



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We are pleased to share some more of the term's sporting news with you...

The final race in the **Dorking Primary Schools Cross Country League** took place on a March Monday, with a team of North Downs' children from Years 3-6 entering. There have been some great individual and team performances over the whole season, with lots of other children providing encouragement to help them to finish the race. After all the results from every race were added up, the final results for North Downs were as follows:

Years 3/4 Girls: 6<sup>th</sup>

Years 3/4 Boys: 1<sup>st</sup>

Combined team result Year 3/4: 4<sup>th</sup>

Years 5/6 Girls: 4<sup>th</sup>

Years 5/6 Boys: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Combined team result Year 5/6: 4<sup>th</sup>

Whole school team overall: 3<sup>rd</sup>

There were some great individual performances. All the children taking part showed improvement in fitness, many finishing higher up the ranks. The following children all finished in the top 10...

James (ex-Macaws) 10<sup>th</sup>; Nat (Parrots) 8<sup>th</sup>; Jack (Parrots) 4<sup>th</sup>; Heather (Macaws) 4<sup>th</sup>; Thomas (Kestrels) 4<sup>th</sup>;  
Sam (Macaws) 2<sup>nd</sup>;

...and huge congratulations to Emily (Eagles) who came 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs Ottaway would like to thank all those who have attended Cross Country Club over this term and commend them on showing such great commitment.

**Netball** - we have an enthusiastic group of girls that have attended netball club over the last two years. On two days in March a Year 5 North Downs team and a Year 6 North Downs team took part in **The Dorking Primary Schools High Five Netball Tournaments**. Both were very exciting tournaments, the girls played extremely well and they were a credit to the school.

Our Year 5 team drew one match and won all their rest, which resulted in them winning their tournament - and meaning our school has won this event for the second year running.

Our Year 6 team won every single match they played, also winning their tournament, which was fantastic. They now have a playoff against a Leatherhead school to see if they can make the county final! We wish them good luck with that.

This tournament also has an award for the highest goal scorer, with the top two places taken by North Downs this year! Freya (Nightingales) came 2<sup>nd</sup>, with Chloe (Kestrels) winning the award - what a great achievement for both girls.

We are all very proud of both teams for doing so well - and would like to send our thanks to Mrs Johnson who has run netball club this year.



## REMINDERS AND DATES

**Notifying School about Pupil Absence:** a reminder that a child's absence from school (due to illness etc.) must be reported to their school office on the first morning of absence - preferably before the start of school and by 9.30 at the latest - and daily thereafter for the duration of their absence. This is in line with government requirements and is recorded in the school's official Pupil Register. In the event that school has not heard about an absent child by 9.30am, it is necessary for a member of the admin team to make enquiries. Please help us by letting school know yourself, but if you are in receipt of a phone call we would ask for your polite cooperation in supplying the required information. Thank you.

## OTHER NEWS

'Surrey Day' 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019: Dorking Library is planning to celebrate 'Surrey Day' on 4<sup>th</sup> May by having a local history exhibition of which 'Memories of Dorking' will form a part. They are looking for contributions from anyone with a special memory or memories of Dorking to share. If pupils, parents, grandparents - or great-grandparents! - would like to add their memories to the library's display, just pop into the library for a chat or visit Dorking Library's Facebook page.

**Coffee Morning & Easter Egg Hunt:** on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 10.00-12.00 at Dorking United Reform Church in aid of the 'Little Roo Neonatal Fund' at St Peter's Hospital Chertsey. Honey (Eagles) and her family are looking to reach their fundraising target of £1000 (well on the way with £700 to date...), so do come and support them and a very worthwhile cause whilst enjoying coffee and cake!

**Technology Club at North Downs:** a reminder that 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. For a full list of activities, more information or to check availability/enrol visit: <https://nextthing.education/product/north-downs-primary-school-rh3-7la>



Owls & Robins enjoyed their Transport Day at Brockham. One of the highlights was a visit from an old London bus. It was 70 years old - apparently older than Ms Morgan & Miss Mackay! They also enjoyed making vehicles to carry eggs and racing them.

## FRIENDS' MATTERS

Many thanks for all your wonderful book contributions on book mufti day, we know all the teachers were pleased with the result.

We wish you a wonderful Easter break and will have a meeting shortly after the return to school, date and time to be confirmed.

Please give some thought as to whether you, individually or as a team, could take over the running of FONDS in September and get in touch if you have any questions about the roles.

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

**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

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Finally

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing Easter break - and lots of Easter eggs!



## Summer Term 2019

<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr</b>	<b>First Day of Term</b>	
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 1 & 2 Curriculum Day: ALL Year 1 at Brockham / ALL Year 2 at Leigh	
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	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Class Assembly - Owls 2.30pm	
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	
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</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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