



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

On 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September we held a **Little Legs for Life** event: a sponsored run to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

We prepared for the event by using a video beforehand to explain about the work of Cancer Research UK, as well as circulating Little Legs for Life posters and sponsor forms. The effectiveness of this was shown by the number of children who, while running, talked about a family member or friend that had been affected by Cancer.

With glorious sunshine on both days, the weather was kind. Children from Years 1-6 took part and the Year 6 'Sports Crew' helped with the organisation and ran with the younger ones, doing a brilliant job of keeping everyone going.

The wonderful enthusiasm of the children was a joy to witness as they ran round the sports field. Members of the Dorking Friends of Cancer Research UK committee, teachers and teaching assistants cheered and clapped from the side lines and it was amusing to see that the speed increased in front of the cheerers.

Each child was presented with a medal at the end. One child wanted to keep running to get more sponsorship!

So after all that effort and enthusiasm from all the children it will be great to see the total raised. Sponsor money was due in by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October; if you have not yet returned yours please do so immediately after half-term.

Thank you for your support with this amazing event.



## OTHER NEWS

**2018-2019 Junior School House Names:** your children may have told you already of the new school House Names. Many congratulations to Ryan (Flamingos) for his winning suggestion of local well-known 'houses'! The children's team colours have been affiliated with the House Names as follows:

Arundel - Green    Bodiam - Blue    Windsor - Red    Hever - Yellow

**Well Done North Downs pupils:** from the Brockham Green Horticultural Society. The BGHS Autumn Show was a roaring success with over 140 separate entrants and the judges remarked on a very high standard for a village show. The novice categories encouraged new entrants and BGHS were delighted to get so many from North Downs School - who were winners of the 'Potato in a Pot' category (winning a special Certificate of Merit from the Judge) and the group categories for both 'Vegetables' and 'Flowers' - so many congratulations to all our entrants.

**Pupil Data Check:** our annual data collection sheets for pupils' surnames A to C **were due back today**, with any changes made to the form as necessary. There are still quite a large number outstanding. Please be aware that this is an important part of school safeguarding, ensuring that data held for your child is accurate. **You should return your SIGNED form irrespective of changes or not please.**

## Consultation on admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2020

Surrey County Council is consulting on:

- proposed changes to admission arrangements for some community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2020
- the admission arrangements for all remaining community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2020
- Surrey's relevant area - this is the area within which schools must consult on their admission arrangements.

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are available at [Surrey Says](http://www.surreysays.co.uk) (www.surreysays.co.uk).

### Why we are consulting

We have a statutory duty to consult on admission arrangements if we intend to make a change. The changes being proposed are as follows:

1. **Furzefield Primary School** - reduction in published admission number for Reception from 60 to 58
2. **Wallace Fields Junior School** - change to the points used to measure each child's nearest school and home to school distance so these will be calculated according to the nearest gate for either Wallace Fields Infant or Wallace Fields Junior school rather than just those for Wallace Fields Junior School
3. **Criterion 2 for children with an exceptional social/medical need** - provision for children previously in state care outside England to be given priority within this criterion

### How can I respond to the consultation?

The consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and the proposed changes will run from Tuesday 9 October 2018 to Monday 19 November 2018. If you would like to take part please complete an online response form at [Surrey Says](http://www.surreysays.co.uk) (www.surreysays.co.uk). Alternatively if you would prefer to respond on a paper form, please telephone the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004 to request a copy. Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

### What happens next?

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the County Council's decision making Cabinet on 29 January 2019. It will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposed changes as well as determining the admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for which no changes are proposed. Cabinet's decision will then need to be ratified by the full County Council on 5 February 2019. Once determined the final admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools will be placed on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions).

## OTHER NEWS

**Mole Valley Rural Housing Proposals for Leigh:** Leigh Parish Council invites residents to a **Public Meeting** on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Bunce Common Road. There will also be an opportunity to give your views via an online survey, available shortly. Any questions, please contact [leighparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:leighparishcouncil@gmail.com).

**Charity Coffee Morning:** being held by Honey (Eagles) and Tahlia (Puffins) in aid of the Little Roo Neo-Natal Foundation, St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 10.00-12.00 at Dorking URC, West Street, Dorking. Cakes, children's activities and a raffle too.

**Betchworth Road Works:** SCC has advised drainage improvements at the junction of Sandy Lane & Wonham Lane are due to start on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (8am-5pm Mon to Sat) for 6 weeks. See [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org) for details/date changes etc.

**Children's Half-Term Activity:** at **East Surrey Museum** in Caterham. On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30-12.00 and 2.00-3.30, you are invited to come along and make a **commemorative WWI nurse figurine**. All materials are supplied, but a donation to cover the Museum's costs would be appreciated. A **WW1 exhibition** is also available on the above dates and times. Visit [www.eastsurreymuseum.org.uk](http://www.eastsurreymuseum.org.uk) for details.

**Tennis Camps:** for ages 4-16, at **Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club**, from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October. To book or for more information email [dorkingtennis@gmail.com](mailto:dorkingtennis@gmail.com) or call Ali 07941 266155 or head coach Brian 07712 557076.

**Citizens Advice Mole Valley:** a reminder that free, confidential and independent advice is provided to help people overcome their problems, with appointments available to meet an adviser at Brockham village hall. These can be arranged by emailing [blfproject@camv.org.uk](mailto:blfproject@camv.org.uk). There is also a morning drop-in service at their offices in Lyons Court, Dorking. Further details can be found at [www.citizensadvicemolevalley.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicemolevalley.org.uk).

**Betchworth Village 'Litter Pick':** Betchworth Parish Council is asking for help with a litter pick on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, meeting on Goulburn Green at 10.30am please. Hi-vis tabards, 'pickers' and bags, plus homemade soup and crusty bread all provided! Please bring your own gloves and suitable footwear. Any time spared would be much appreciated.



Above are this year's School Council reps from Years 1 to 6 (*Left: Year 2 Leigh; Centre: Years 1 to 6 Brockham; Right: Year 1 Leigh*). Many congratulations to them and we look forward to hearing about and supporting their charitable events during the coming year.

## FRIENDS' MATTERS

Many thanks to all who attended the **Quiz and Chilli Night** and to Seymours in Dorking for their ongoing support in providing the prizes. We raised £650 and had lots of fun!

Today is the final day to return your forms for the **Lego minifigure fundraiser** so do so ASAP if you are ordering.

We hope you have a lovely half term - dates for the diary when we return: **Bags to School** collection Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November; **FONDS Meeting** 6<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm at the Royal Oak; **Christmas Fair** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 3-5pm.

**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

Finally

**Have a relaxing & enjoyable half term.  
We are closed tomorrow, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> for  
INSET 3 of 5.**



**Autumn Term 2018**

<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>INSET 3 of 5</b>	
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>-Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<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	
<i>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</i>	<i>Year 4 High Ashurst Assembly</i>	
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 Start Assembly Brockham (by invitation)	
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<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

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-term-dates>

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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