

## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Our Reporters Club members are very enthusiastic to encourage all writers, so on the run up to **World Book Day** on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** they are launching a **Story Competition**.

Infants are invited to submit a favourite story 'poster'. Junior classes will be assigned a traditional tale which they are asked to tell with a twist.

All classes will be given a Reporters Club member to be their mentor and there will be house points for relevant year groups and mini prizes for the overall winners.

Further to our **World Book Day** festivities, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding a **Book Character Dressing-Up Day**. Everyone is invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character as a celebration of reading and books!



As part of our 'Learning Outside the Classroom' work Owls (above) made a 'bug hotel'.

They worked as a team in our newly-fenced pond area of the conservation garden at Betchworth.

As you can see from the photographs, they thoroughly enjoyed building it.

We hope to welcome some 'bug' residents to our hotel very soon!

Robins (right) found prints of rabbits, pheasants, foxes and cats in the recent snow. They also made and raced their own vehicles - with homemade medals and crowns for the winners!



## REMINDERS AND DATES

**KS2 School Meals:** payment for the next half term's KS2 school meals is due in advance, online through your child's Tucasi (ScoPay) account. Please note cheques are accepted and should be made payable to Surrey County Council; cash payments are not accepted at North Downs. The cost for the 2nd half of the Spring Term is £69.00.



## OTHER NEWS

'Fit for Sport' Half Term Activity Camps: being run 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February at Dorking Sports Hall for ages 4-12. Lots of fun-filled activities from £3.50 an hour. To book visit [www.fitforsport.co.uk](http://www.fitforsport.co.uk) or call 020 8742 4990.

Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club February Half-Term Tennis Camps: on Monday/Wednesday/Friday 09.30-12.30; suitable for all ages; £15 members/£18 non-members. Coaches LTA/PTR qualified. To book/more information email: [dorkingtennis@gmail.com](mailto:dorkingtennis@gmail.com).

Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club is also offering a chance for juniors new to tennis or for existing players to improve their game with a **6 week group-coaching offer for £36!** Learn the basic strokes, get fit, make new friends. Starting after half term w/c 25<sup>th</sup> February. Sessions available from Monday - Thursday. First come first served. Contact Claire Frewer; 07920 04236 or [dorkingtennis@gmail.com](mailto:dorkingtennis@gmail.com)

### Denbies Wine Estate Half Term Children's Events

Mon to Fri: **Craft Activities** 11 to 3

Mon & Fri **Teddy Bear's Train & Storytelling** 10am, 11am, 12pm - and bring your own teddy!

Tues: **Tropical Creepy Crawly Roadshow**. Meet snakes, lizards, frogs & mini-beasts at 11 & 2

Wed: **Sing Along Cinema** 11 & 2

Thurs: Cat's Grin Children's Theatre Company present **Three Traditional Tales** 11 & 2

Book online: [www.denbies.co.uk](http://www.denbies.co.uk)



the **MoonWalk**  
london 2019

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
2019  
Clapham  
Common –  
**OVERNIGHT walk**

An intrepid team of 9 ladies, **THE PURPLE LADIES**, from North Downs will be completing the MoonWalk this coming May. A marathon in length, 26.2 miles!

We each need to raise £100 for the charity but any funds over this we will be giving to the school for the purchase of sensory equipment and resources

Over the next few months we will be holding a few fund raising events and would be so grateful if everyone could support us.

On **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**, we will be holding a 'pink themed' cake sale after school. Please join us and help us on our journey! Thank you

Mrs Douglas  
Mrs Cling  
Mrs Appleton  
Mrs Ottaway  
Mrs Coles  
Mrs P-H  
Mrs Clark  
Mrs Hitch  
Mrs Farrant

Please join us in sending many congratulations to Poppy (Macaws) after she and her partner competed in the Hollington Invitational Competition (acrobatic gymnastics) in Hastings recently, achieving Gold in the Grade 2 Women's Pairs category. Very well done to them both!

## FRIENDS' MATTERS

If you wish to contact FONDS directly, please use the following email address - [fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)

Alternatively, you can keep up-to-date by 'friend requesting' on **Facebook: Friends of North Downs School**

**Volunteer Opportunities:** could you be our next Chair, Secretary or Treasurer? A part-time rewarding volunteer role with flexible hours! An opportunity to meet new friends, lead a great team of dedicated volunteers and have a giggle. From September 2019, but with an opportunity to work with the current team for a handover period. Find us in the playground, via facebook (Friends of North Downs School) or email [fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk) for more details.

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

J Douglas

Finally

Enjoy the half term break.

We look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February (as Monday 25<sup>th</sup> is INSET closure 4 of 5).

## Spring Term 2019



<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	
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<i>Pink Cake Sale after school fundraising for <b>The Purple Ladies' MoonWalk</b></i>	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<i>Year R Transport Day at Betchworth (Robins bus to and from Betchworth site within school hours)</i>	
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 3 trip - Ashdown Forest	
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<i>World Book Day - Book Character Dressing-Up Day (come as your favourite book character)</i>	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Class Assembly - Eagles	
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Reception trip - Hawth Theatre (All Year R to Betchworth)	
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Class Assembly - Toucans	
w/c Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Last week of NDPS clubs	
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Swimming Gala	
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Class Assembly - Skylarks	
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	<i>Year R Transport Day at Brockham (Owls bus to and from Brockham site within school hours)</i>	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation)	
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm</b>

## Summer Term 2019

<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr</b>	<b>First Day of Term</b>	
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	NDPS Choir - Dorking Halls Music Concert 7pm	
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 3 Stone Age to Iron Age Day	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class Assembly - Robins	
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School closed - May Bank Holiday</b>	
w/c Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May	NDPS Clubs begin	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Assembly - Flamingos	
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Maypole Day - all pupils at Brockham all day	
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Maypole & Country Dancing on Brockham Green 1.30pm - family & friends invited	
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School closed - INSET 5 of 5</b>	
<b>27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>HALF TERM WEEK</b>	
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Jun	KS2 Sports Day	
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Jun	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (at Brockham - all pupils all day)	
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Year 6 residential visit to Windmill Hill	
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Class Assembly - Woodpeckers	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Class Assembly - Kingfishers	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Year 6 return from Windmill Hill	
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Whole School Induction Day	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Class Assembly - Puffins	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Class Assembly - Penguins	
w/c Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Last week of NDPS clubs	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	End of Year Reports home	
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Parent Consultation Evening	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Disco	
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)	
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation)	
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	Parent Consultation Evening	
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	
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### Term and Holiday Dates 2018/2019

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<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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