

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 6th February

Safer Internet Day is celebrated internationally, with events worldwide aimed at promoting the safer use of the internet in our lives. This year the theme is "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".

At North Downs, during the day we will be holding assemblies for the children; and Mrs Blumire, our IT coordinator, will be taking individual sessions with classes.

Straight after school that day Mrs Blumire and her Computing Club would welcome any visitors who would like to pop in and see exactly what they get up to! In addition, Mrs Blumire will be available until 5.00pm to answer any questions you may have regarding ways in which you can make your home-internet a safer place for your child. We will also have information and fliers available for parents at our other two sites, with the facility for you to leave any questions for Mrs Blumire's attention.



Bees have been learning about shape.

Here they are sorting different shapes into groups and patterns according to their properties.



REMINDERS AND DATES

Uniform: we are proud of our school uniform and of how smart the children look when it is worn correctly, but have noticed recently that sadly a few standards have slipped! We take the opportunity to remind you that the school tie is part of the uniform for all pupils - worn with a 'proper' shirt please (elasticated ties are available to buy for reception/infant children). Footwear should be black sensible shoes (not trainers) - no heels, ballet style, boots or open toe. A copy of the school's full Uniform List is available on our website (www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk).

Have you booked your appointment for next week's Parent Consultations? If not, please do so online ahead of the parent/teacher meetings on **Tues 6th & Thurs 8th**. Full instructions were sent to all families via email last week, and are also available to view on the North Downs website (Letters to Parents).

'Kit for Classrooms' Mufti: a reminder that we are holding a **Mufti Day** on **Friday 9th February**, in exchange for a contribution to class funds. Children will be able to choose what they would like to buy with the money they raise - and even better, FONDS will be topping up each class fund by £30. Huge thanks to them.

INSET Closure 3 of 5: a reminder that **Monday 19th February** is our third of five INSET days, with school closed to pupils.

OTHER NEWS

Thank you: Mrs Scott would like to express her thanks to everyone who has donated spare LEGO to school following her recent appeal. We are now well-stocked!

Thank you (another!): a big thank you to the **Betchworth & Buckland Society Committee** for their donation of a printer. We are so appreciative of the support shown to North Downs by parents past and present and by neighbours and local organisations, which contributes to the resources available to and learning opportunities for our children.

Sunday Club: at **St Mary's Buckland & St Michael's Betchworth** is held on the **1st Sunday of the month**. Contact Sarah Munroe 07714 273883 for details.

Candlemas All-Age Service: a joint service for all the family is being held at **St Nicholas Charlwood** on **Sunday 4th February** at 10.30am. All welcome.

Family Service: another joint all-age service is being held at **St Mary's Buckland** on **Sunday 18th February** at 10.30. Once again everyone is welcome.

Tate Football Academy Half-Term Football Courses: are being held at North Downs, Brockham Village site. See flyer, right, for further details.

Tate Football Academy
Holiday Course Ages 6-13
(Open to all Boys & Girls of all Abilities)

Dates:
Week 1 - Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb
Week 2 - Mon 19th Feb,
Times: 9am-3pm

Cost: £20 - Per Day, £80 - 5 Days
£100 - 6 Days
(Payment must be made in ADVANCE)

Venue: North Downs Primary School
Windsor Lane, Brockham
Surrey RH3 7LA

Children Must Bring
Suitable football Clothing
Pack Lunch
Football Safety Certificate

Contact:
01883 213443
email: tatefootballacademy@gmail.com

UEFA B Accredited Coach, OFS certified



As part of their **TRANSPORT** topic, Caterpillars were excited to be joined by Kaydn's brother Darren and his colleague Jack last week, who came to talk about their roles as airline cabin crew with Easy Jet. Caterpillars really enjoyed the visit and had lots of questions to ask after their very interesting talk. Huge thanks to Darren & Jack for their time and enthusiasm.



Immie (Caterpillars) proudly brought her kick-boxing belt to show all her friends in Reception.

She tells us she is now in training for her next grade! Well done Immie.

FRIENDS' MATTERS

Bags2School: bags went home last week to be filled with clothing and other fabrics please. They should be returned on:

Betchworth & Leigh - morning of **Monday 5th February**

Brockham - morning of **Tuesday 6th February**

Please do not bring bags in before these days as we have nowhere to store them. Thank you.

'Kit for Classrooms' Mufti: **Friday 9th February**. **This fundraiser directly benefits your child's class**. Their donation in exchange for wearing mufti next Friday goes into a class fund to be spent on that class only - and FONDS will be adding £30 to each class fund.

If you wish to contact FONDS directly, please use the following email address -

fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

Alternatively, you can keep up-to-date by 'friend requesting' on Facebook: **Friends of North Downs School**

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

As this is our last newsletter before half-term (12th to 16th), we wish everyone a great week's break.

Spring Term 2018

Tues 6 th Feb *	FONDS Bags2School * to be returned 5 th Feb at Betchworth & Leigh please	
Tues 6 th Feb	Safer Internet Day	
Tues 6 th Feb	Parent Teacher Consultations Brockham 3.30 - 6pm / Leigh & Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm	
Thurs 8 th Feb	Parent Teacher Consultations Leigh & Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm / Brockham 5 - 7.30pm	
Fri 9 th Feb	'Kit for Classrooms' Mufti Day	
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	In-house Swimming Gala for Years 3-6	
Fri 23 rd Mar	Sports Relief	
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

Summer Term 2018

Mon 16 th Apr	First Day of Term	
Mon 23 rd Apr	KS2 Concert at Dorking Halls 7pm	
w/c 30 th Apr	NDPS Clubs commence	
Thurs 24 th May	Maypole Day - all children at Brockham for the whole day	
Thurs 24 th May	Maypole Dancing on the Green 1.30pm - families and friends all invited	
Fri 25 th May	INSET 4 of 5	
w/c Mon 28 th May	HALF TERM WEEK	
Fri 8 th Jun	Class Assembly - Butterflies	
Thurs 14 th Jun	Class Assembly - Beetles	
Fri 15 th Jun	Class Assembly - 3WM	
Tues 19 th Jun	KS2 Sports Day	
Thurs 21 st Jun	KS1 Sports Day (incl. Year R)	
Fri 22 nd Jun	Class Assembly - 3T	
Fri 29 th Jun	Class Assembly - Dragonflies	
w/c Mon 2 nd Jul	Last week of NDPS Clubs	
Tues 3 rd Jul	Whole School Induction Day	
Fri 6 th Jul	Year 6 PGL Assembly	
Fri 13 th Jul	Year 5 Hampton Court Assembly	
Wed 18 th Jul	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)	
Thurs 19 th Jul	Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation)	
Thurs 19 th Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Disco	
Fri 20 th Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	
Fri 20 th Jul	Children's last day	Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm
Mon 23 rd Jul	INSET 5 of 5	

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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