



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We have pleasure in sharing another North Downs success with you this week, as we have been awarded Active Mark Gold once again by the Surrey School Games Organisation. Our award came with the following glowing commendation from Ally Reid, School Games Organiser:

*“North Downs continues to provide a superb PE and school sport offer for its pupils, providing opportunities for the most and least sporty through a wide range of festivals and competitions. The school has a particularly high number of B team opportunities which just goes to show how much value they place on school sport. With an even greater focus on engaging the least-active in regular activity the school could improve even more! Congratulations on your well-earned award”.*

Many congratulations to Mrs Ottaway and her team for their enthusiasm and commitment resulting in this recognition and award for North Downs.

You will be pleased to hear that the memorial bench decided upon for our much-missed pupil and friend Tiago Nunes, is now in place at the Leigh village site.

Jack and Rosie (Beetles) are the first of the North Downs children who will use and enjoy this bench in his memory for years to come.



Our new reception pupils in Caterpillars (above centre and right) and Ladybirds (below) have settled into school life really well and are happily participating in the many and varied activities available to them... as you can see!



## REMINDERS AND DATES

**Mufti-Day:** we are holding a mufti-day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Children may wear their own clothes (no crop tops/high heels etc.) in exchange for a £1 donation towards the FONDS Autumn Ball. Please remember to send your child's £1 with them in the morning to be given to their class teacher. Thank you.

**2017-2018 School Diary:** every family should have received a copy of this year's school diary by now, but if you do not have yours, spare copies are available to collect from each of the village site school offices.

## OTHER NEWS

**All-Age Communion Service at St Mary's, Buckland on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.30am, followed by a **Harvest Lunch** in the **Buckland Reading Room** (tickets - adults £6; under 16 £4 from Carol Leeds 01737 247399). Please bring fresh produce, small plants and tinned/dried goods.

**Reigate Grammar School Open Morning:** on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. Headmaster's talks at 09:40, 10:30 or 11:15. Tours take place after each of the talks and last 1-1½ hours. If you would like to attend, please register your interest at <https://www.reigategrammar.org/blog/2017/07/24/rgs-annual-open-morning/>

**Box Hill School Open Events: Open Mornings on Saturdays 7<sup>th</sup> October/3<sup>rd</sup> February 1015-1200.** Headmaster's talk, student tours of the school, workshops for prospective students and refreshments. **School at Work Days on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November/Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March/Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1045-1200.** A chance for prospective parents and students to look around the school during a normal working day. To book a place at an events visit [www.boxhillschool.com/visit-us](http://www.boxhillschool.com/visit-us) - or contact Claire Jordan on 01372 384240 or via email at [admissions@boxhillschool.com](mailto:admissions@boxhillschool.com).

**Leigh Food Festival & Apple Press Day**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September**  
&  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
11am - 3pm  
**The Plough Pub, Leigh**

Lots to see and do - bring along your apple crop for pressing and bottling; stalls selling local produce from honey to cheese, also artwork; activities for children; performances by the Appalachian clog dancers & musicians (Saturday only); and lunches, including local goat burgers from The Plough.

Keep up to date with the latest news at [www.facebook.com/LeighFoodFestivalApplePress/](http://www.facebook.com/LeighFoodFestivalApplePress/).



Rector Carol held Harvest Assemblies for the children last week and thanks everyone for their donations to Welcare, a local foodbank charity.



Leon 3T with his winning entry in the Brockham Chemist colouring competition. Well done!

## FRIENDS' MATTERS

A huge welcome to all parents old and new. We hope you had a great rest this summer as FONDS is moving at great speed this term and it's only just started!

Firstly we have **Teas on the Green** this **Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September**. Thank you to everyone who has already made or bought a cake, but please note that it is not too late as you can bring one to the Church Hall in Brockham on the day! Thank you also to all our volunteer helpers - setting up, serving and clearing away - many hands make light work.

Next, **FONDS AGM Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**, 7.45 for 8pm Brockham School Hall. Everyone is invited, please show your support and join us. You will have received the meeting Agenda via an electronic school mailing last week.

Finally, our **Autumn Ball on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. Tickets are selling quickly. There are not many left, so if you are leaving it to last minute to order yours, don't wait too long!

Mrs Douglass has agreed to our holding a **Mufti-Day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** in exchange for a **£1 donation**, allowing us to decorate and buy prizes to enhance the evening. See further details about the mufti day elsewhere in the newsletter. We would like to ask all you lovely parents if you would like to donate something for our **Auction Board** on the night - maybe in return for advertising your business/new customers etc.? In past years we have auctioned cakes, children's parties, car valets and even air balloon rides. It is a fun event and a great fundraiser.

Alternately, if you are a local business, you might like to sponsor one of our **FUN Casino Tables** - again, for 'your name in lights'?!

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact us at [fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)

Thanks, FONDS

**Always remember to check the updated Diary Dates on the following page**

*(Note: dates in italics have been added or changed this week)*

Yours sincerely

J. Douglass

Finally

See you at  
Teas on the Green





## Autumn Term 2017

Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	FONDS Teas on the Green
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	FONDS AGM 7.45pm for 8pm Brockham School Hall
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mufti Day in exchange for £1 donation
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	FONDS Autumn Ball (7pm Betchworth Golf Club)
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual School Photographs - Brockham
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual School Photographs - Betchworth & Leigh
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 4 to High Ashurst
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent Consultations
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent Consultations
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>INSET 2 of 5</b>
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<i>Preferred submission date for Year 6 Secondary School applications to SCC</i>
w/c Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<b>HALF TERM WEEK</b>
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<i>Closing date for submission of Year 6 Secondary School applications to SCC</i>
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Open Morning - Brockham
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Open Morning - Betchworth
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Year 4 Assembly (High Ashurst) 9.10am
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 visit to Wisley
w/c Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Last week of NDPS Clubs
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Christmas Performances 1pm & 6.30pm
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance 6.30pm
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance - Brockham 5pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance - Brockham 5pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	North Downs Carol Service
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation)
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Last Day of Term      Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm

### Term and Holiday Dates 2017/2018

....are available on Surrey County Council website [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

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

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