



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We are including a reminder for you this week that North Downs strives to be a nut-free school. We have pupils in school with confirmed and suspected nut allergies, and whilst it is not possible to guarantee, we do not knowingly countenance nuts in school.

As such, this reminder is for any parent whose child brings a packed lunch to school, either daily or as a one-off on a school trip, that it should not contain any known nuts or nut products (such as peanut butter sandwiches). We thank you for your cooperation in removing this potential exposure for our children at risk.



On the subject of food, Sharon & Simmy (our caterer and cook) have been putting lots of thought into making lunchtimes more attractive - and fun - at Brockham.

There has been added interest in the dining hall, with a Duplo character having adventures for the children to look at as they line up for their lunch.

Additionally, Sharon and Simmy have been creating intriguing displays of creatures made from vegetables, with the children wondering what - or who - they will do next.

Then there are the meals themselves. For example, just look at the children's delicious, nutritious and colourful salad bar...

Thank you ladies!



REMINDERS AND DATES

Pupil Data Check: the next batch of pupils will be receiving their Data Collection Sheets today, surnames commencing M to R (in the case of siblings, with the eldest). Please check this, making changes as necessary and return it to school by Friday 30th November. Your form **SHOULD BE RETURNED, SIGNED**, irrespective of changes or not.

NB. We have some Data Sheets overdue for pupils' surnames A to L. Please be aware that this is an important part of school safeguarding, ensuring that the contacts and other data held for your child is up to date.

Christmas Lunch: a reminder that if your child usually has packed lunches but would like the school's Christmas lunch on 14th December, your order must be placed (and paid for in KS2) by Friday 30th November.

Meal Arrangement Changes: you are reminded that if you wish to make changes to your child's lunch preference, Surrey Commercial Services requires five school days' notice sent in writing to school, or by email to info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk.

Breakfast/Early Birds & Moles Clubs: advance notice that our clubs at Brockham, Betchworth & Leigh will begin on Monday 7th January for the Spring Term.

Children in Need: huge thanks to everyone who helped towards raising the fabulous total of **£787.64**. This will be sent to Children in Need along with an additional **£11.77** raised independently by Arthur (Kingfishers). Well done Arthur!

Keeping Warm: please ensure that not only does your child bring a warm coat every day, but gloves and hats too, now that the weather is colder. Reception children often spend as long in their outdoor classroom as they do inside during the school day - and for all the children, the big open spaces of the playgrounds means they catch every gust of cold wind!

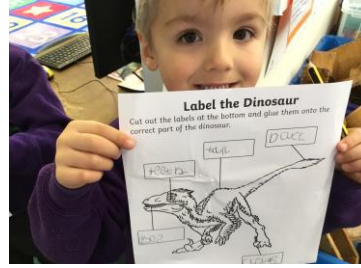
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KBK KickBoxKarate: the after-school club held at North Downs Primary, is taking bookings for their January clubs (only available to North Downs' pupils). **Years 1 & 2:** Tuesdays 3.15-4.00 at Leigh commencing 15/01/19; **Years 3 to 6:** Thursday 3.20-4.05 at Brockham commencing 17/01/19. Non-refundable online advance payment only - <https://kickboxkarate.com/afterschool/>. Please note that each class requires a minimum of eight students booked and paid in advance to take place; with a maximum of twenty places available to book.

OTHER NEWS

Free Creative Workshop: focusing on printing onto ceramics. There will be two sessions taking place at Caterham School on Saturday 1st December. Session One: 9.30-10.30am / Session Two: 10.30-11.30. All ages welcome, but children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Places must be booked in advance. To do so, please email rachel.veldtman@caterhamschool.co.uk.

GOVERNOR MATTERS

The school will be holding Governor Elections in the New Year. If you think you might be interested in the role, please contact the Clerk to the Governors on clerktothegovernors@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk or the Chair of Governors, Paul Rode on chairofgovernors@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk for more information.



Owls have had a fantastic fortnight immersed in Dinosaurs. We have drawn some, written labels, worked together to dig up bones, worked as a team to make a giant jigsaw, we have made dinosaurs from shapes and even built a huge triceratops outside. Hope you enjoy the pictures of the Owlosauruses at work!

FRIENDS' MATTERS

We are really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the **Christmas Fair next Friday, 30th November 3-5pm**. Please come along to enjoy market stalls, festive games, refreshments, raffle draw, Santa's Grotto, photo-booth and craft sessions; we need your support to make it a successful and, more importantly, enjoyable start to the festive season for NDPS!

Reminders:

Fair day is mufti day in exchange please for: Betchworth - mince pies; all other infant classes - cakes; all junior classes - Jolly Jars.

Please check your stall rotas via your class reps to fill any remaining volunteer slots, support so far has been fantastic, thank you!

Some spaces remain for Santa's Grotto and Christmas Craft sessions - please book via pta-events.co.uk/fonds.

Finally, our specimen tree is up and decorated and looks fabulous! We need a few more orders to ensure delivery, please take a look at the tree and order via pta-events.co.uk/fonds for collection on 8th December. These are top quality trees that arrive cut and netted at a significant discount to garden centre prices!

See you at the Fair!

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.



Autumn Term 2018

w/c Mon 26 th Nov	Last week of school clubs
Fri 30 th Nov	Mufti Day
Fri 30 th Nov	FONDS Christmas Fair - details above and via parent mailing
Wed 5 th Dec	Robins to Betchworth all day /Christingle Service at St Michael's, Betchworth (children only)
Wed 5 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance 1.30pm & 6pm
Thurs 6 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm
Tues 11 th Dec	Robins to Betchworth all day
Tues 11 th Dec	Year R Christmas Performance at Betchworth 1.30pm
Wed 12 th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance at Leigh 1.30pm
Thurs 13 th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance at Brockham 1.30pm
Mon 17 th Dec	Carol Service
Tues 18 th Dec	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)
Wed 19 th Dec	Gold Start Assembly Brockham (by invitation)
Wed 19th Dec	Children's last day Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm

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1st) 04/09/2018; 2nd) 05/09/2018; 3rd) 19/10/2018; 4th) 25/02/2019; 5th) 24/05/2019

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