



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This week we are very pleased to share news of the recent sporting events in which North Downs pupils have been participants.

County Football: in January our Year 6 Boys and Year 5/6 Girls teams, having qualified by winning our local competition, took part in the County Football Tournament. A great event competing against schools from all over Surrey. Both teams played really well and were a credit to our school.

Hockey: also in January two teams of Years 5/6 went to St John's School to take part in the annual Dorking Primary Schools Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament. This was a wonderful tournament with eleven teams taking part. North Downs teams played some brilliant hockey, passing the ball accurately, using the whole team and communicating exceptionally well with each other. They never gave up, showing great team spirit and determination in every match. Well done to everyone who played, it was a really fantastic afternoon of sport and we are very proud of you.

Indoor Athletics: during February a group of children from Years 5 & 6 took part in the Dorking Primary Schools Sports Hall Athletics Competition. This took place at The Ashcombe, where they competed against seven other schools. The children took part in a large range of activities which included both field and track events. It was a wonderful event and the performances from our children were outstanding. Once all the results were determined, the Girls team came 3rd and overall North Downs was 3rd. Well done to everyone involved.



Key Steps Gym Competition: finally, back in December two teams of children - one Year 5/6 and one Year 3/4 - took part in the Dorking Primary Schools Sports Association's annual Key Steps Gym Competition. The children had to learn three routines (Body Management, Floor and Vault) to perform, each being awarded marks up to 10.

Our Year 3/4 team came 4th. They should be very proud - this was a first completion for many of them; indeed some had only just started doing gym. Our Year 5/6 team came 1st overall with some great displays demonstrating co-ordination, poise and controlled performances. What a credit to the school, well done everyone. Congratulations to some individual medal winners too: Katie (Kestrels), Alysia (Eagles), Annabelle (Kestrels) and Isabella (Skylarks)!



OTHER NEWS

Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day: and the children are invited to wear something red in exchange for £1 towards Comic Relief. We will not be selling red noses in school but you are welcome to wear your red nose if you have one. For more information about where your donation goes see <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>.

Maths Information Evening: in response to feedback from last year's Maths Workshop we will be holding a Maths Information Evening for parents on **Tuesday 26th March, 7pm** at our **Brockham site**. During the meeting, Mrs Carol Tubb will be explaining current methods used in the classroom and suggesting ways you can help your children at home. The evening is for all year groups and will last about an hour. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Mr Webber will be running this year's **Brighton Marathon** on **14th April** in support of **Great Ormond Street Hospital**. He - and they - would be very grateful for any donations. In Richard's own words "I would be overwhelmed if anyone could donate to my just giving page (link below) and show support to this amazing organisation. Thank you in advance and it means the world to me knowing I am making a contribution to such a worthwhile cause".

Link: <http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/RICHARD-WEBBER31>

Mud Kids Event: on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th April at Pippbrook Meadows in Dorking, 'Mud Kids' will be holding a 3km obstacle course event for all the family, promising fresh air, fun - and mud! The course will be a mixture of natural and man-made obstacles, including a bespoke 25m-long slide. Everyone participating will receive a medal. Tickets give access to the course for 3 hours and can be purchased online at www.mudkids.co.uk.



Owls took full advantage of the inclement weather to try and 'surf' a puddle in their mud kitchen. Never a class to miss out on an opportunity for some investigative learning, they were busy working out why they were sinking not floating...!



Well done to everyone across the school for their imaginative costumes for World Book Day on Thursday. How many favourite book characters can you spot in Owls (right & above)?

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

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Finally

Have a great weekend

Determination of Surrey's admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and coordinated schemes - 2020 (Schools)

The admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2020 and Surrey's primary and secondary coordinated schemes for 2020 were determined by Surrey's Full Council on 5 February 2019. The following documents, which set out Surrey's arrangements, are available in full on the [Surrey County Council website www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-arrangements-and-outcomes/determined-admission-arrangements](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-arrangements-and-outcomes/determined-admission-arrangements).

- Admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools
- APPENDIX 1 - Published admission numbers (PANs)
- APPENDIX 2 - Schools which will operate shared sibling priority for admissions
- APPENDIX 3 - Own admission authority schools which will be considered in the assessment of nearest school
- APPENDIX 4 - Catchment map for Southfield Park Primary School
- APPENDIX 5 - Catchment map for Woodmansterne Primary School
- Coordinated schemes for admission to primary and secondary school for 2020/21
- Surrey's Relevant Area for admissions 2020

As part of the determination the following changes have been applied:

1. **Furzeffield Primary, Reigate & Banstead:** reduction of Reception PAN from 60 to 58
2. **Wallace Fields Junior, Epsom & Ewell:** change to the measuring points used to assess nearest school and home to school distance
3. **Children previously in state care outside England who left that care as a result of being adopted:** inclusion within criterion 2 for children with an exceptional social/medical need

Any person or body who considers that any aspect of these admission arrangements are unlawful or not in compliance with the School Admissions Code or relevant law relating to admissions, can make an objection to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator. Objections must be referred by **15 May 2019** and further information on how to make an objection can be obtained from the [Office of the Schools Adjudicator](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-arrangements-and-outcomes/determined-admission-arrangements) website.

Spring Term 2019

Fri 15 th Mar	<i>Comic Relief/Red Nose Day - red mufti for a £1 donation</i>	
Wed 20 th Mar	Reception trip - Hawth Theatre (All Year R to Betchworth, see letter for details)	
Fri 22 nd Mar	Class Assembly - Toucans	
w/c Mon 25 th Mar	Last week of NDPS clubs	
Mon 25 th Mar	Swimming Gala	
Tues 26 th Mar	<i>Maths Information Evening for parents 7pm Brockham site</i>	
Fri 29 th Mar	Class Assembly - Skylarks	
Tues 2 nd Apr	Year R Transport Day at Brockham (see letter for details)	
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)	
Tues 23 rd Jul	Parent Consultation Evening	
Wed 24 th Jul	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	
Wed 24 th Jul	LAST DAY OF TERM	Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm

Term and Holiday Dates 2018/2019

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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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