

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We are looking forward to Maypole Day next Thursday, 23rd May. There will be a selection of activities in the morning and then our annual Maypole Dancing on Brockham Green in the afternoon (1.30pm start), to which families and friends are all invited and very welcome.

Please note that all North Downs pupils will be spending the whole day at Brockham, so Owls from Betchworth and Puffins & Woodpeckers from Leigh should be dropped off and collected from the Brockham Village site please.

A reminder that Friday 24th May is a school INSET - our last of the year - with school closed to pupils all day for staff training.

Finally, as this is the last newsletter before half term, have a lovely week's break.



Owls thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to try out dancing around the maypole at Betchworth this week. The lovely weather certainly helped - fingers crossed for a lovely day next Thursday.



Mr Webber ran the Brighton Marathon 3 weeks ago in support of Great Ormond Street Hospital. Rich finished in an excellent 3 hours 52 mins and raised an amazing £1800 - double his target! He has asked for his thanks to be sent to all the parents and staff who kindly donated to his Just Giving page. He felt it was the most amazing experience to be a part of and has made him incredibly proud to know that the money he has raised will make a difference to a charity so very close to his heart.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ...

Having spoken of considerate and safe parking at Brockham in some depth in our last newsletter, sadly - and frustratingly - we now have to write in regard to the same at Leigh this week.

A Leigh neighbour contacted us on Monday to complain about a parent who had half blocked her drive that morning in order to drop their child, even though there were vacant places further down the road. As they noted this was just before 9am, it seems likely that the parent was running late and preferred to cause inconvenience and distress to someone other than themselves.

Once again we remind you not to park illegally, dangerously or inconsiderately please.

We made it! The Purple Ladies completed the 26.2 mile MoonWalk on Saturday 11th May; a night walk through London to raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness. At the end we were elated, emotional and tired, knowing we had supported an amazing charity, one close to all of us. Thank you to everyone who supported us, sponsored us and donated towards this wonderful charity. Should you still like to make a donation, however small, visit <http://moonwalklondon2019.everydayhero.com/uk/the-purple-ladies>

OTHER NEWS

Half Term Soccer School: Dorking Wanderers Football Academy will be holding a Soccer School 10am to 4pm on the **28th, 29th & 30th May** for children aged 5-15 years, at their grounds at **Meadowbank Stadium, Mill Lane, Dorking.**

Cost £92.50 for three days or £32.50 for one.

Places must be booked. Email gavin.morrison@dorkingwanderers.com or jordan.clark@dorkingwanderers.com for an application form and more details.

Half Term Holiday Club: QUEST is a holiday playscheme based at **St John's C of E Primary School, Dorking.** It is open to all primary school children aged 4 - 11 and offers a range of activities including arts, crafts and sports, with extensive indoor and outdoor facilities including a covered and heated swimming pool, multi-sensory discovery room, children's kitchen and all-purpose games area. Flexible times to suit, competitive prices with a discount for siblings. For more information or to book a place please contact: questclub@stjohnsdorking.uk or call 07388 168798.

Half Term Tennis Camps: Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club will be hosting sessions on Tues 28th - Fri 31st May (Tue/Thurs 11-2pm; Wed/Fri 9.30-1.30pm). Fun, match play, learn new skills & make new friends. £18 per session (£15 members). Please email: dorkingtennis@gmail.com for more info or to book.

Pebblecoombe WI 'Tea's on Goulburn Green' & children's 'Fancy Dress Competition': you are invited to join Pebblecoombe WI on **Sunday 9th June** on **Goulburn Green, Betchworth** (or the Hamilton Room if wet) from 2pm-5pm for Teas on the Green, with cake stall, craft stalls, tombola etc.

There will be a **Nursery Rhymes themed Fancy Dress Competition** for children at 3pm - parade and judging with prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places. All welcome. Children just come along as your favourite nursery rhyme character if you'd like to take part in the Parade.

Owls were very excited when they found a slug in the mud kitchen. They set to work cooking him a three course meal. He even had a house built for him and his family!



FRIENDS' MATTERS

If you wish to contact FONDS directly, please use the following email address - 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

JWonglass

Finally

**We hope to see you all on Brockham Green
next Thursday, 23rd May at 1.30pm**

Summer Term 2019

Thurs 23 rd May	Maypole Day - all pupils at Brockham all day
Thurs 23 rd May	Maypole & Country Dancing on Brockham Green 1.30pm - family & friends invited
Fri 24 th May	School closed - INSET 5 of 5
27 th - 31 st May	HALF TERM WEEK
Tues 18 th Jun	KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 20 th Jun	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (at Brockham - all pupils all day)
Fri 21 st Jun	Class Assembly - <i>Flamingos</i>
Mon 24 th Jun	Year 6 residential visit to Windmill Hill
Tues 25 th Jun	Class Assembly - Woodpeckers
Fri 28 th Jun	Class Assembly - Kingfishers
Fri 28 th Jun	Year 6 return from Windmill Hill
Tues 2 nd Jul	Whole School Induction Day
Thurs 4 th Jul	Class Assembly - Puffins
Fri 5 th Jul	Class Assembly - Penguins
w/c Mon 8 th Jul	Last week of NDPS clubs
Fri 12 th Jul	End of Year Reports home
Fri 12 th Jul	<i>Year 6 Leavers' Disco</i>
Thurs 18 th Jul	Parent Consultation Evening
Mon 22 nd Jul	Gold Star Assembly Leigh (by invitation)
Tues 23 rd Jul	Gold Star Assembly Brockham (by invitation)
Tues 23 rd Jul	Parent Consultation Evening
Wed 24 th Jul	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wed 24 th Jul	<div> LAST DAY OF TERM <div>Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm</div> </div>

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1st) 04/09/2018; 2nd) 05/09/2018; 3rd) 19/10/2018; 4th) 25/02/2019; 5th) 24/05/2019

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