



Newsletter

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(Thurs)

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Recently North Downs was delighted to receive a donation of spring bulbs from Brockham Green Horticultural Society. The Society was left a sum of money in the Will of James & Celia Fortune, former Brockham residents, to be used to buy bulbs for planting and "where possible, children to be involved with the planting". So on a dry day earlier this month, we held a 'plant a bulb' day at ND, with every child in the school planting a bulb in the school grounds at all our village sites. Next spring we should have a beautiful display of colour, thanks to Mr & Mrs Fortune.

A last reminder for Year 6 families that your application for Secondary School places in September 2018 must be received by the Surrey County Council Admissions & Transport Team by the deadline date 31st October 2017 at the latest, and preferably by Friday 20th October (www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions).

Finally, another brief reminder that tomorrow (Friday 20th) is our second INSET of the academic year, with school closed to children for staff planning and training. We hope everyone has an enjoyable half term holiday next week and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 30th October.



Caterpillars were excited to be helped in their planting by some Year 6 visitors to Betchworth.

REMINDERS AND DATES

Data Collection Sheets: further pupil data sheets (for surnames J-O) are coming home with children today (in the case of siblings, with the eldest). **Please return your form SIGNED within 5 days of receipt, irrespective of changes or not.** We also still have some A-I forms outstanding and ask that these be returned to school immediately please.

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council: are recruiting for Cycling Instructors. Are you looking for a rewarding role? This may be it - visit <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs> and search for "Cycling Instructor".

'Dorker's Spooktacular Halloween Hunt': The Friends of Dorking have an exciting half-term challenge for all the family taking place from Saturday 21st October to Tuesday 31st October. Entry is FREE, with £25 vouchers to be won, plus runner-up prizes. Pick up an entry form from participating Dorking stores or from www.friendsofdorking.org (from 20th Oct).

Betchworth Village Hall AGM 2017: will be held on **Monday 13th November 2017** at 8pm in the Geoffrey Browne Room (to the rear of the Village Hall). The Committee welcomes all Betchworth residents to this meeting to review the past year and offer ideas for further improvements to our valuable community resource. Join us for a glass of wine in the convivial atmosphere of the hall and see what has been achieved so far. We look forward to seeing you.

OTHER NEWS

Brockham Cub Scouts Need Your Help: at the end of this year, our Cub Scout Pack Leader Simon Wheatley retires after more than ten years loyal service - and we need a new Leader urgently.

Our Group first formed in 1941 and has had a rich history since, with hundreds of Brockham, Buckland and Betchworth children benefitting from their time with us. We play a very important part in the community and wish to do so for many years to come. Can you help?

Do you know someone this role might suit? Do you think it could be **you**? Were you a Cub, Scout, Brownie or Guide? Now's the time to consider returning as a Leader! Would you like to work with some truly wonderful children and young people? This could be the opportunity for which you have been waiting.

You would receive total support from our Brockham Group, as well as from the District to which we belong. We have a dynamic bunch of Leaders and an amazing committee. Not least are our members: the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Senior Scouts (Young Leaders) who are just inspirational.

We want to be optimistic and positive, but if our search proves unsuccessful, the worst case scenario is.... no Cub Leader/s = no Cubs = no future Scouts = no Scout Bus, camps etc. Please don't let this happen.

To qualify, you must be 18 or over (male or female). The role may suit two people sharing the duties and commitments. Previous experience is not necessary.

If you might be interested or would like to know more, please contact Simon Long, Group Scout Leader on 07776 131794 or percy.long@hotmail.com.

Half-Term Netball Camp: run by 'Sisters n Sport' 23rd-24th October at Dunottar School, Reigate. A good opportunity for some great coaching at a new lower price of only £50 for two days. More info and to book - www.sistersnsport.com.

Half-Term Hockey Camp: 25th-27th October at Reigate Grammar School's Hartswood Sports Ground, Dover's Green Road, Reigate, featuring coaching by top international players. The camp is open to all players aged 6-17 years, goalkeepers and outfielders, tailored to each player's experience and ability, from complete beginner up to aspiring international. Bookings & further information at www.evo-hockey.com/hockey-camps/25-27-october-2017.



'Pumpkin Carving' at The Dolphin, Betchworth: Halloween fun for all the family on **Saturday 28th October** 3-5pm in our haunted house...and raising funds for NDPS! www.dolphinbetchworth.com or 01737 842288 for more details.



Well done to budding stars of the theatre Lily (4S) and Bethany (6J), who have recently taken part in two local performances of The British Theatre Academy's production of 'Annie Jr'!



Enthusiastic Ladybirds, spacemen and alien all enjoying the autumnal weather in their outdoor learning areas...

FRIENDS' MATTERS

We have a lot of news to impart this week, so please keep your eyes open for a full FONDS Newsletter coming to you via Tucasi later today.

Always remember to check the updated Diary Dates on the following page
(Note: dates in italics have been added or changed/updated this week)

Yours sincerely

Finally

Have a super half-term holiday!



Autumn Term 2017

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| Fri 20 th Oct | INSET 2 of 5 | |
| Fri 20 th Oct | Preferred submission date for Year 6 Secondary School applications to SCC | |
| w/c Mon 23 rd Oct | HALF TERM WEEK | |
| Tues 31 st Oct | Closing date for submission of Year 6 Secondary School applications to SCC | |
| Wed 1 st Nov | Open Morning - Brockham | |
| Thurs 2 nd Nov | Open Morning - Betchworth | |
| Fri 3 rd Nov | Year 4 Assembly (High Ashurst) 9.10am | |
| Tues 7 th Nov | Year 5 visit to Wisley | |
| 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 - <i>Betchworth & Leigh</i> 5pm | |
| Tues 19 th Dec | <i>North Downs Carol Service</i> 7pm | |
| 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 |

Spring Term 2018

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| Thurs 4 th Jan | First Day of Term | |
| Fri 12 th Jan | Class Assembly - 6C | |
| w/c Mon 15 th Jan | NDPS Clubs begin | |
| Thurs 18 th Jan | Class Assembly - Bees | |
| Fri 19 th Jan | Class Assembly - Dragonflies | |
| Fri 26 th Jan | Class Assembly - 5MB | |
| Thurs 1 st Feb | Class Assembly - Beetles | |
| Fri 2 nd Feb | Class Assembly - Butterflies | |
| Tues 6 th Feb | Parent Teacher Consultations | |
| Thurs 8 th Feb | Parent Teacher Consultations | |
| Fri 9 th Feb | Class Assembly 3WM | |
| w/c Mon 12 th Feb | HALF TERM WEEK | |
| Mon 19 th Feb | INSET 3 of 5 | |
| Tues 20 th Feb | NDPS swimming begins | |
| Fri 2 nd Mar | Class Assembly - 5BM | |
| Fri 9 th Mar | Class Assembly - 3T | |
| Fri 16 th Mar | Class Assembly - 6J | |
| w/c Mon 19 th Mar | Last week of NDPS Clubs | |
| Wed 28 th Mar | Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation) | |
| Thurs 29 th Mar | Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation) | |
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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

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