



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

A big welcome to all our pupils and parents, those returning to and those joining North Downs for a new academic year.

We are delighted to have starters in many of our year groups this term, as well as our whole new Reception cohort of course. So if you see unfamiliar faces in the classrooms or playground, do say hello and join us in extending a warm welcome.



Brockham site at 8 o'clock on Thursday, our first day of term... all ready for the children!

REMINDERS AND DATES

Meet the Teacher: as always, we start the year with your opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and hear about their planned learning this year. Meetings for Year 1 to 6 are **after school** next week; please go to your child's classroom after signing-in at the school office:

Years 1 & 2 - Tuesday 11th September

Years 3 & 4 - Monday 10th September

Year 5 - Wed 12th September

Year 6 - Thurs 13th September

Meetings for our new Reception classes will be held shortly, with details to follow.

Pupil Medication: a reminder that if your child requires medication to be taken at school, this should be brought to the office and the relevant ND medical forms completed. All medication must be in its original container, as dispensed by the pharmacist and clearly labelled. Please ensure you check the expiry date of any medication/inhalers before bringing them in to school.

'New Look' Catering at North Downs, Brockham: there is a new catering team at our Brockham site. Catering is supplied by Commercial Services SE office and your District Manager is Roz Joyner. Sharon Letts is your Caterer; she has a wealth of experience in Education Catering and has worked for Commercial Services for 12 years, with a real passion for food and excellent customer service. Simonetta Held known as "Simmy" is your Cook. She joined us earlier in the year and like Sharon shares passion and drive! They will be joined by Janine Clea, your Catering Assistant.

Sharon and the team worked closely with the children at Brockham last term, listening to their likes and dislikes, and have tailored the menu to suit their needs. The children are able to choose either the main or the vegetarian option of the day - and in October it is planned to introduce a third option for the juniors, to further increase choice. This option will be things such as filled jackets and Paninis. You will be notified when this happens and a new menu circulated.

We hope you will choose to take up this exciting food offer. KS1 are still free of charge, equivalent to £400; whilst the cost of a meal for KS2 is only £2.30, which is excellent value for a two course lunch with the addition of homemade bread, and a well-stocked salad bar. There is also a choice of daily desserts, so if the dessert of the day is not to your child's liking they can choose from fresh fruit, yoghurt or cheese and biscuits.

There will be a food taster opportunity in October. The new Autumn/Winter menu will be showcased for you to sample the lovely food your children eat on a daily basis, as well as a chance to meet your catering team. Look out for details shortly.

OTHER NEWS

Arts Alive Celebrations: Mole Valley is organising two brilliant FREE creative events during September to herald the start of the **Mole Valley Arts Alive Festival** (celebrating its 24th year!). Come along and listen to local singers, watch live bands and local performers, get your face painted and find out more about the community arts festival. Anyone attending is guaranteed a great day out -

Saturday 15th September 10am-2pm Swan Centre, Leatherhead

Saturday 22nd September 10am-2pm St Martin's Walk, Dorking

Mole Valley Girls (MVGs) Football Club: is a club dedicated to girls' football, looking to introduce younger girls to football. We are proud to be running one of the premier girls-only football clubs in Surrey and we are holding open sessions. We would love to see you so come along and give us a go!

Years 3 to 6 train on Fridays 17.00-18.00 at the KVG Playing Grounds, Chart Downs, Dorking. Any level of football experience welcome. Contact Dean Spurden: dean.spurden@gmail.com or 07989 475082.

Sisters n Sport: is holding girls weekly netball 'skills schools' at The Hawthorns School on Sunday mornings. These are open to girls of all abilities in Years 2 to 7. Bookings are now open for the autumn term. Use code 'BTU577' to save 10% on your booking at www.sistersnsport.com



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

An important reminder for the new academic year to:

Always check the Diary Dates on the final page of the newsletter

(Note: dates in italics have been added or changed/updated that week)

Please note that dates after the autumn half term will be added to the next newsletter.

Yours sincerely

Finally

Have a great weekend



Autumn Term 2018

Tues 4th Sept	First Day of Term - INSET 1 of 5
Wed 5th Sept	INSET 2 of 5
Thurs 6 th Sept	Years 1 to 6 return to school
Mon 10 th Sept	Reception Group 1 children starting (am only)
Mon 10 th Sept	Meet the Teacher - Years 3 & 4
Tues 11 th Sept	Reception Group 2 children starting (am only)
Tues 11 th Sept	Meet the Teacher - Years 1 & 2
Wed 12 th Sept	Meet the Teacher - Year 5
Thurs 13 th Sept	Meet the Teacher - Year 6
w/c Mon 17 th Sept	School Clubs commence
Sun 23 rd Sept	FONDS Teas on the Green
Wed 26 th Sept	FONDS AGM
Fri 5 th Oct	FONDS Quiz Night
Wed 10 th -Fri 12 th Oct	Year 4 - High Ashurst residential trip
Tues 16 th Oct	Parent Consultations
Thurs 18 th Oct	Parent Consultations
Fri 19 th Oct	INSET 3 of 5
Mon 22 nd -Fri 26 th Oct	HALF TERM WEEK

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1st) 04/09/2018; 2nd) 05/09/2018; 3rd) 19/10/2018; 4th) 11/02/2019; 5th) 24/05/2019

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