



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This week we are pleased to share some details of the recent annual Dorking Primary Schools Football Tournament in which North Downs participated.

Year 5 Boys' Football Tournament

In October two teams of Year 5 boys went to St Martin's School. Both teams played very well, showing great sportsmanship and commitment. It was an extremely close tournament with three teams finishing with the same total points, each having won five of their seven games. It came down to goal difference and on this occasion our 'A' Team came 3rd.

Year 6 Boys' Football Tournament

A week later it was the turn of the Year 6 boys and as holders of the title from last year they were hoping to defend and retain the title. As before it was a fiercely fought competition: our team played extremely well, winning five and drawing three of their matches and this fantastic result meant they triumphed and successfully defended their title!

Year 5/6 Girls' Football Tournament

In the week before half term, our Year 5/6 girls took part. Once again it couldn't have been closer. Our team played with huge enthusiasm and produced some great performances. All the matches were tight, with our team winning six, drawing one and losing one and securing 2nd place. You will agree, another fantastic result for the school.

Well done to all the children who took part in these tournaments, we are very proud of you.

Finally thank you to Mr Webber and all the parents for their help and support.



Year 2 recently enjoyed a 'castle topic' Curriculum Day together at Brockham Village site. Beetles and Butterflies walked to Betchworth Castle, then participated in castle-themed activities such as weaving, making newspaper towers and an archaeological dig! Beetles have also made model castles as a class project.



More 'Plant a Bulb Day' photos to share (left), of Butterflies this time. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Halle, Ollie, Maisie and Reuben (Year 6), who did a fantastic job helping Caterpillars, Bees & Beetles with their bulb planting at Betchworth & Leigh. Finally, thanks to our parents/carers for supplying some extra gardening equipment.

REMINDERS AND DATES

Irresponsible Parking at Brockham Village site: before half term North Downs received an email from a Brockham neighbour entitled 'Selfish and dangerous parking'. This came with photographs of a specific vehicle parked across one corner of The Smithers into Wheelers Lane and with the following message "*Please be good enough to remind parents of pupils at your school that this is not acceptable because they can't be bothered to walk*". Once again we ask that you show respect for our neighbours, as well as for the safety of all pedestrian and road users near our school sites, by parking with due care and consideration.

Mufti Day for Children-in-Need / Bliss (Prematurity Day): we are holding a mufti day on **Friday 17th November** in support of these two charities. **Your child may wear their own clothes (themed 'spots' or 'purple') in exchange for a donation.** We are hosting a 'Coffee Afternoon' on this day from 2pm to 3pm at our Brockham and Leigh Village sites - all welcome. Also a **Cake Sale** after school (3.15pm) at Brockham. More details on all the events of the day will be sent home in an electronic mailing today, so please look out for this and give it your attention. Thank you.

School Meals: we are delighted to let you know that the school lunches provided by our caterer, Surrey Commercial Services, have been awarded a GOLD 'Food for Life Served Here' by the Soil Association. The award recognises the provision of meals that not only meet national School Food Standards, but are "fresh, local and honest". To find out more about the award (and to win educational prizes for the school by searching the online food map), please visit their website at www.foodforlife.org.uk/servedhere.

Data Collection Sheets: the last of the pupil data sheets (surnames P-Z) 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.** NB. We have some forms overdue for pupils A-O. We will be sending reminders in the next couple of weeks, but if you are aware that you have yet to return your copy, please do so to your class teacher or school site office on Monday.

The following is information for parents regarding the:

Consultation on admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2019

Surrey County Council is consulting on:

- proposed changes to admission arrangements for some community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2019
- the admission arrangements for all remaining community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2019

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are available at **Surrey Says** (www.surreysays.co.uk).

Why we are consulting

We have a statutory duty to consult on admission arrangements if we intend to make a change.

