



# Newsletter

Respect, Compassion, Responsibility, Courage

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

As we gallop rapidly through this half term, we would like to share with you yet another Newsletter, packed with information, reminders and updates. Firstly, a request - we would be grateful if you could discourage your children from bringing in any toys from home, big or small. Not only are they proving a distraction from learning in class, there is much sadness when something is lost or broken - which often happens. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

### Parent Teacher Consultations

This term's Parent Teacher Consultations are planned for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 4.30pm - 7.00pm and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 3.30pm - 6.00pm. Appointments will be bookable online, via Scopay, from **12.00 noon on 12<sup>th</sup> October**. Booking instructions have been sent out with this Newsletter. As explained previously, we are introducing a change to the format of the meetings by holding them **all at the Brockham site** - we are hopeful this will be more convenient for parents. The organisation for the evenings will be as follows:

- Parents are asked to arrive before their appointment time and enter by the main gate (near the Brockham Office).
- Teachers will be available to meet with parents in the school hall at the designated appointment time.
- A bell will ring every 10 minutes to mark the end of one appointment and the start of the next. *Please keep to your allocated times and be kind to the next set of parents by leaving promptly when the bell rings for the next appointment.*
- Please note these meetings are **for parents only**.

## Sporting Successes...

### Dorking Schools Cross Country

On a gloriously sunny afternoon this week, the Dorking Schools held their first Cross Country competition of the season at The Weald School. North Downs had 52 girls and boys from Years 3 - 6 competing. It was a really exciting event and our teams had great fun and performed extremely well. We had many outstanding performances in the Individual competition with the following in the top 10 finishers for their age group:

Year 3/4 Girls: Reya - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Year 3/4 Boys: George W 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jenson 4<sup>th</sup> and Seb Y 7<sup>th</sup>

Year 5/6 Girls: Imogen 2<sup>nd</sup>, Grace N 4<sup>th</sup> and Poppy G 6<sup>th</sup>

Year 5/6 Boys James K 2<sup>nd</sup>, William 4<sup>th</sup>, James W 7<sup>th</sup>, James S 8<sup>th</sup> Kellan 9<sup>th</sup> and Stanley 10<sup>th</sup>

In the team event, our Year 3 and 4 Girls were 3<sup>rd</sup> and our Year 3/4 Boys, Year 5/6 Girls and Year 5/6 Boys all finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Congratulations to all our amazing runners!

### Newdigate Cricket Prize Giving!

From our Year 5:

Kellan -

won best fielder U9s

Harris -

won best batter U9s

George -

won best Bowler U9s

Oscar -

in Year 3, won best Bowler in the U8s

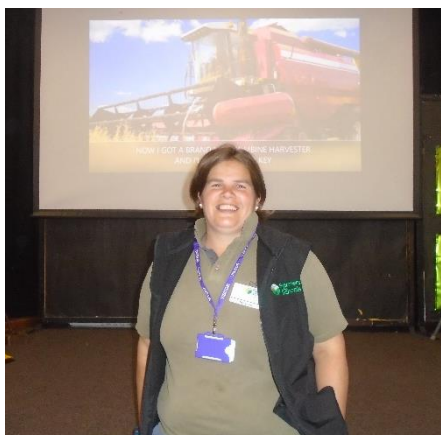
(playing a year up!)

Congratulations boys!



## 'Futures Fridays'

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, one of our lovely parents (and local celebrity), Mrs Budd kindly kicked off this year's 'Futures Fridays' assemblies. Hot off the press of featuring on the BBC (other media channels are available!), she presented a brilliant assembly about life as a cattle farmer. The assembly also linked to British farming week encouraging people to support local businesses.



A huge thank you Mrs Budd who also delivered the assembly at our Leigh site too. Once again, if anyone feels they could volunteer to present an assembly about their career, we would love to hear from you. Please let us know on the gate or via [info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)

## Changing Rooms Update

We last updated you in the Summer Term about the work we are doing to replace the swimming pool changing rooms.

We submitted an application to Mole Valley Council to carry out the work as a permitted development. They wrote to us at the beginning of the summer holidays to tell us that this application was not successful and they advised us that we should submit a full planning application instead.

Last week we submitted that application. In the interim, we have had formal quotations from a number of modular building companies and once we have the planning agreed, we are ready to award a contract to one of those and move forward with the works.

We will update you again once we have some more news!

## World Mental Health Day

We are celebrating 'World Mental Health' Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. For our whole school homework next week we have asked that children...on an A4 piece of paper, draw, photograph, describe, use technology or paint: What makes you happy?

This will be added to a whole class book for our reading corner/displays so please DO NOT stick your sheets of paper into the homework book! We would also like to invite the children to wear something yellow on that day to represent positivity.

## Dates for the Diary

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October - World Mental Health Day - wear something yellow

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

# APPLE FEST

**SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER 1-4pm**  
**Betchworth Village Hall RH3 7DF**

- 🍏 Community apple pressing
- 🍏 Juice, chutney & jam sales
- 🍏 More kid's activities & face-painting
- 🍏 Baking competition
- 🍏 Tool & knife sharpening
- 🍏 Honey, cheeses & other local produce

**Coffee, tea, cake and so much more..**



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*Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.*

*JL Douglas*