

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We are looking forward to Maypole Day next Thursday, 24th May. There will be a selection of activities in the morning and then our annual Maypole Dancing on Brockham Green in the afternoon, to which families and friends are all invited and very welcome.

Please note that all North Downs pupils will be spending the whole day at Brockham, so Caterpillars from Betchworth and Bees & Beetles from Leigh should be dropped off and collected from the Brockham Village site please.

A reminder that Friday 25th May is a school INSET - the fourth of five - with school closed to pupils all day for staff training.

Finally, as this is the last newsletter before half term, have a lovely week's break.



What very busy bees our Caterpillars have been recently.

Above you can see them helping Mrs Brockwell to build a new step from their new outdoor construction area into one of the Betchworth playground playhouses.

Below are photographs of them on the very enjoyable and successful Reception trip to Ladyland Farm this week. A really good day was had by all the children....and the grown-ups too!



REMINDERS AND DATES

Goulburn Green Betchworth 'closure notice': Betchworth Parish Council has advised that the middle section of the green is to be resurfaced on Monday 21st - Tuesday 22nd next week. The footpath across the green will be closed for the duration of resurfacing, but when parking in the church car park for drop-off and collection you can use The Street pavement alongside Goulburn Green. Parents are asked to observe any restrictions with regard to access to play equipment during this time please.

OTHER NEWS

Betchworth Flower Festival and Raffle: visit St Michael's Church for an "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Flower Festival on **26th to 28th May**, 10-4 pm daily (Sunday 12-4), for floral displays, music, bell tower visits and light refreshments. All proceeds towards the repair and upkeep of St Michael's Church. Entry at the door by programme £5 per adult/under 16 free. A Grand Raffle will be drawn at the end of the festival on Monday 28th May (prizes include a Samsung Galaxy phone and watch worth £450, £300 cash, football and rugby experiences and Cirque du Soleil tickets); tickets are available from Betchworth Post Office or online - www.justgiving.com/fundraising/betchworthflowerfestivalraffle to donate £1 for every ticket you wish to purchase (minimum of 2 tickets). Tick the box to be contacted by Louise Targett who will email your ticket numbers - and let you know if you have won!

'The Lark Descending': is an innovative new evolving two-week **free exhibition** on protecting Leith Hill by Dorking based artists Heather Ackroyd and Dan Harvey, **10th to 27th May**, daily 11-5. The exhibition takes place at **St Martin's Walk Dorking** (Unit 4, formerly The Body Shop); it explores the ecology, geology, history and culture of Leith Hill, referencing the imminent threat to the area. Free Talks & Workshops, places limited, info & booking at www.surreyuneearthed.org.

Half Term Tennis Camps: at **Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club**, on **Tues 29th May to Fri 1st June** for ages 4 to 16, cost £18 per session (£15 members). Book - dorkingtennis@gmail.com or call Ali 07941 266155 or Brian 07712 557076.

Holiday Quest Club: at **St John's CE Primary School**, **Tues 29th May to Fri 1st June**. A fun and caring environment with qualified staff for ages 4-11. Different events and activities organised daily. Cost £20 (8.30-3.30) £25 (8.30-5). Booking forms available directly from St John's School Office or email questclub@stjohnsdorking.uk.

Half term 'Go Wild' at Polesden Lacey: pick up a pack full of crafts, activities and games to do as you explore the wild woods of Polesden Lacey from **26th May to 3rd June**, £3 per child or £5 for 2. Call 01372 452048 for details, or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/polesdenlacey.



We thought you might like to see the lengths to which our North Downs teaching staff are prepared to go to enrich your children's learning...

....so here they are throwing themselves (or being thrown?) into training on the recently installed **Cube** apparatus at Leigh!

FRIENDS' MATTERS

Maypole Day: Thursday 24th May. We will be selling Pimms on Brockham Green during the dancing, with thanks to the Plough at Leigh.

Circus Pazaz: Saturday 9th June, shows at 11am/1pm/3pm. £6, under 2s free. For tickets go to pta-events.co.uk/fonds.

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

JL Douglas

Finally

**The forecast is looking good, so
enjoy the weekend!**

Summer Term 2018

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 - 3T
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 - Butterflies
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

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<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-term-dates>

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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