



# Newsletter

Term: **SPRING 2018**

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We come to the end of a very unspring-like Spring Term, but whilst the weather has not been a success, our children have shone. They have participated in and shown enthusiasm for the many and varied learning and sporting experiences on offer and as always have made us very proud of them. Some photos this week....and more, plus our latest sporting news, to follow next term. Meanwhile, have a super Easter break - and see you on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### Staffing Vacancies at North Downs

Please be aware that if you might be interested in working at North Downs, vacancies are advertised on the school website (click 'Our School', then 'Vacancies') and on Eteach, with a link from the same ND website page. Job descriptions and application forms etc. are available to download from the website where relevant.



Squires Garden Centre at Buckland offered NDPS children the chance to 'grow their own chips', so Mrs Ottaway's Year 3/4 Outdoor Explorers visited this week to plant their potatoes. They will return in June to harvest their crop, weigh them to see who has grown the most...and then turn them into chips! A big thank you to Squires for arranging this activity.



Ladybirds have been investigating the giant. The children made Jack's beanstalk and drew his magic coins and footprints.

Come and shop at Caterpillars' greengrocer. Fresh fruit and vegetables and lovely plants - all at a good price...

## REMINDERS AND DATES

**KS2 Summer Term School Meals** should be paid for in advance please, online with Tucasi (or cheque payable to North Downs Primary). Amounts due for the term or half-terms are:

### Whole term

Years 3 & 4 £141.75

Year 5 £139.50 (incl. deduction for Hampton Court)

Year 6 Windmill Hill £130.50

Year 6 **NOT attending** Windmill Hill £141.75

### First half term

Years 3 to 6 £63.00

### Second half term

Years 3 & 4 £78.75

Year 5 £76.50 (Hampton Court)

Year 6 attending Windmill Hill £67.50

Year 6 **NOT attending** Windmill Hill £78.75

**Changing from School Meals to Packed Lunches or vice versa:** we remind you that any change to your child's meal option requires a week's notice please, in writing. This is a requirement of Surrey Commercial Services, who purchase food supplies based upon pupil numbers; it applies to all year groups' meals, paid and complimentary. Thank you.

**Unwanted Digital Cameras:** if anyone has a no-longer used digital camera at home, we would be very pleased to give it a new life at school. Please see Mrs Knapp, our IT Technician, or leave it at your school office. Thank you.

## OTHER NEWS

**Easter Sunday Services:** 9.30am St Mary's, Buckland & 11.00am St Michael's, Betchworth, followed by Blessing of the Easter Garden.

**Dorkers' Easter Egg Hunt:** The Friends of Dorking are inviting children to take part in a FREE Easter Egg Hunt throughout the Town during the Easter holidays from 30<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> April. The competition is fun for all ages and there are prizes to be won. Entry forms from participating shops and Dorking Library. Find out more at [www.friendsofdorking.org](http://www.friendsofdorking.org).

**The Little Welly Obstacle Course & Festival for Children:** 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Wintershall Estate, Surrey. The aim is to get children outdoors and ACTIVE whilst having fun. Amongst the many activities is a 3km course with 30 individual obstacles involving water, foam and lots of mud! The Surrey Wildlife Trust will be kicking off their '30 Days Wild' campaign with mini beast hunts, cooking marshmallows over camp fires, a mud kitchen, fire lighting lessons - and more.

Caterpillars and Ladybirds enjoyed two Transport Days during March, taking it in turn to catch the No.32 bus to the next village and visit each other's base! They were able to see and experience many forms of transport old and new, as well as listen to informative talks and see some model vehicles. This was all provided by local residents, family and friends, so a huge thank you to them all.



## FRIENDS' MATTERS

If you wish to contact FONDS directly, please use the following email address - [fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto: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

JH Douglas

Finally

Happy Easter!





### Summer Term 2018

<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>First Day of Term</b>
<i>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Apr</i>	<i>Year 1 Curriculum Day - all Year 1 at Brockham for the day</i>
<i>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Apr</i>	<i>Year 2 Curriculum Day - all Year 2 at Leigh for the day</i>
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	FONDS Meeting 7.45pm the Dolphin, Betchworth
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	KS2 Concert at Dorking Halls 7pm
w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	NDPS Clubs commence
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> May	FONDS Quiz Night - details to follow
<i>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Class Assembly - Ladybirds</i>
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Maypole Day - all children at Brockham for the whole day
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Maypole Dancing on the Green 1.30pm - families and friends all invited
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>INSET 4 of 5</b>
<b>w/c Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>HALF TERM WEEK</b>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Class Assembly - Butterflies
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Circus Pizzaz on Brockham site field - details to follow
<i>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Jun</i>	<i>Class Assembly - Bees</i>
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Class Assembly - Beetles
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Class Assembly - 3WM
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Jun	KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun	KS1 Sports Day (incl. Year R)
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Class Assembly - Dragonflies
w/c Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Last week of NDPS Clubs
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	Whole School Induction Day
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 6 PGL Assembly
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 5 Hampton Court Assembly
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation)
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	<b>Children's last day</b> <b>Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm</b> <b>KS2 - 1.15pm</b>
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jul</b>	<b>INSET 5 of 5</b>

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....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:** 1<sup>st</sup>) 04/09/2017; 2<sup>nd</sup>) 20/10/2017; 3<sup>rd</sup>) 19/02/2018; 4<sup>th</sup>) 25/05/2018; 5<sup>th</sup>) 23/07/2018

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