



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We are delighted to give you a round-up of some of the local sporting events in which our children participated last term...and to say a "very well done" to them all for their enthusiasm, commitment and for each being such a credit to their school.

Surrey Schools Cross Country - events took place over the autumn and spring terms. Our Year 5/6 team, comprising Jarrod, Evan, Ronnie, Evie, Erin, Thomas, Katie and Amelie faced tough competition from schools all over Surrey, achieving a splendid 1st place. Jarrod and Evan qualified for Surrey Training Camp having come in their top 20. Some excellent individual achievements were Jarrod (6J) 2nd; Michael (4CM) 2nd; Amelie (6C) 3rd; and Heather (3WM) 3rd.

Dorking Schools Netball - Year 6 girls A and B teams and Year 5 girls team all played their matches with great spirit and enthusiasm, showing good sportsmanship. Year 6 A team came 2nd and Year 5 came 1st. Sophie (5MB) was awarded the trophy for 'highest goal scorer' in both her events.

Dorking School Tag Rugby - our Year 5/6 team came 2nd on tries scored after some really close play.

Swimarathon - this was a charity event, raising money for NDPS outdoor learning equipment. Two teams took part, with 'Sharks' [Nicholas (6C), Freddie (4CM), Chloe (3WM), Olivia (3T), Casper (4CM) and Josh (6J)] completing 48 lengths and Dolphins [Olivia (4S), Azra (5BM), Charlie (5BM), Philippa (6J), Eoin (3WM) and Ollie (6J)] managing 52 laps.

Dorking (& Surrey) Schools Football - after some close play our Year 3/4 boys came 2nd on goal difference. Our Year 3/4 girls came 1st and qualified for the County Final, which was played this week, where they played really well, never giving up despite some difficult games. And so, as we've already said, "well done everyone"!



REMINDERS AND DATES

Safeguarding - we ask for your attention to and cooperation with the following matters please...

Collection/Vacating School Premises:

Afternoon collection for KS1 at all our sites is between 3 - 3.15.

After 3.15, the school sites at Betchworth and Leigh are closed unless there are specific events taking place (such as parent consultations/after-school clubs [at Leigh]). Pupils at Betchworth are collected from the school gate, but this is a reminder to Leigh parents that they and their children should **vacate the school playground by 3.15pm please**.

As well as KS1 at Brockham, KS2 finish at 3.15, so parents/children not involved in one of Brockham's after school events should also **vacate school premises promptly when children are released from class please**.

We are very fortunate that all three village sites has green spaces and village playparks/equipment for children close to the school sites if parents would like an opportunity to chat and for their children to play after school.

School Facilities:

Please note that school toilet, handwashing and first aid facilities are not available after these collection times (apart from pupils involved in after-school activities) unless there is an exceptional circumstance.

School Equipment:

School playground equipment/trim trails etc. are only for the use of North Downs pupils, during school hours, when under the supervision of staff.

It must not be used after school **by any child** unless it is part of a teacher-led activity. Nor should it be used by pre-school siblings when waiting to collect older children from school or a club.

OTHER NEWS

We have lovely news to impart that Mrs Katy Tolan and her husband Justin are expecting their first child in the autumn. Please join us in sending our happiest congratulations. May we remind you to please let a member of staff know if your child has contracted any childhood illness such as slap cheek, rubella etc., which can have complications for pregnancy.

Netball Skills: 'Sisters n Sport' are running weekly summer **Netball Skills classes** on a Sunday morning at Dunottar School. Classes commence 22nd April and are for complete beginners or those wanting to improve their individual skills. For more information or to book a place see www.sistersnsport.com.

Girls Touch Rugby: Dorking Rugby Club is supporting MVDC and providing free **Touch Rugby coaching** for girls in Years 5 & 6 that live in or go to school in Mole Valley, as part of the **Surrey Youth Games** initiative. These will be weekly on a Wednesday, commencing 25th April at Dorking Rugby Club, Brockham Big Field from 4.30pm to 6pm. To sign up, see www.molevalley.gov.uk/syg or email girlsrugby@dorkingrfc.com.

Well done to Sammy, Charlie & Thomas (Year 5) who raised over £100 for the National Autistic Society at their cake sale last term. An excellent result!



A huge thank you to Mr Hodges, father of Annabelle (Caterpillars) for donating the materials for and arranging the construction of a gravel pit in Caterpillars' outdoor classroom. As you can see, the children are delighted with their new area, which will enrich their outdoor learning - and provide lots of fun too!



Our Reception children enjoy using their outdoor learning areas every day, but this week's sunshine and the opportunity for some al fresco fruit time has been a delight!

FRIENDS' MATTERS

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

Unwelcome visitors! We have been made aware of a case of headlice. Please would you ALL check your children's heads this weekend and treat as necessary. More advice can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Summer Term 2018

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
Fri 18 th May	Class Assembly - Ladybirds
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
Tues 12 th Jun	Class Assembly - Bees
Fri 15 th Jun	Class Assembly - 3WM
Tues 19 th Jun	KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 21 st Jun	KS1 Sports Day (incl. Year R)
Thurs 28 th Jun	Class Assembly - Beetles
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

....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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