

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We are very sad to share with you the news that at the end of this academic year we shall be saying goodbye to two of our longer-serving teachers (indeed longest-serving in one case...), as Miss Katie Mackay and Ms Amanda Terry are retiring.

Miss Mackay had already been at Brockham School for twenty years prior to its amalgamation in 2010 to become North Downs, making an incredible total of 29 years' service to our school. In recent years Katie has found herself teaching the children of 'children' she previously taught! As you may imagine, we are all in something of a state of shock to think of North Downs without Miss Mackay.

Ms Terry was also a teacher with Brockham School ahead of its becoming North Downs, and with an impressive fourteen years sterling service under her belt Amanda will be much missed.

We hope to see and hear from them regularly in the future, but meanwhile please join us in wishing them both a very long, fulfilling and happy retirement.



Robins grew radishes from seed. They planted the seedlings out at the school allotment. Last week they harvested them. Having washed them, they gave them to Sharon in the Brockham kitchen, who served them with lunch as part of the salad bar.

REMINDERS AND DATES

Breakfast & Moles After-School Clubs at Brockham village site September 2019: applications have been received for and places allocated at the Brockham before and after school clubs. Waiting lists have also been compiled for anyone who has not secured a place. If you have not yet done so, please send in your application as soon as possible, as these lists are held on a first-come, first-served basis. Application forms are available to download from the school website: www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk (under the Information tab). Please email them to - breakfastclub@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk and/or moles@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk.

Early Birds Club at Betchworth & Leigh village sites September 2019: if you would like to apply for a place at the Early Birds club at either Betchworth or Leigh for the following year, applications should be submitted as soon as possible to the relevant site please. Application forms for these clubs are also available on the school website: www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk (under the Information tab), or in paper copy from your school office. Completed forms should be handed into your Betchworth or Leigh school office please, after which you may assume you have a place at the relevant Early Birds Club unless advised otherwise.

KS2 Junior Sports Day - Tuesday 18th June: this will be a traditional sports day with track and field events. Parents/Carers are invited to come and watch in the morning, starting at 9.15am. Years 3 & 6 will start with field events. Years 4 & 5 will start with track events. The children are organised in houses for sports day and are allowed to wear the colour of their house:

Bodiam - Blue / Windsor - Red / Hever - Yellow / Arundel - Green

EYFS/KS1 Infant Sports Day - Thursday 20th June: all children will spend all day at our Brockham site where they will take part in different activities throughout the day. Parents/carers are invited to come and watch in the afternoon. We start at 1.15pm, with the children taking part in a carousel of activities - your programme will show you at which station your child starts. Year 1 & 2 children will also take part in running races after the main sports day has finished.

Please ensure your child has a hat and a water bottle; and has sunscreen applied before school.

OTHER NEWS

Girls Rugby: Dorking Rugby Football Club is inviting girls to give rugby a try at their girls' touch rugby sessions on **Sunday 9th, 16th & 23rd June** 10.00-11.30 for Years 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 on Brockham Big Field, culminating in a Girls' Festival on **Sunday 30th June** 10am-3pm, also on Brockham Big Field. For more information, contact girlsrugby@dorkingrfc.com; or visit <https://dorkingrfc.rfu.club/news/girls-touch-rugby-sessions>.

The Betchworth & Buckland Society Summer BBQ: on **Sunday 30th June** on **Goulburn Green** from 3.30pm. Members £10, non-members £15, children 5-12 half price (booking essential by 20th June for catering purposes). Pilgrim Brewery Craft Beer Tent, wine and soft drinks on sale. Contact Claire on 01737 842320 or betchworthandbucklandsociety@gmail.com



Have your say on support for
0-25 year olds with Special
Educational Needs and
Disabilities (SEND).

Complete the POET questionnaire
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The **Personal Outcomes Evaluation Tool (POET)**: is a short, anonymous questionnaire for parents, carers, children and young people and anyone who works with children and young people who receive additional SEN support, or have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

The survey is run by an independent charity called *In Control*. The results from the survey will be used to help shape and improve the service that Surrey County Council provides for its children, young people and families. There are separate questionnaires for children and young people, as well as parents and carers to complete.

View further details and complete the survey on the [Surrey Local Offer](http://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/poet).

Brockham Blooms

Brockham Horticultural Society and Brockham Parish Council have launched a new competition, to encourage residents to have well-kept beds, troughs, tubs and baskets at the front of their property.

As advertised in the May and June Parish News, there are 2 categories:

- ✓ Best General Appearance
- ✓ Best Trough / Tub / Basket

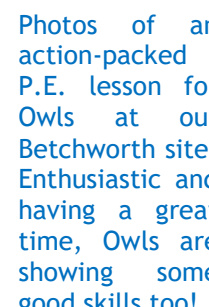
And we welcome 3 types of entrants:

- ✓ Private residences
- ✓ Commercial premises
- ✓ Public / not-for-profit premises

Judging is being overseen by the Horticultural Society, and will take place from the week starting 24th June.

£25 of Royal Horticultural Society vouchers will be awarded to each of the following, donated by Brockham Parish Council:
The winning Private Residence with the Best General Appearance
The winning Private Residence with the best Trough / Tub / Basket

There is no entry charge. All you need to do to enter is to email or ring your details to Mary Rode, at mrenagle@hotmail.com or 843802.



Photos of an action-packed P.E. lesson for Owls at our Betchworth site. Enthusiastic and having a great time, Owls are showing some good skills too!

FRIENDS' MATTERS

Many thanks for all your donations to the **Ecokids bag collection**, we will hear soon how much has been raised.

Meanwhile, save the date for the return of the **FONDS disco** - a real end of term treat on **Tuesday 23rd July**! Details to follow.

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

JL Douglas

Finally

Have a super weekend...

Summer Term 2019

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	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
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> <div>LAST DAY OF TERM</div> <div>Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm</div> </div>

Term and Holiday Dates 2018/2019

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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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