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# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Dare I say it? Is summer finally here? Let's not jinx it...

Just a few reminders about events coming up. 'Move Up Day' will take place on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** when we ask that children are dropped off at their new site/classrooms to spend the day with classmates and staff in readiness for the new school year. Children will be informed of their new class on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

We are offering information evenings for the parents of those children who are changing sites on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** (not 20<sup>th</sup> as previously advertised). If your child is currently attending the Betchworth site and you would like to join Mrs Deeks at Leigh for a look round on Tuesday evening, please indicate your attendance via the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/hZRTDYLY8A>

If your child is in Year 2 at the Leigh site and you would like to join me for the information evening at Brockham, please use the link below. Parents who of those children in Kingfishers are also very welcome to attend. Again, please indicate your attendance via this link to our form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/NMGK7LtJ2s>

## More Visitors!



We have been lucky enough to have had an assembly presented at both Brockham and Leigh sites from our very own Scott of the Antarctic! Mrs Scott's husband, Craig, spoke to the children about his own exciting adventures and even dressed a few of them up! The children behaved exceptionally well and once again asked sensible questions. A huge thanks and congratulations to Mr Scott for completing such an exciting trip and sharing it with us.

Yesterday, Surrey Wildlife Trust presented an assembly updating us on our Wilder schools project progress. The lovely Emma Rothwell, who many of the children have worked with now spoke about our how we have continued to improve our school site and what our future actions for nature are. She also brought with her some amazing young people who spoke about their 'green' careers. These visitors, once again, were very inspiring for young people and we even got to see some impressive tools used! Please do ask your children about these assemblies.



We are just starting to put together next term's visitor assemblies rota so would like to hear if your child is interested in a particular career so we could try and find a speaker to further inspire them or others. It's also not too late to volunteer to come and speak about your own experiences or volunteer your partner! Please contact Mrs Tubb via [info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)

## Sports Report

This month has been very busy with lots of sporting events taking place and outstanding sporting success for our teams - Five 1<sup>st</sup> places! A massive congratulations to all our fantastic sporty children!



### Years 5 & 6 Dorking Girls Cricket Tournament & Surrey County Finals

The Year 6 girls cricket team took part in the Dorking District Girls Cricket Competition on 4<sup>th</sup> June at Newdigate Cricket Club. They played all the teams in a round robin competition with North Downs winning all their games and the tournament! The team went on to represent Dorking in the Surrey County Finals at Sunbury Cricket Club on 19<sup>th</sup> June. The standard was very high and the team won one match and narrowly lost 3 matches, to finish 12<sup>th</sup> in Surrey. Their sportsmanship was incredible and we are proud to say that they won 'The Spirit of the Game Award' for demonstrating outstanding teamwork, respect and determination.

### Year 6 Boys Dorking Cricket Tournament

The Year 6 boys played in the Dorking Schools Tournament on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The boys played outstandingly well winning all their matches and scoring a massive 614 runs. They qualified to represent Dorking at the County Finals but unfortunately will be unable to attend as it is at the same week as their residential trip.



### Year 4 Tri Golf

All eight Dorking Schools have received free golf coaching from Joe, the Professional Coach at Betchworth Park Golf Club, organised through the Dorking Schools Sports Partnership. This culminated in a Tri Golf Festival held at the Golf club last week. All eight primary schools teams took part in eight activities. Our North Downs team showed great skill and teamwork to win the competition, North Down 1<sup>st</sup> with 864 points, St Joseph's 2<sup>nd</sup> with 814 points and St Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> with 805 points.

### Year 5/6 Dorking Rounders Tournament

We entered a Year 5 and a Year 6 team into the Dorking Rounders Tournament on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at Powell Cordery School. Our teams both did well, with the Year 5 team qualifying for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> play offs and the Year 6 team for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> play offs. The Year 5 team came 4<sup>th</sup> and the Year 6 team came 1<sup>st</sup> beating Powell in the final!

### Yr4 Dorking Tennis Tournament

We entered three teams in the year 4 Dorking tennis tournament at Dorking Tennis club on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. The teams played really well with the A team finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, with 22 points the B team 2<sup>nd</sup> with 17 points and the C team 6<sup>th</sup> with 14 points.



## Sports day

On 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June, our infant and junior sports days took place, with many parents coming to watch their children take part in a circuit of activities and track races. Well done to all the children who worked hard and well in their teams and had lots of fun too! A particular thank you to the wonderful year 6 pupils who helped lead and support activities for the infants.

Results were as follows:



### **Infants**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Arundel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bodium
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Windsor
- 4<sup>th</sup> Hever

### **Juniors**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Arundel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Windsor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bodium
- 4<sup>th</sup> Hever

### **Overall**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Arundel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Windsor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bodium
- 4<sup>th</sup> Hever



But the fun didn't stop there...on 13<sup>th</sup> July FONDS organised a Sponsored Bounce for the children. The juniors topped the bounce total against the infants so FONDS are donating £100 as a prize. We will ask School Council how they would like to use these funds within the school. We would like to thank FONDS and their volunteers for helping us run another successful event.

## **Year 3 Camp Night**



Last Friday night was Camp Night for the Year 3 pupils.

Having set up the eco field ready for the night, the children gathered at the Betchworth site after school on Friday for a walk across the Chimney Pots and a picnic tea before heading back to school for games, a campfire, story then bed.

It was a glorious evening until about 10.00pm when the heavens opened! Despite being slightly soggy, the children had a fantastic (if somewhat tiring) time. A huge thank you to Miss Tennent, Mr Evenden, Mrs Ottaway, Mrs Deeks, Mrs Sanders and Mrs Fenton-Jones for camping out too! Also thanks to Miss Stroud and Mrs Appleton for their help during the evenings activities. Finally, much appreciation to Mr Clarke for donating all of the tents and for the team of parents and helpers who helped put them all up and take them all down again.

Now we can start planning for the children's first off site residential trip next term!

## FONDSFEST Saturday 6th July 12-4

'FONDS are working very hard to bring FONDSFEST to school on Saturday 6th July.

**However we do require your help for the event to happen.**

**We are only asking for an hour of your time.** If you are able to help **please** visit the following link to sign up or email

[fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0849ADA622A5FDO-50090429-fondsfe#/>



## Diary Dates

### Summer Term

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

### INSET Days 2024 - 2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

## Current School Vacancies

The school is looking to recruit servery assistants for Betchworth and Leigh and Moles Club staff at the Brockham site for September 2024. We have both of these adverts live on E-Teach.

Further details can be found on the following pages and calls to the school for more information are welcome.

- Moles Club staff - <http://tiny.cc/tlbpzy>
- Servery Assistants - <http://tiny.cc/qlbpzy>

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

The next second hand uniform sale is being held on 6th July 12-4pm at FONDSFEST.

Any donations - please hand in at the school office on each of the school sites.

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