



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We are including a reminder for you this week that North Downs strives to be a nut-free school. We have pupils in school with confirmed and suspected nut allergies, and whilst it is not possible to guarantee, we do not knowingly countenance nuts in school.

As such, this reminder is for any parent whose child brings a packed lunch to school, either daily or as a one-off on a school trip, that it should not contain any known nuts or nut products (such as peanut butter sandwiches). We thank you for your cooperation in removing this potential exposure for our children at risk.



On the subject of food, Sharon & Simmy (our caterer and cook) have been putting lots of thought into making lunchtimes more attractive - and fun - at Brockham.

There has been added interest in the dining hall, with a Duplo character having adventures for the children to look at as they line up for their lunch.

Additionally, Sharon and Simmy have been creating intriguing displays of creatures made from vegetables, with the children wondering what - or who - they will do next.

Then there are the meals themselves. For example, just look at the children's delicious, nutritious and colourful salad bar...

Thank you ladies!



## REMINDERS AND DATES

**Pupil Data Check:** the next batch of pupils will be receiving their Data Collection Sheets today, surnames commencing M to R (in the case of siblings, with the eldest). Please check this, making changes as necessary and return it to school by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Your form **SHOULD BE RETURNED, SIGNED**, irrespective of changes or not.

*NB. We have some Data Sheets overdue for pupils' surnames A to L. Please be aware that this is an important part of school safeguarding, ensuring that the contacts and other data held for your child is up to date.*

**Christmas Lunch:** a reminder that if your child usually has packed lunches but would like the school's Christmas lunch on 14<sup>th</sup> December, your order must be placed (and paid for in KS2) by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Meal Arrangement Changes:** you are reminded that if you wish to make changes to your child's lunch preference, Surrey Commercial Services requires five school days' notice sent in writing to school, or by email to [info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk).

**Breakfast/Early Birds & Moles Clubs:** advance notice that our clubs at Brockham, Betchworth & Leigh will begin on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January for the Spring Term.

**Children in Need:** huge thanks to everyone who helped towards raising the fabulous total of **£787.64**. This will be sent to Children in Need along with an additional **£11.77** raised independently by Arthur (Kingfishers). Well done Arthur!

**Keeping Warm:** please ensure that not only does your child bring a warm coat every day, but gloves and hats too, now that the weather is colder. Reception children often spend as long in their outdoor classroom as they do inside during the school day - and for all the children, the big open spaces of the playgrounds means they catch every gust of cold wind!

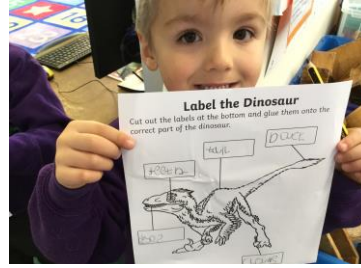
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**KBK KickBoxKarate:** the after-school club held at North Downs Primary, is taking bookings for their January clubs (only available to North Downs' pupils). **Years 1 & 2:** Tuesdays 3.15-4.00 at Leigh commencing 15/01/19; **Years 3 to 6:** Thursday 3.20-4.05 at Brockham commencing 17/01/19. Non-refundable online advance payment only - <https://kickboxkarate.com/afterschool/>. Please note that each class requires a minimum of eight students booked and paid in advance to take place; with a maximum of twenty places available to book.

## OTHER NEWS

**Free Creative Workshop:** focusing on printing onto ceramics. There will be two sessions taking place at Caterham School on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Session One: 9.30-10.30am / Session Two: 10.30-11.30. All ages welcome, but children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Places must be booked in advance. To do so, please email [rachel.veldtman@caterhamschool.co.uk](mailto:rachel.veldtman@caterhamschool.co.uk).

## GOVERNOR MATTERS

The school will be holding Governor Elections in the New Year. If you think you might be interested in the role, please contact the Clerk to the Governors on [clerktothegovernors@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:clerktothegovernors@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk) or the Chair of Governors, Paul Rode on [chairofgovernors@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:chairofgovernors@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk) for more information.



Owls have had a fantastic fortnight immersed in Dinosaurs. We have drawn some, written labels, worked together to dig up bones, worked as a team to make a giant jigsaw, we have made dinosaurs from shapes and even built a huge triceratops outside. Hope you enjoy the pictures of the Owlosauruses at work!

## FRIENDS' MATTERS

We are really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the **Christmas Fair** next **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 3-5pm**. Please come along to enjoy market stalls, festive games, refreshments, raffle draw, Santa's Grotto, photo-booth and craft sessions; we need your support to make it a successful and, more importantly, enjoyable start to the festive season for NDPS!

### Reminders:

Fair day is mufti day in exchange please for: Betchworth - mince pies; all other infant classes - cakes; all junior classes - Jolly Jars.

Please check your stall rotas via your class reps to fill any remaining volunteer slots, support so far has been fantastic, thank you!

Some spaces remain for Santa's Grotto and Christmas Craft sessions - please book via [pta-events.co.uk/fonds](http://pta-events.co.uk/fonds).

Finally, our specimen tree is up and decorated and looks fabulous! We need a few more orders to ensure delivery, please take a look at the tree and order via [pta-events.co.uk/fonds](http://pta-events.co.uk/fonds) for collection on 8th December. These are top quality trees that arrive cut and netted at a significant discount to garden centre prices!

See you at the Fair!

**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

JWonglass

Finally

**Have a great weekend.**



### Autumn Term 2018

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| 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 above and via parent mailing                                   |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec        | Robins to Betchworth all day /Christingle Service at St Michael's, Betchworth (children only) |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec        | KS2 Christmas Performance 1.30pm & 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</b><br><b>KS2 - 1.15pm</b>           |

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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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