The changes being proposed are as follows:

1. Cranmere Primary School - reduction in published admission number for Reception from 90 to 60
2. William Cobbett Primary School - reduction in published admission number for Reception from 40 to 30
3. The Dawnay School - introduction of a feeder link from Polesden Lacey Infant School at Year 3
4. Reigate Priory School - introduction of a feeder link from Dovers Green and Holmesdale Community infant schools on a tiered basis

How can I respond to the consultation?

The consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and the proposed changes will run from Wednesday 1 November 2017 to Tuesday 12 December 2017. If you would like to take part please complete an online response form at **Surrey Says** (www.surreysays.co.uk). Alternatively if you would prefer to respond on a paper form, please telephone the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004 to request a copy. Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

What happens next?

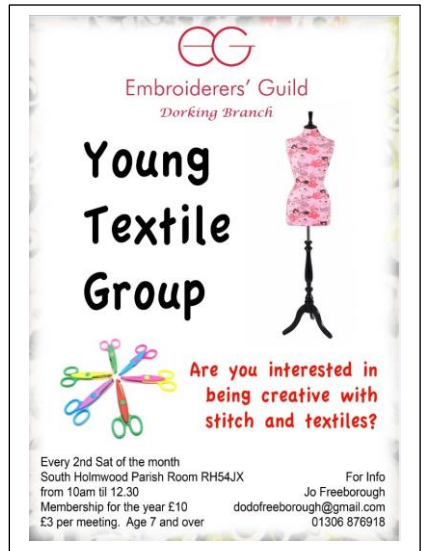
After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the County Council's decision making Cabinet on 30 January 2018. It will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposed changes as well as determining the admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for which no changes are proposed. Cabinet's decision will then need to be ratified by the full County Council on 6 February 2018. Once determined the final admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools will be placed on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

OTHER NEWS

Family Photographs: Brockham Green Nursery is holding a 'family photograph day' at the Recreation Ground, Brockham this **Sunday 12th November**. Cost is £10 per family. They have a very few slots left, so please email immediately to book: brockhamnurseryfundraising@gmail.com.

Toy Service: St Michael's Church, Betchworth on **Sunday 19th November** at 10.30am, in aid of Welcare. Donated toys and books for ages 0-7 will be warmly welcomed. Thank you.

Alternative Christmas Tree Festival (see right): visit St Michael's to see lots of trees designed by local organisations - including North Downs!



It's wonderful when your classroom can be a construction site, a secret den, a gym or a design centre...



FRIENDS' MATTERS

Well done to all the children who completed the half-term **Autumn Challenge** - there were some fabulous efforts! Names were pulled from a hat and congratulations go to Evelyn (from Bees) who won our £20 Waterstones voucher.

Christmas Fair: as this fast approaches we really appreciate your cooperation and generosity in dealing with the many requests for support. Look out for **raffle tickets** in your children's bags this weekend, please sell as many as you can - we are collecting lots of lovely prizes to add to the hampers! If your child is in infants please look out for the hamper lists and add your name to donate something lovely for your class hamper. Junior children are asked to donate something chocolate for the chocolate tombola, always very popular. Please have a pre-Christmas clear out too, and donate any nearly new unwanted toys and books you find. Finally, there will be rotas coming out via your class rep soon, for stalls that require adult helpers, please do help if you can. Thank you!



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

JWonglass

Finally

Have a lovely weekend.



Autumn Term 2017

Fri 17 th Nov	Mufti Day in support of Children in Need & Prematurity Day
Fri 17 th Nov	Coffee afternoon 2pm-3pm at Brockham and Leigh Village sites (more details in Tucasi mailing)
w/c Mon 27 th Nov	Last week of NDPS Clubs
Fri 1 st Dec	FONDS Christmas Fair (after school, Brockham Village site)
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 - Betchworth & Leigh 5pm
Tues 19 th Dec	North Downs Carol Service 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

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
Mon 19 th Mar	<i>In-house Swimming Gala for Years 3-6</i>
Wed 28 th Mar	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)
Thurs 29 th Mar	Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation)
Thurs 29 th Mar	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 <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-term-dates/add-school-term-dates-to-your-phone-or-calendar>

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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