



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

On Monday 21st January North Downs Primary School and the Brockham Emergency Response Team (BERT) were delighted to welcome the High Sheriff of Surrey, Jim Glover and Deputy Lieutenant, Paul Ryder to Brockham to present pupils with the Duke of Cornwall Award for Community Safety.

Twenty one pupils were presented with the award after completing a Community Safety course at the school in November last year. This joint initiative between BERT and Mrs Ottaway's Outdoor Explorers club saw children undertake several projects looking at what they might do, who they might contact and how they could help in the case of a local emergency such as flooding.

In recognition of this community support initiative, Mr. Joseph Savoo and Mr. Allister Smyle, Freemasons of Surrey's Frederick Wheeler Lodge, presented the school with a generous donation. The Lodge was more than happy to support this initiative which also promotes an understanding of community responsibility among children from primary school age upwards. Huge thanks to Mrs Collins and Mrs Heppenstall who delivered the training to the Outdoor Explorers with the aim of inspiring the next generation to volunteer and get involved in local schemes to improve community support during times of adversity...all very fitting with our whole school value this term: Resilience.



Tyres: our thanks to everyone who responded to an earlier request for tyres. We have plenty now, so no more are required. Thank you.

REMINDERS AND DATES

School payments: a reminder please that all cheque payments **MUST** be in a named, sealed envelope (staff may not accept 'loose' payments). Thank you for your cooperation.

Tuesday 5th February is **National Safer Internet Day**.

We will be leading age specific assemblies for the pupils along with the opportunity to undertake activities based around the theme: 'Our Internet, Our Choice: Understanding Consent in a Digital World'.

Online safety is something which parents ask for more and more help with. To that end we have invited Dave Robinson to come into school to lead an information session for parents. Dave is 'Schools Computing and Online Safety Consultant'. He has 30 years of experience as an educator, first as a teacher then consultant working with schools in the south east.

Dave Robinson delivers online safety courses, workshops and conferences to education professionals with his company Schools Computing. He has worked with pupils and staff supporting the curriculum and takes many staff meetings. In the crucial area of online safety, he has spoken to thousands of parents and worked with hundreds of pupils. He is a trained CEOP Ambassador.

*As a parent himself (4 children 8-18 years) he is sympathetic with the demands and pressures of parenting and likes to make the sessions active with videos, quizzes, discussions and practical information to support the family. **Please bring your smart phone to the session.***


The session will highlight the pressures that children face online and look at how the school is educating the children in online safety. We will also look at ways that parents can support positive and safe attitudes on the internet. The results of the online survey that the children undertook recently will also be shared. Please do come along and bring any other friends or adult family members for whom this will provide help guidance and support.

OTHER NEWS

'Fit for Sport' Half Term Activity Camps: being run 18th to 22nd February at Dorking Sports Hall for ages 4-12. Lots of fun-filled activities from £3.50 an hour. To book visit www.fitforsport.co.uk or call 020 8742 4990. Also taking early bookings for Easter Camps 1st to 19th April.

'Ultimate Activity' Holiday Camps: day camps for ages 4-14 this Easter, weekdays Mon 8th-Thurs 18th April are to be held at two local schools, Reigate St. Mary's & Chinthurst, Tadworth. With amazing school facilities and over 40 activities for ages 4-5; 6-7; 8-9; and 10+ you can try something new every day. Book by the day (£40) or week (£169). Day camps run Monday to Friday: drop off 08.30 to 09.30 / collection 16.30 to 17.15 (or for an additional £5 a day have an Extended Day Pass with drop off at 08.00 and collection 18.00). Early Booking Offer - book by Tuesday 12th March 2019 and save up to £40 per week. Bookings taken now (and more details) at www.ultimateactivity.co.uk or phone 0330 111 7077.

The kitchen is celebrating **Chinese New Year** with a special lunch menu (see below) for children having a school meal on Monday 4th February. See you there!



