



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

A brief newsletter this week, but with a very warm welcome to our returning pupils and to our new starters. It is always an especial pleasure to see the new reception children embarking upon their school lives at North Downs.

This year's Year R pupils have enjoyed their 'first day' at school, attending their class - Caterpillars or Ladybirds - either Thursday morning or this morning. As part of their gentle start, they will be staying half days only next week too, remaining for lunch on the last two days of the week - another new experience!

We also have a few children who have joined other year groups this week. We hope you will join us in making everyone feel welcome.

Some of you may be excited to hear that we now have a Twitter account. Please follow us @OfficialNDPS where we will tweet news and information.

We are delighted to announce that the Healthy Schools Quality Assurance Group has awarded North Downs Primary School the **Surrey Healthy Schools Silver Award**.

The Quality Assurance Group commented:

"A well planned and exciting project to promote healthy eating and physical activity through the adoption of a school allotment. Your work to include the whole school community and wider area across 3 sites is impressive. It's good to see that you have also thought hard about how to judge the impact of your work in increasing pupils' knowledge of nutrition and you have also recognised the potential for this to support the emotional as well as physical wellbeing of more vulnerable pupils.

Congratulations on achieving the Silver Healthy Schools Award and we look forward to reading your case study to achieve the Gold Award in the not too distant future."

Well done to our children for their enthusiasm and all their hard work in achieving this award; and a huge thank you and well done to Mrs Rode and Mrs Papworth who have worked so hard and shown such commitment to this project and seen it through to such a successful outcome.



REMINDERS AND DATES

IMPORTANT - please note a change of date for the **Year 6 Meet the Teacher invitation**: Mrs Judd and Mrs Cummins have decided to combine the **Year 6 Windmill Hill trip meeting** with their Meet the Teacher sessions, now to be held jointly on **Thursday 14th September** in the School Hall at 3.15pm. All other year group Meet the Teacher sessions remain unchanged.

KS2 School Meal Payments: to confirm, KS2 payments for this term are:

1st half term
£74.25 (Years 4, 5 & 6) / £67.50 (Year 3 - less the High Ashurst visit)
2nd half term
£87.75 (all KS2)

Autumn Term Dates: we attach this term's dates on the following page.

Please remember that these dates can change and additional dates may be added. We ask that you check the Diary Dates page of all future newsletters for any dates in italics, indicating such a change or addition.

Yours sincerely

Have a great weekend.

J Douglas



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Mon 11 th Sept	All Reception 9am-12pm
Mon 11 th Sept	2.40pm Meet the Teacher - Years 1 & 2
Tues 12 th Sept	All Reception 9am-12pm
Tues 12 th Sept	3.15pm Meet the Teacher - Years 3 & 4
Wed 13 th Sept	All Reception 9am-12pm
Wed 13 th Sept	Betchworth Harvest Assembly (children only) - donations of tinned/dried foodstuffs for Welcare please
Wed 13 th Sept	3.15pm Meet the Teacher - Year 5
Thurs 14 th Sept	All Reception 9am-1pm (incl. lunch)
Thurs 14 th Sept	Leigh Harvest Assembly (children only) - donations of tinned/dried foodstuffs for Welcare please
Thurs 14th Sept	Year 6 Windmill Hill Meeting & Meet the Teacher at 3.15pm in School Hall
Fri 15 th Sept	All Reception 9am-1pm (incl. lunch)
Fri 15 th Sept	Brockham Harvest Assembly (children only) - donations of tinned/dried foodstuffs for Welcare please
Mon 18 th Sept	All Reception fulltime
w/c Mon 18 th Sept	NDPS Clubs begin
Sun 24 th Sept	FONDS Teas on the Green
Sat 7 th Oct	FONDS Autumn Ball (7pm Betchworth Golf Club)
Wed 11 th to Fri 13 th Oct	Year 4 to High Ashurst
Tues 17 th Oct	Parent Consultations
Thurs 19 th Oct	Parent Consultations
Fri 20 th Oct	INSET 2 of 5
w/c Mon 23 rd Oct	HALF TERM WEEK
Wed 1 st Nov	Open Morning - Brockham
Thurs 2 nd Nov	Open Morning - Betchworth
w/c Mon 27 th Nov	Last week of NDPS Clubs
Wed 6 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performances 1pm & 6.30pm
Thurs 7 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance 6.30pm
Tues 12 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance - Brockham 5pm
Thurs 14 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance - Brockham 5pm
Tues 19 th Dec	North Downs Carol Service
Wed 20 th Dec	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)
Thurs 21 st Dec	Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation)
Thurs 21 st Dec	Last Day of Term Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm

Term and Holiday Dates 2017/2018

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INSET DAYS: 1st) 04/09/2017; 2nd) 20/10/2017; 3rd) 19/02/2018; 4th) 25/05/2018; 5th) 23/07/2018