



# Newsletter

Respect, Compassion, Responsibility, Courage

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

A very warm welcome back to you all...and for those of you who have just joined the school, welcome to North Downs! Despite the rather damp start to the term yesterday, the children have returned with much enthusiasm. In assemblies, we introduced the children to our new **Whole School Values** along with our Values Awards, which have already been given to several children for demonstrating the behaviour and attitudes on which we are focusing. Our **Whole School Values** now are:

<b>Respect:</b>	<b>Compassion:</b>
Value everyone and everything - in how you listen, speak and in what you do	show care and understanding for everyone
<b>Responsibility:</b>	<b>Courage:</b>
Make good choices because your actions matter	be brave; believe you can

These **Values** sit alongside our **School Handshake** and **Behaviour Blueprint** which we shared with you all at the end of last term, but which have been sent with this Newsletter for your information.

## Inclusion/Pastoral Team Update

As explained last term, Mrs Deeks has taken on the role of Inclusion Lead, along with that of her Deputy Head role. Supporting within her inclusion team is Mrs Fay Coles, who joined us this week as Inclusion Manager. I am sure many of you will have already spotted Mrs Coles over the last two days. If you would like to contact either Mrs Deeks or Mrs Coles, they can be reached by emailing [inclusion@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:inclusion@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk) (Please note the [SENCO@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:SENCO@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk) is no longer in use).

Remaining in the Pastoral Team are the fabulous Mrs PH and Mrs Meadows, our ELSAs, who can be contacted via their email address: [ELSA@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ELSA@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)

Finally, Mrs Vicky Kelsall, a Home School Link Worker with the Dorking Schools Partnership, has joined the team, supporting families along with Mrs PH and Mrs Meadows. You can contact Vicky by emailing: [HSLW@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:HSLW@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)



Welcome Mrs Coles!

## Tables and Chairs!

There has been much excitement in Year 5 and 6 as new tables and chairs arrived for the start of the new school year!



However, before we dispose of the old Year 5/6 classroom tables, we wanted to offer parents the chance to take any that would be useful at all. Mr Berwick will be stacking them in the **staff car park** (Brockham site) - please do help yourselves over the weekend, if you could like any for home or garden, before we find them a new forever home!'



## Christ Church Cafe

Run by the Church for the community



Christ Church Cafe  
is open on the  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
of the month during school term time

2:15pm - 4:15pm

In Christ Church Community Hall



Come and relax and chat  
in our Cafe for all ages  
with toys, books and  
colouring available for  
children

## Dates for the Diary

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Rescheduled Camp Night...more details to follow!  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Year 4 Residential to High Ashurst  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Year 4 Return from High Ashurst  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Individual Photos at Brockham  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Individual Photos Leigh and Betchworth  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Parent Teacher Consultations  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Parent Teacher Consultations  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Break up for Half Term  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - INSET Day  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Children return to school  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 Nativity  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Junior Christmas Carol Evening  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 Nativity  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Year R Nativity  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas Lunch  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Break up for Christmas  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for Half Term  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Children return to school  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Children break up for Easter  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Children break up for Half Term  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - INSET Day  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - INSET Day  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Children return to school.  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Children break up

## Polite Request...

A local resident who lives on The Green in Brockham has contacted us. Unfortunately, it has been necessary for quite a large chunk of the hedge to be removed, due to damage caused by children who like to play in it.

The resident appreciates that children like to play in the ditch in front of it, but requests that they do not play in the hedge, in order to avoid further damage.

We would very much appreciate your support in this matter.

*Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.*

*JL Douglas*