CHINESE NEW YEAR

2019
Year of the Pig

Lunch Menu
Sweet & Sour Chicken
or
Oriental Vegetables with Quorn V
with
Steamed Rice or Noodles
Sweetcorn & Broccoli

Pineapple Cake V

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Year 3 have been 'learning outside the classroom', linking their activities to English, Science and their Geography Topic. They have been deciding whether a wind turbine in Brockham would be a welcome idea (and writing letters of complaint); making paper windmills, focusing on forces/wind; and drawing the compass points on the playground.

FRIENDS' MATTERS

Valentine's Disco: back by popular demand! FONDS Valentine's disco, on Fri 15th February in Brockham School Hall: Years 1&2 3.15-4pm; Years 3&4 4.15-5pm; Years 5&6 5.15-6pm. Tickets £5 (includes professional DJ, drink and a small gift to take away) can be purchased online at www.pta-events.co.uk/fonds.

Volunteer Opportunities: could you be our next Chair, Secretary or Treasurer? A part-time rewarding volunteer role with flexible hours! An opportunity to meet new friends, lead a great team of dedicated volunteers and have a giggle. From September 2019, but with an opportunity to work with the current team for a handover period. Find us in the playground, via facebook (Friends of North Downs School) or email fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk for more details.

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

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Spring Term 2019



Mon 4 th Feb	Chinese New Year Lunch for school meal pupils	
Fri 8 th Feb	Class Assembly - Kestrels	
Mon 11 th Feb	Year 1 trip - Discovery Centre (all Year 1 to Brockham)	
Tues 12 th Feb	Parent Consultation Evening	
Thurs 14 th Feb	Parent Consultation Evening	
18 th - 22 nd Feb	HALF TERM WEEK	
Mon 25 th Feb	School closed - INSET 4 of 5	
Tues 26 th Feb	School swimming begins	
Tues 5 th Mar	Year 3 trip - Ashdown Forest	
Fri 8 th Mar	Class Assembly - Eagles	
Wed 20 th Mar	Reception trip - Hawth Theatre (All Year R to Betchworth)	
Fri 22 nd Mar	Class Assembly - Toucans	
w/c Mon 25 th Mar	Last week of NDPS clubs	
Mon 25 th Mar	Swimming Gala	
Fri 29 th Mar	Class Assembly - Skylarks	
Thurs 4 th Apr	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)	
Fri 5 th Apr	Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation)	
Fri 5 th Apr	LAST DAY OF TERM	Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm

Summer Term 2019

Tues 23 rd Apr	First Day of Term	
Mon 29 th Apr	NDPS Choir - Dorking Halls Music Concert 7pm	
Tues 30 th Apr	Year 3 Stone Age to Iron Age Day	
Fri 3 rd May	Class Assembly - Robins	
Mon 6 th May	School closed - May Bank Holiday	
w/c Tues 7 th May	NDPS Clubs begin	
Fri 10 th May	Class Assembly - Flamingos	
Thurs 23 rd May	Maypole Day - all pupils at Brockham all day	
Thurs 23 rd May	Maypole & Country Dancing on Brockham Green 1.30pm - family & friends invited	
Fri 24 th May	School closed - INSET 5 of 5	
27 th - 31 st May	HALF TERM WEEK	
Tues 18 th Jun	KS2 Sports Day	
Thurs 20 th Jun	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (at Brockham - all pupils all day)	
Mon 24 th Jun	Year 6 residential visit to Windmill Hill	
Tues 25 th Jun	Class Assembly - Woodpeckers	
Fri 28 th Jun	Class Assembly - Kingfishers	
Fri 28 th Jun	Year 6 return from Windmill Hill	
Tues 2 nd Jul	Whole School Induction Day	
Thurs 4 th Jul	Class Assembly - Puffins	
Fri 5 th Jul	Class Assembly - Penguins	
w/c Mon 8 th Jul	Last week of NDPS clubs	
Fri 12 th Jul	End of Year Reports home	
Thurs 18 th Jul	Parent Consultation Evening	
Fri 19 th Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Disco	
Mon 22 nd Jul	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)	
Tues 23 rd Jul	Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation)	
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Wed 24 th Jul	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	
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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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