

## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March eleven children from Years 3, 4 & 6 (below, top left) took part in a Swimarathon at Dorking Leisure Centre. This is an annual sponsored event organised by the Rotary Club of Dorking, now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year.

Our swimmers worked brilliantly in two teams, encouraging each other to swim a fantastic 84 laps (the equivalent of 168 lengths!), and raising a splendid £500 between them which will go towards further resources for our outdoor areas' project.

Well done to all the children involved, you were a credit to the school.



Owls have been enjoying their maths learning this week. They have been spending in the 'bargain shop', nothing costs more than 10p! We have been enjoying learning about teen numbers too, using Numicon to help us.

## REMINDERS AND DATES

**Breakfast/Early Birds/Moles clubs:** will all recommence immediately after the Easter break on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**KS2 School Meals:** as we come to the end of another term, a reminder that if your KS2 child has school meals payment must be made in advance please. 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 Surrey County Council, but no cash payments please, as these are not accepted at North Downs. We also take this opportunity to remind you that a change to your child's lunch preference must be advised in writing, with a minimum of 5 school days' notice.

**Summer Term costs are: 1st half term £52.90 and 2nd half term £87.40 (complete term £140.30)**

**Inhalers/Medication in School:** if your child has an inhaler or medication retained for use in school you are reminded to collect it on the last day of term please (and return it with them for the start of the new Term!). We also remind you that it is the parent's/carer's responsibility to ensure that medication supplied and held at school is in date.

## OTHER NEWS

**Brockham Green Nursery:** will be holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1.30-3.15 on the North Downs Brockham site Eco Field - open to the whole village. Tickets are £4 - from the Nursery or email [brockhamnurseryfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:brockhamnurseryfundraising@gmail.com). There will be cakes, face painting, competitions...and, of course, lots of chocolate eggs!

**Easter Holiday Technology Club at North Downs:** Next Thing Education are running a 5-day Technology Club for ages 5 to 11 at the Brockham site of North Downs from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019; 9am to 3pm each day. These technology camps are a child's ticket to lots of exciting activities for curious coders, inventors and artists. They can learn how to program *artificial intelligence robots*, *modify madness with Minecraft* and even create their own *digital app* from £40 per day. For a full list of activities, more information or to check availability/enrol visit: <https://nextthing.education/product/north-downs-primary-school-rh3-7la>

**Easter Tennis Camps: Dorking Lawn Tennis and Squash Club** will be hosting camps from Mon 8<sup>th</sup> to Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April & Mon 15<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April. £18 per session (£15 members). Fun games, match play, learn new skills and make new friends! Please email: [dorkingtennis@gmail.com](mailto:dorkingtennis@gmail.com) for more information or to book.

**Surrey Youth Games 2019:** this year's Specsavers Surrey Youth Games will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June. This is the largest multi-sport youth event in the county and is run for beginners aged 6 - 16 from all Surrey's local authorities who have received up to eight weeks' FREE training. All the fun and friendly sessions on offer cost nothing to take part in but spaces are limited. For eligibility criteria and to register, visit [molevalley.gov.uk/sy](http://molevalley.gov.uk/sy); call 01306 885001; or email [sport@molevalley.gov.uk](mailto:sport@molevalley.gov.uk). Entries close Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**Betchworth & Buckland Children's Nursery:** are pleased to advise they still have a few remaining places for September 2019, available for ages 2½+.

The Nursery benefits from wonderful resources, experienced/qualified staff and a beautiful rural location, conveniently situated just minutes from Dorking and Reigate.

They operate five days a week - Mon/Tues/Fri 9.15-13.15 & Wed/Thurs 9.15-14.45, with Open Mornings held on the second Friday of every month.

For more information:

Call 01737 843610

Email [bbcnc@btconnect.com](mailto:bbcnc@btconnect.com)

Visit [www.betchworthandbucklandchildrensnursery.com](http://www.betchworthandbucklandchildrensnursery.com)



The Betchworth & Buckland Children's Nursery  
The Street, Betchworth  
RH3 7DJ

Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Friday  
9.15 - 13.15

Wednesday & Thursday  
9.15 - 14.45

Nursery places available from 2.5 years old

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## 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**

**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 weekend

### Spring Term 2019

w/c Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Last week of NDPS clubs	
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Swimming Gala	
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Maths Information Evening for parents 7pm Brockham site	
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Class Assembly - Skylarks	
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Year R Transport Day at Brockham (see letter for details)	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation)	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<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>	
<i>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Apr</i>	<i>Year 1 &amp; 2 Curriculum Day: ALL Year 1 at Brockham / ALL Year 2 at Leigh</i>	
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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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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