



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

As I write, we are halfway through our many and varied Christmas events, with some lovely and successful performances already enjoyed and others to look forward to before the end of term.

Please note that on the day of the children's Christmas lunch they are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform, in place of their usual school sweatshirt or cardigan, for a donation to Save the Children please.

Finally, a reminder that school closes early on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas holiday.

As such, this is the last newsletter of the term....so, early though it is, from all of us to all of you,

**Have a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year**



We are proud to share our Year 5/6 Girls Football Team success in the recent Dorking Primary Schools Competition. They played really well as a team, demonstrating a high level of skill and dominating most of their matches, fully deserving to win the competition. Well done girls!

Mrs Ottaway gave tarpaulins to some Year 5s in an outdoor learning session and left them to work out how to build a shelter. Here is the result. Good survival skills chaps!



Owls have thoroughly enjoyed learning about The Gruffalo this week. They have acted out the story and produced some wonderful art work. We hope you like it!



## REMINDERS AND DATES

**Pupil Data Check:** Data Collection Sheets for the final group of pupils, surnames commencing S to Z, have now gone home (in the case of siblings, with the eldest). Please check (making changes if necessary) and return the sheet to school by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. **This should be returned (SIGNED) irrespective of changes or not please.** This brings our annual data collection to a close, so we expect **EVERY CHILD'S** data sheet to have been returned to your school office by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.

**Please be aware that after 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018, the non-return of a 2018-2019 completed sheet by a parent/carer will be taken as their tacit agreement that data held for their child at that date is accurate (relevant pupils' records will be annotated accordingly).**

**KS2 School Meals:** a reminder that if your KS2 child has school meals, **payment should be made in advance.** The school's preferred method of payment is online through your child's Tucasi (ScoPay) account. Please note that cheques are accepted, made payable to North Downs Primary School, but please be aware that cash payments are not accepted at North Downs.

**Spring Term costs are: 1st half term £73.60 and 2nd half term £69.00 (complete term £142.60)**

We also take this opportunity to remind you again, that changes to your child's lunch preference must be advised, in writing, with a minimum of 5 school days' notice.

**Pupils' Christmas Mail:** post boxes are available in classrooms for children's cards to each other. Please write the recipient's surname and class onto envelopes too, so we can be sure it is delivered to the intended child.

## OTHER NEWS

**Christingle Service:** being held on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** 10.30 at **St Mary's**, Buckland. All are welcome.

**Christmas Eve:** there will be a **Candlelight Service** 4pm at **St Mary's**, Buckland and a **Crib Service** 5.30 in **Church Street, Betchworth** - again, all are welcome.

**Technology Camp:** **St Martin's C of E Primary School** is hosting a tech camp for ages 5 to 12 on **Thursday 20<sup>st</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** from 9am to 3pm each day. Lots of exciting activities for curious coders, inventors and artists. See [www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education) or phone 01442 873150 to register or for more details.



Earlier this week Benji and other members of the ND Outdoor Explorers Club had a trip to Wisley to decorate his winning design Christmas Tree with the decorations made by the children in school (left). The trees will be on display from 6<sup>th</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January in the Glasshouse Gallery. Visitors are invited to vote for their favourite.

The North Downs entry (right) for the **Alternative Christmas Tree Festival** at St Michael's, Betchworth last weekend was made by Owls, our reception class at Betchworth, under the design and crafting guidance of Mrs Chapman....and we are delighted to say that it won 2<sup>nd</sup> place, voted for by all the visitors to the festival! Excellent work Owls - and thank you Mrs Chapman.



We are delighted to share a recent out-of-school achievement with you. Representing her gymnastics club, Poppy (Macaws) achieved a silver medal placing in grade 2 in the South East Regional Acrobatic Gymnastics Championships. She was in competition with clubs from all over the South East. Well done Poppy!



## FRIENDS' MATTERS

What a fantastic fair! Many thanks to all who came along, helped out and donated time and gifts - we hope you had a wonderful time. We are awaiting confirmation of a few final things before we announce the amount raised but it looks to be a fantastic amount!

We will be back in the New Year with our second Family Bingo Night - please note this has moved to Friday 25th January. Finally we would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year from all at FONDS.

**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 lovely Christmas...



### Autumn Term 2018

Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Robins to Betchworth all day
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year R Christmas Performance at St Michael's Betchworth 1.30pm
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance at St Bartholomew's Leigh 1.30pm
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance at Christ Church Brockham 1.30pm
<i>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>Children's Christmas Lunch (dress code: school uniform with a Christmas jumper)</i>
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)
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm</b></span>

### Spring Term 2019

<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM</b>
w/c Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	NDPS Clubs begin
<i>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Jan</i>	<i>Class Assembly - Nightingales</i>
<i>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Jan</i>	<i>FONDS Bingo</i>
<i>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Feb</i>	<i>Class Assembly - Kestrels</i>
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Consultation Evening
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Consultation Evening
<b>18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM WEEK</b>
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>School closed - INSET 4 of 5</b>
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School swimming begins
<i>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</i>	<i>Class Assembly - Eagles</i>
<i>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar</i>	<i>Class Assembly - Toucans</i>
w/c Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last week of NDPS clubs
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Swimming Gala
<i>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Mar</i>	<i>Class Assembly - Skylarks</i>
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)
<i>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Apr</i>	<i>Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation)</i>
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm</b></span>

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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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