

## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

It seems no time at all since we were welcoming you to a new academic year at North Downs and here we are with our penultimate newsletter of 2018-2019 and less than four complete weeks to go until the end of the year!

Whilst there is a definite end-of-term 'air' about school already, we have assemblies, parent consultations and our Year 6 leavers' events - not least their Charity Challenge (see below) - to look forward to, so please keep an eye on the Diary Dates for any that are relevant to you.

### Infant Sports Day



Very well done to all our Owls, Robins, Penguins, Puffins, Kingfishers and Woodpeckers for their enthusiastic participation on sports day!



Owls & Robins enjoyed a visit from Warburtons® for a sandwich-making workshop. They enjoyed designing, making and of course eating their sandwiches! They also learnt the art of handwashing - ask them about "bakers' hands" (above)!



## REMINDERS AND DATES

### Year 6 Charity Challenge

Our Year 6 are being given the opportunity to build upon their empathetic nature and roles as pro-active Global Citizens once again this year. Confident of their abilities, we have set them a challenge: to use their imagination to raise money for others. After forming their own teams and agreeing upon their charities, the groups are busy organising amazing, enterprising moneymaking ideas in and out of school. The children are keen to do their part and all the ideas have come from them.

This year, our main 'Summer Charity Event' will take place over the week 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July.

- Some groups will be selling charity fund-raising materials at playtimes, for approx. £1.50.
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 3pm-4pm, Charity Fair. This will be on the playground at Brockham base and will involve all the groups, with a variety of stalls to tempt you.
- Also Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July will be 'Mufti for Plastic Oceans UK'

Charities chosen by the children are: Asthma UK, Battersea Cats and Dogs Home, Blue Cross, Centrepont, Heart Foundation, Help for Heroes, Little Princess Trust, Make A Wish, Plastic Oceans UK, Rainbow Trust, Royal Marsden Hospital, RSPCA, Shelter, World Horse Welfare, World Wildlife Fund.

We do hope that you will feel able to support the teams, by using up some small change; now it is over to the groups to advertise, organise and take on the challenge!

**School Trends:** our online uniform suppliers has asked us to advise parents/carers that due to high demand for new school uniform over the summer months there is usually an increase in turnaround to about 21 days. As such, they recommend that you place your School Trends order no later than 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 to be sure of delivery for the start of the new academic year (just follow the 'Schoolwear For Less' link on the NDPS website).

## OTHER NEWS

We are very pleased to tell you that North Downs has achieved the **RHS School Gardening Certificates of Achievement Levels 1 and 2**. Many thanks to Miss Mackay and her classes over the last 3 years and to Mrs Rode and the Gardening Club for their dedication and all their hard work. Well done!

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**FABB (Family Activities for Betchworth & Buckland) Fire Eating & Bubbles Show: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2-3.30pm** on Goulburn Green, Betchworth. A giant bubbles & fire eating show will be followed by some circus activities with a professional coach! Suitable for ages 3 to 10. A few tickets are left to book at £7 per child - contact Cat Martin [catdawes@aol.com](mailto:catdawes@aol.com) / 07710 498591.

The **Betchworth & Buckland Society Summer BBQ** (details in our previous newsletter Issue 17) will follow this children's event at 4pm. BBQ tickets are available to purchase at [betchworthandbucklandsociety@gmail.com](mailto:betchworthandbucklandsociety@gmail.com).

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**Duck Race: Brockham Green Nursery** is hosting its famous annual duck race on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July** at 3pm at Borough Bridge, Brockham as part of the **Victorian Fair** weekend. Please support us by buying tickets, now available at the Village shop, Chitty's, The Royal Oak and Strood Green Shop.

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Here are some summer holiday activities that may be of interest...

**Swimsense Summer Holiday Crash Courses:** Swimsense is running three, four & five day courses for all swimming abilities during weeks commencing **29<sup>th</sup> July to 26<sup>th</sup> August** at the **North Downs swimming pool, Brockham** (a constant 1 metre deep). Classes are 30 minutes, run daily 8.30-10am; small classes with teachers in the water. Costs: 2 days £16; 3 days £24; 4 days £32; 5 days £40 per child payable at the start of the course. To book: email Emma Miller [emiller5253@gmail.com](mailto:emiller5253@gmail.com). Confirmation is immediate; class timings advised once groups organised. Private lessons also available on request.

**Dorking Cricket Club Summer Camps:** are being run at Pixham Lane, Dorking from 10-4 on **Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jul to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug; Wed 14<sup>th</sup> to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Aug; and Tues 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Aug**. Cost £32.50 per day (extended days available 8.30-5.30). To book: email [tobyblood23@hotmail.com](mailto:tobyblood23@hotmail.com) / [joshshrives@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joshshrives@hotmail.co.uk).

**Summer Technology Camp:** for ages 5 to 11 being held at **St Martin's C of E Primary School** (Ranmore Road, Dorking) **29<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August 9-3**. Costs: from £40 per day, multiple day discounts available. To register your child online please visit [www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education). For further details visit [info@nextthing.education](mailto:info@nextthing.education) or call 01442 87315.

**Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club Summer Tennis Camps:** for ages 4 to 16, are being held on **Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> & Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Jul and from Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Aug to Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** (Mon/Weds/Fri 9.30-12.30pm & Tues/Thurs 11-2pm). £18 per session (£15 members). No previous experience necessary. Suitable for all abilities. Equipment provided. Please email: [dorkingtennis@gmail.com](mailto:dorkingtennis@gmail.com) for more info or to book. Please quote child's name, age and contact telephone number.

## FRIENDS' MATTERS

Many thanks for all your EcoKids bags, this time around our collection raised just over £200!

Look out for tickets for the **FONDS disco** for Reception to Year 5 (as Year 6 have their own leaving disco); please apply online from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July via [www.ptaevents.co.uk/fonds](http://www.ptaevents.co.uk/fonds).

Finally, as we move to the end of the school year we are looking to form the new committee for 2019/20 - we have people in place to run Teas on the Green, a Quiz night, a summer event, plus a team ready to help with the Christmas Fair, just looking for a team leader!

**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 great weekend...**



### Summer Term 2019

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
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Parent Consultation Evening
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
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> 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

...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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