



Newsletter

Term: **SPRING 2018**

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

With the end of term in sight, we have happy days and successful events to celebrate from the spring term at North Downs and hope you enjoy this week's photographic record...

Meanwhile, with some spring term events still to occur, we draw your attention to **FONDS Easter Bonnet Parade on Tuesday 27th March**. Every child is invited to make a bonnet for the parade, with prizes across the school for the best efforts, so time for them to think about their designs and get making! Please do not bring bonnets to school before the day of the parade, as there is nowhere to store them safely.

Further to yesterday's parent mailing in regard to **Friday 23rd Sport Relief 'muft'**, in return for your child's donation they are invited to wear ANY sporting attire - ND P.E. kit, football strip, cricket, judo etc.



Bees & Dragonflies enthusiastically enjoying their exciting and varied visit to The Discovery Centre in Bracknell recently.

Bees & Beetles greeting the snow at Leigh with delight.



Year 3 has been getting out and about in all weathers this half term. With more outdoor learning introduced by Mrs Ottaway and a plan to improve our outdoor learning areas, it is an exciting time here at North Downs - especially when we start in the cold sunshine, then work through a blizzard, before the sun pops out once more. Here Year 3 are exploring the garden area looking for a sensory overhaul.

REQUESTS...

We are holding a uniform sports kit amnesty next week! Mrs Ottaway is concerned that of the school's thirteen 'North Downs' football kits - for teams to wear at inter-school matches etc. - only eight are in school. Please would anyone who might have taken a complete or part of a kit home to wash and then forgotten about it have a good look this weekend? We are also missing a number of North Downs athletics vests, so again, Mrs Ottaway has asked that you check thoroughly at home over the weekend please. Thank you for your help.

'Moles' - help please: if anyone has an unwanted 'pop up' tent, or some waterproof sheeting, Moles After-School Club would be very pleased to give it/them a home. We are planning to be outdoors as much as we can and these would be a great addition to the children's play. Please see the school office if you can help...and thank you in advance.

OTHER NEWS

All-Age Family Service: at St Michael's, Betchworth Sunday 18th March 10.30am, all are welcome.

All-Age Walkabout Service & Treasure Hunt: on Good Friday, 30th April at 10.30am St Michael's, Betchworth, followed by Easter Garden Making in the Hamilton Room until 1pm.

Tate Football Academy Easter Course: for boys/girls age 5-16 (any ability) on 3rd-6th April at North Downs Primary School, Brockham site. £70 for all four days or £20 per day. Details/to book, contact Alan Tate 07949 379542 / tatefootballacademy@gmail.com.

Easter Tennis Camps: on 3rd - 6th & 9th - 13th April. Fun sessions for any ability ages 4 to 16. £18 per session. To book or for more information email dorkingtennis@gmail.com or call Ali on 07941 266155 / Brian (head coach) on 07712 557076.

Easter Activity Camp: run by Fit for Sport at Dorking Sports Centre, providing exciting activity days full of variety during the holiday. Prices depend on age and activity; for information/to book visit www.fitforsport.co.uk or call 0845 456 3233.



Congratulations to our North Downs Athletics Team (left), who took a splendid 3rd place in the recent Dorking Schools Indoor Athletics tournament.

Well done to you all!



Caterpillars learning whilst playing in the snow...happy days!



World Book Day around the school - well done everyone on your ingenuity and imagination.



FRIENDS' MATTERS

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at FONDS Family Bingo tonight - at time of writing some tickets were still available so grab a FONDS rep if you would like a last minute spot. Other dates for your diary are:

Tuesday 27th March - Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 11th May - The famous Quiz returns after a long break!

Saturday 9th June - Circus Pazzaz bring their big top to the school field

Next meeting is Thursday 19th April 7.45pm at the Dolphin in Betchworth, all very welcome.

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 great weekend



Spring Term 2018

w/c Mon 19 th Mar	Last week of NDPS Clubs
Mon 19 th Mar	In-house Swimming Gala for Years 3-6
Wed 21 st Mar	Class Assembly - 3T 9.10am
Fri 23 rd Mar	Sports Relief - wear P.E. kit in return for a donation
Fri 23 rd Mar	Class Assembly - Ladybirds
Tues 27 th Mar	FONDS Easter Bonnet Parade & competition
Wed 28 th Mar	Class Assembly - 6J 9.10am
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
Thurs 19 th Apr	FONDS Meeting 7.45pm the Dolphin, Betchworth
Mon 23 rd Apr	KS2 Concert at Dorking Halls 7pm
w/c 30 th Apr	NDPS Clubs commence
Fri 11 th May	FONDS Quiz Night - details to follow
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
Sat 9 th Jun	Circus Pizzaz on Brockham site field - details to follow
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 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
Fri 13 th Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Wed 18 th Jul	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)
Thurs 19 th Jul	Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation)
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

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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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