well with many individual first places and some great relay team efforts. They finished in **FIRST** place with 114 points just 3 points ahead of St Pauls. Well done to all the team! Thank you to Annabel Woodham for her excellent swimming teaching and organising and supporting the team.

### Dorking Schools Quicksticks Hockey Tournament

After being postponed twice due to the weather, we managed at last to play the Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at St Johns Primary School.

Seven teams entered including 2 teams from North Downs and St Martins. Our teams played with some outstanding teamwork, perseverance and skill. The 'A' team won all 6 games and the 'B' team won 4 games and lost 2. The 'B' team finished 1<sup>st</sup> and the 'A' team finished 2<sup>nd</sup>!

Well done to both our teams for their excellent play!



## Moles After School Club Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

In previous years, due to Maypole Dancing on the green, some parents/carers have chosen to collect their children straight from school and not attend Moles After School Club.

In order that we are aware of any children that may not attend, we would be grateful if you could advise Moles as to whether you require your space/s on this day.

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to hearing from you.

Moles After School Club  
[moles@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:moles@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)

## Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club (Roman Road)

### May Half Term Tennis Camps 2024

**TUESDAY 28TH - FRIDAY 31ST MAY  
CHOOSE ANY DAYS**

#### **KIDS 4-11 Yrs Old**

**TUESDAY - FRIDAY  
930 - 12pm**



#### **KIDS 12-16 Yrs Old**

**WEDNESDAY  
2 - 4pm**



**COST: MEMBERS £17 NON MEMBERS £20**  
Pay By BACS Account: Brian Love Sort: 09-01-28 Acc: 74084211

**TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN:**

**DORKINGTENNIS@GMAIL.COM**

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## Diary Dates

### Summer Term

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Maypole on The Green  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Children break up for Half Term  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - INSET Day  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Children return to school  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 5 trip to Juniper Hall  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 trip to Chessington  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Junior Sports Day  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Infant Sports Day  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 Camp Night  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 'Move Up' Day  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - FONDS Fest  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Residential to Windmill Hill  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July - End of Year Reports sent home  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Disco  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Children break up - Infants at 1.00pm  
& Juniors 1.15pm  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - INSET Days

### Autumn Term

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September - INSET Days  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Children return to school.

## Congratulations and Good Luck

Just to let you know both Arthur (Year 5) and Holly (Year 6) competed at an NSEA Eventers Challenge qualifier (70&80cm) in the Easter holidays.

Both rode really well. Arthur was just out of the ribbons in both classes and Holly did amazingly in the 80cm qualifier and won the class.

This means she has qualified for the National Championships being held at Hickstead this month.

North Downs will be represented in two classes at this National event. Arthur in the 70cm and Holly in the 80cm.

Good luck Holly and Arthur!

*Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.*