

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

The last newsletter of any year is tinged with sadness as it includes 'goodbyes' - to staff members leaving North Downs, but also to our Year 6 pupils, most of them completing seven years at North Downs and now moving on to their secondary education in September. We wish them all good luck and happiness wherever they are going and whatever they will be doing in the future. Keep in touch and come back to see us sometimes...

...and whilst on the subject of Year 6, huge congratulations to them for the tremendous amount of £4,835 raised during their Charity Week. An amazing total - well done all!

Your child's End of Year Report will be coming home today, with the Parent Consultation Evenings planned on Thursday 18th & Tuesday 23rd July for any parent who has something from this Report that they would like to discuss with their child's class teacher. If, after receiving your child's report, you feel you would like to book an appointment, please see your teacher directly to do so. **It is not necessary to book an appointment otherwise.**



Our Year 5/6 Boys' Cricket Teamand Tennis Teams 'A' & 'B'

Summer Sports Round Up

A **Swimming Gala** started our busy sporting term, involving children from across KS2. Great individual, as well as team performances, resulted in 2nd place. Well done. Thanks to Emma Miller and Annabel Woodhams for their help and support.

Year 5/6 Boys Kwik Cricket followed held at Newdigate Cricket Club who always support us with this event; it is great to be able to use their facilities. The team played so well, showing great teamwork, communication and determination.

A team of Year 3 then represented us in the **Dorking Schools Tri-Golf competition** at Betchworth Golf Club (following sessions in school, run by the club). This is a lovely event in great surroundings. The children showed the values we encourage in sport at North Downs; playing really well and enjoying the experience, well done to all those involved. Thank you to Mrs Appleton and Mrs Gellett for their assistance.

Next, it was the **Girls' Kwik Cricket**. Again showing qualities we expect from North Downs children of fair play, teamwork and determination. It was a very close-fought competition; three teams ended with the same points, so it came down to runs scored with North Downs taking 3rd place, well done. Thanks to Mr Webber and Ollie Charles for helping to umpire some matches in both cricket tournaments.

Later in June, two teams of Year 2s took part in a **Physi-fun Multi Sports** event run by sports leaders at St John's in Dorking - great fun for children and teachers alike! The children were scored not on 'wins', but on the values of determination, respect, honesty, teamwork and self-belief - and our teams scored highly, making us very proud!

Finally in June, two Year 4 teams participated in a **Dorking Tennis Club competition**. Both teams played exceptionally well. 'B' team put on a great display; they were very enthusiastic, encouraging each other all the time and coming 3rd, well done. 'A' team were joint overall winners in a hard-fought competition so are through to a County event and we wish them luck with that.

Also involved in the tennis competition were our Year 5 Leaders, who were umpiring at the event. What a fantastic job they did, with many other adults commenting on how good they were, which made us very proud.

As you can see, a very busy and successful term...and with two events still to go!

OTHER NEWS

Wild Play Holiday Club: "Remember when you were a child? Leaving home in the morning and spending all day in the woods? Getting home tired and dirty and full of the adventures you'd had?" - Wild Learning are holding summer clubs daily from 10am to 4pm in both Priory Park, Reigate and Earlswood Common Car Park, Reigate for ages 5 and over at a cost of £39 per day. Activities will include rope bridges, tracking & trailing, wide games, survival skills, storytelling, wild art, craft skills and lots more.

For more details or to book a place visit www.wild-learning.net

Green Week 15th-19th July: Green Day has been organised to raise awareness of plastic waste in our environment and to raise money for recycling containers for our school. Wednesday 17th will be a wear-something-green 'mufti' with children asked to bring a contribution of up to £1 in small change in order to take part in a money trail.



Following notification of North Downs' success with the RHS School Gardening Achievement Levels 1 and 2, we are delighted to extend congratulations to Mrs Mary Rode on her receiving an RHS School Gardening Champion of the Year 2019 for her contribution to school gardening. We are so lucky to share in Mrs Rode's enthusiasm and hard work on our behalf!



Owls have been fully immersed in their 'seaside' topic this half term - you can see some surfing U.S.A. ...well, surfing Betchworth! There were role-play sea rescues, after we learnt about the important job the RNLI do; and we also challenged Owls to get lunch to the lighthouse keeper after reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. What fun!



FRIENDS' MATTERS

School's Out for Summer Disco tickets for Tuesday 23rd July are now available and selling well for years Reception to 5 via www.pta-events.co.uk get in quick to avoid disappointment! Ticket sales will close at 6pm on Monday 22nd July.

As we reach the end of another year we want to extend a huge thank you to all those who have volunteered and supported FONDS events over the last year, we simply couldn't do it without you all!

We have finally finished the roll out of the smart screens across all classrooms which has been a huge project for us over the last few years so thanks for all your efforts.

Finally we are looking forward to hanging up our purple aprons and handing over to a new team in September - please do get involved, still seeking a new Chair and Vice Chair.

Have a lovely Summer!

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

We wish everyone a very happy and enjoyable summer holiday and a well-earned rest.

Summer Term 2019

Wed 17 th Jul	Mufti day for Green Week
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 style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> LAST DAY OF TERM Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm </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>

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

Autumn Term 2019

Wed 4 th Sept	FIRST DAY OF TERM
Wed 4 th Sept	INSET 1 of 5 - school closed to pupils
Thurs 5 th Sept	Children return to school (except new Reception starters)
Mon 9 th Sept	Reception children start school - staggered entry, Group 1 ONLY
Tues 10 th Sept	Reception children start school - staggered entry, Group 2 ONLY
Fri 25 th Oct	INSET 2 of 5 - school closed to pupils
w/c Mon 28 th Oct	HALF TERM WEEK

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(updated to reflect the changed May Bank holiday 2020)

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