



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Despite having just returned from the summer holiday, we now realise that there are only another two weeks before the October half term! This is an action-packed fortnight, so please give your attention to the Diary Dates to be sure you don't miss anything.



It's been a busy week of learning in Owls. We have been building aeroplanes, making music, working as a team to test how quickly we can move the boats, and have made some poorly pets better!

We have also immersed ourselves in number, as you can see - enjoying number games and focussing on our number of the day.



## REMINDERS AND DATES

**North Downs Open Mornings:** will be held at Brockham on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Betchworth on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, with arrival for Headteacher's talk at 9.30am. If you are aware of anyone looking for Reception or Year 3 places in September 2019, please invite them to our open mornings - no booking necessary.

**Nasal Flu Immunisation:** please be reminded that if you have not yet returned your child's nasal flu form, this is due back in school by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. **IMPORTANT - THIS IS WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE GIVING PERMISSION FOR YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNISATION.** Thank you.

**Pupil Data Check:** we are holding our annual data check across the autumn term. As such, please keep an eye on the newsletter for notification of when your child/children's **Data Collection Sheet** will be coming home in their school bag. This form should be checked carefully, then signed and returned within two weeks, with any changes made to the form as necessary please. Due to numbers of pupils involved, distribution is staggered alphabetically in batches. Data Collection Sheets for surnames A to C are coming home today (in the case of siblings, with the eldest). **Please note you should return your form SIGNED irrespective of changes or not.**

**Sickness Absence:** a reminder that if your child experiences vomiting or diarrhoea, it is a Surrey requirement as advised by the NHS, that they be absent for a full 48 hours after the last bout of illness. Please note that it is not possible to make any exception to this rule, the 48 hour exclusion is irrespective of the reason for the sickness.

**Coats:** please ensure your child has a coat every day (and as the season progresses, hat and gloves too please). The playgrounds can be chilly places even if the day starts sunny...and the infants, especially Reception, frequently spend as much time outdoors as they do inside. You are reminded of the need for all uniform to be clearly name labelled please.

**Children's Photos:** will be taken next week (Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> at Brockham and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> at Betchworth and Leigh). If you have children on different sites you will already have received an email concerning sibling photographs. Same site siblings in different classes will be photographed during the normal photo sessions.

**Road Closure:** we've been advised of patching work on Bunce Common Road between the junction with Newdigate Road and Tapners Road, from 8<sup>th</sup> October. The road will be closed between 8am and 5pm over 2 days. You can find up to date details of the works on [www.surreycc.gov.uk/roadworks](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roadworks).

## OTHER NEWS

**Tech Camp:** Next Thing Education will be running a **Technology Camp** at **North Downs** during the **October half-term - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** designed for children between the ages 5-12 to fuel and ignite their imaginations. Activities include building inventions, programming robots, designing/printing t-shirts (to take home) and modifying Minecraft. You can book one or more days, with multi-day discounts with up to **20% off**. Spaces are limited, so to check availability or to enrol see: [www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education).

**Surrey Arts:** would like to invite all young musicians to come along and try out some of the local ensembles at their open evening on **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> October** at Tillingbourne School.

**5.15- 6.30pm:** South West Winds - Woodwind, brass and percussion players (beginner to grade 4); Prima - String players (beginner to grade 2); Opus - String players (grade 2- 4).

**6.45 - 8.45pm:** South West Surrey Youth Orchestra - Strings, wind, brass and percussion (grade 5+).

For more information contact Alison Harding - [Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk).

**Friday Club Explorers:** for Years 1 to 6 runs every **Friday from 6pm to 7pm** in the **Brockham Church Hall**. This is a **FREE** club run by the Youth and Families Ministry Team for all children, full of fun, games and moral teaching from the Bible. You are invited to come along and meet the team and join lots of local children for a fun-packed Friday. Contact Craig Taylor for more information [craig.blues@btinternet.com](mailto:craig.blues@btinternet.com).

**Wildlife Aid Foundation Talk:** a representative from the Wildlife Aid Foundation in Leatherhead will give the next Pebblecombe WI talk. All are welcome to join them (gentlemen are very welcome too) on **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.45pm in the Hamilton Room, Betchworth, with a raffle and tea & coffee to follow. There is no charge to come to this interesting and friendly evening. Any queries contact Diana Fitchett on 01737 201423 / [d.fitchett@gmail.com](mailto:d.fitchett@gmail.com).

**Father Christmas at Bocketts Farm:** returning this year from **22<sup>nd</sup> November to 24<sup>th</sup> December**, children can hop on board the Santa Express to meet Father Christmas in his magical hay barn workshop and receive a wrapped gift. Combined Farm Entry and Father Christmas tickets from £14.50 - £21.00 per child. Also this Christmas, a fun festive trail, craft corner, giant snow globe for a family photo and meet the baby lambs. See [www.bockettsfarm.co.uk/explore/christmas/](http://www.bockettsfarm.co.uk/explore/christmas/) for details.



Well done to Lucy (Nightingales) for completing her first Hever Castle Junior Triathlon, with a 100m swim, 4k bike ride and 1.3k run; all done in a great time and with a smile! If you want to 'try your first tri', visit [www.castletriathlonseries.co.uk](http://www.castletriathlonseries.co.uk).

We are delighted to congratulate Isabella (Skylarks) of Leatherhead & Dorking Gymnastics Club on her selection for the South East Regional Gymnastics Squad, having shown exceptional skills at elite competition level. Well done Isabella (*above*).

## FRIENDS' MATTERS

Many thanks to all who donated and came along to eat cakes at **Teas on the Green**, despite predictions the rain held off and we had a fantastic selection of cakes.

Tonight sees a full house for **Quiz Night**, good luck to all attending!

Look out for our new **Lego Fundraiser** - leaflets coming home in your children's bags today. The school will receive £1 for every item ordered with a choice of personalised mini-figures, mini-figure keyrings and brick keyrings. Feel free to spread the word to family and friends, returning orders by Thursday 18th October to the **FONDS** post box or school offices.

Also we will have a **bags to school** collection on Friday 2nd November so perhaps time for a clear-out over half term?

Many thanks as always for your support.

**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

Have a lovely weekend...

### Autumn Term 2018

Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual Pupil Photos - Brockham
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual Pupil Photos - Betchworth & Leigh
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year R Curriculum Day - all Reception at Brockham (see mailing 01/10/18 for details)
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 4 High Ashurst residential trip
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent Consultations
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Assemblies at all village sites (during school hours - pupils only)
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 1 Curriculum Day - all Year 1 at Leigh (see mailing 01/10/18 for details)
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 2 Curriculum Day - all Year 2 at Brockham (see mailing 01/10/18 for details)
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent Consultations
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>INSET 3 of 5</b>
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> -Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>HALF TERM WEEK</b>
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Children return to school
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Open Morning Brockham
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Open Morning Betchworth
w/c Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Last week of school clubs
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mufti Day
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	FONDS Christmas Fair - details TBA
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance 1pm & 6pm
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Robins to Betchworth all day
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year R Christmas Performance at Betchworth 1.30pm
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance at Leigh 1.30pm
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance at Brockham 1.30pm
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Service
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Children's last day</b>
	<b>Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm</b>

#### Term and Holiday Dates 2018/2019

....are available on Surrey County Council website

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

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