



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This year's **Dorking Rotary Club Swimarathon** is being held at Dorking Sports Centre on Saturday 10th March from 1100 to 1200. Mrs Ottaway needs a team of twelve confident swimmers to take part as they will swim lengths in relay for the full hour. This is a sponsored event and will help us to raise funds for equipment to support our Outdoor Learning. If you are interested in representing the school at this event please see Mrs Ottaway.

We are sad to advise you that Mr Morton will be leaving North Downs at the end of this term. Neill and his wife are relocating to Bangkok, where he will be teaching at an International School and we wish them both the very best in their future venture. Mrs Jane Bracher will take over Mr Morton's Friday in 3WM for the summer term, and as she is already working at NDPS in Year 6, will be known to the children. Mrs Bracher will also have some handover days throughout this half term.

Before the half term, we told you that Monday's INSET was to be a staff outdoor learning training day. We are pleased to share some of the day's experiences with you now...enjoy!



REMINDERS AND DATES

Determination of Surrey's school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2019

The admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2019 admission and Surrey's primary and secondary coordinated schemes for 2019 have now been determined. Full details are available on the school admissions pages of Surrey County Council website under 'Admission arrangements and outcomes' - www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

As part of the determination the following changes have been applied:

1. Cranmere Primary School - decrease in published admission number for Reception from 90 to 60
2. William Cobbett Primary School - decrease 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

Any person or body who considers that any aspect of these admission arrangements are unlawful or not in compliance with the School Admissions Code or relevant law relating to admissions, can make an objection to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator. Objections must be referred by 15 May 2018 and further information on how to make an objection can be obtained from the Office of the Schools Adjudicator website.

OTHER NEWS

Adult Beginners Tennis Coaching: at Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club. Group coached six-week course, starting Wednesday 28th February 9.30-11.00am £70.

Stay & Play for under 5s: Dorking Children's Centre are running a weekly Stay and Play session at The Weald Primary School on Thursday 9am-10am. Come and join Jackie, Helen and Kim every Thursday, straight after drop off, for a small group aimed at the youngest members of the family. Children can explore messy play, share a story and join in singing their favourite songs. For more information ring the Children's Centre: 01306 740095 or The Weald office: 01306 711719.

Brighton Marathon 2018: two Year 5 mums, Jo Bavington and Wendy Perrin are running the Brighton Marathon to raise money for Diabetes UK. They would love sponsorship for this worthy cause, so if you would like to donate please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/companyteams/WendyandJo>.

Honey (5BM) would like to thank everyone who supported her coffee morning to raise money for the charity 'Toilet Twinning' <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>. A splendid £252 was raised, enough to 'twin' four toilets. Well done Honey!

We are delighted to share the news that Jessica (6J) - see flyer right - who trains at the Reigate School of Ballet & Commercial Dance, has been chosen to dance alongside Strictly Come Dancing's Pasha Kovalev in his 'Magic of Hollywood' show at the Harlequin Theatre, Redhill in March. We wish her well for the big night!

Mothers Sunday Services: on Sunday 11th March, 9.30am at St Mary's Buckland (posies for all mothers) & 11am at St Michael's Betchworth (again, posies for all mothers, with posy making 10am in the Hamilton Room.



Never a dull moment in Beetles...from a class assembly, to a music lesson with Mr Dean, to energetically learning the times-tables to the BBC's 'Super-Movers'! The children's enjoyment is apparent - and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Dean for his share in enriching the children's experiences with his time and expertise.

FRIENDS' MATTERS

Many thanks to all who took part in the **Kit for Classrooms** mufti which raised a total (including the FONDS contribution) of £1,142; with a special well done to the parents and carers of Caterpillars and Bees whose classes have £179.70 and £182.80 respectively to spend. We look forward to hearing about the purchases soon!

Up next is the all new **Family Bingo** night on **Friday 16th March**, just £2.50 per person for a fab evening of fun for all ages - see our school mailing dated 21/02/2018 for more details. Please be sure to return your forms and payment ASAP to secure your tickets as places are limited!

Stay up to date via our facebook page 'Friends of North Downs School' or email us fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

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

J Douglas

Finally

Have a lovely weekend...



Spring Term 2018

Fri 9 th Mar	Class Assembly - 3T		
Fri 16 th Mar	Class Assembly - 6J		
Fri 16 th Mar	FONDS Bingo - details to follow		
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		
Fri 23 rd Mar	Class Assembly - Ladybirds		
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 16th 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 25th May		INSET 4 of 5	
w/c Mon 28th 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 23rd 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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