

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

PARKING - PARENT FOCUS GROUP

Over the last few weeks I have received several reports regarding incidents where children have been hurt or involved in 'near misses' as a result of dangerous driving and inconsiderate parking. I can completely understand the frustrations felt by many parents as a result, so am very keen to work with parents and residents to address the ongoing, and what seems to be increasing, issues particularly at the Brockham base.

I have written to our Parent Focus Group to ask for their help in developing a 'safe routes to schools' strategy. However, any other parents who would be willing to give some time to attend our discussion group would be most welcome to join us.

The first meeting will be held on Friday 18th May at 2.00pm at the Brockham site. If you would like to come along I would appreciate it if you could email me directly at head@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk.

Jane Douglass



Ahead of Maypole Day, Thurs 24th May, enjoy these photos of Caterpillars dancing in the sunshine!



Beetles & Bees are delighted to show-off their freshly painted castle at Leigh below. A very big thank you to Mrs Nelson & Mrs James (mums of Sylvie & Evie) for all their artistry and enthusiasm - it looks wonderful. Also to our own Mrs Brockwell for her sterling effort as always.



REMINDERS AND DATES

Calling all ex-pupils of Betchworth & Buckland Children's Nursery: BBCN are celebrating their 25th Anniversary with a Garden Party on Saturday 23rd June 2pm-5pm. They would love to see pupils past & present. There will be a vintage tea tent, a Pimms tent, live music and children's entertainment on offer. Places are limited, so if you would like to join them please email bbcن.gardenparty@gmail.com.

Raincoat v sunhat/cream: as we seem to be able to 'enjoy' all four seasons in a single day at the moment, please would you ensure your child continues to bring a coat (unless the day is undoubtedly going to be hot and dry). Obviously for those days when the sun does put in an appearance, please also provide them with a sunhat, to cover all eventualities! If required, a long-lasting suncream should be applied before the school day please.

OTHER NEWS

Leigh Charity Plant Sale: Saturday 19th May 2pm on Leigh Village Green in support of many local charities, including FONDS. Lots of stalls, selling lots of plants - some of which have been planted in school by our own green-fingered children! Refreshment Tent too. Accompanied children will open the sale with Bell Ringing from St Bartholomew's, Leigh.

Fulham FC Soccer School: are holding a soccer school on Thursday 31st May & Friday 1st June (during May half term), 9am to 3pm at the new Meadowbank Stadium, Dorking. There is an introductory offer of book one day/get one day free, at a cost of £21. See www.fulhamsoccerschool.com for more details or to book.

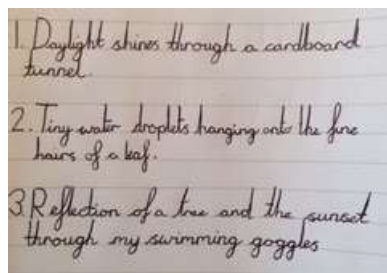


55 member of the school choir from Years 4 to 6 sang their hearts out at the recent Dorking Halls Music Concert. Along with several other local schools, they sang eight songs telling a story aptly named "Go Lightning Vikings" whilst also leading the audience with some well-known old time favourites such as "Knees up Mother Brown."

All our children should be congratulated for learning the songs brilliantly whilst demonstrating exemplary behaviour throughout the evening. Mrs Mitchell is particularly proud of the Year 6 children who enthusiastically sang the more difficult second parts of several of the songs; not to mention three children who narrated parts of the story so beautifully to the audience. They were all superstars!

It was a really memorable evening for the children and the audience alike.

Very well done to Chloe 3WM, who came 3rd in the Mole Valley region of the recent Rotary Clubs Young Photographers competition themed 'A Different Perspective'. Her prize-winning entries are below.



FRIENDS' MATTERS

Quiz Night is fast approaching on **Friday 11th May**; at time of writing places are still available but please get your forms in today so that we can arrange catering. Playing for pride and prosecco prizes courtesy of Seymours Estate Agents (plus bragging rights over the teacher teams perhaps?!).

Ticket sales have started well for the **Circus Pazaz** shows on **Saturday 9th June** so if you have a time preference it might be an idea to secure your tickets sooner rather than later. Feedback is that the online ticketing is working well - go to pta-events.co.uk/fonds to buy and spread the word!

Next meeting is 7.45pm on **Tuesday 15th May** at the Arkle Manor, 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

Finally

Have a great weekend

Summer Term 2018

Fri 11 th May	FONDS Quiz Night
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 Pazaz at Brockham site
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)
Fri 22 nd Jun	Class Assembly - 3T
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

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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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