



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

The school will be celebrating **Harvest Festival** on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**.

The Rev Anna Moore (St Michael's Betchworth & St Mary's Buckland) will lead our Harvest Assemblies at Brockham and Leigh on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, and will visit our Reception class at Betchworth too.

**We will be collecting food on behalf of the 'Dorking Area Food Bank'**. Volunteers run this food bank, working very hard to support families in need with food packages, so **donations will be very welcome**.

Please take your donations to the offices at Leigh and Betchworth sites, and at Brockham please take your donations to the school hall, where some of our Year 6 children will be sorting them. **Please bring them into school on the day (Fri 27<sup>th</sup>) as storage will be a problem earlier.**

We ask that you give your attention to some requests from Dorking Food Bank:

- ALL items must have a best before date of 2020 or beyond
- They are unable to accept fresh food, anything from the chiller cabinet, homemade items, out of date or opened foodstuffs
- Tins, jars, packets and dried foods, toiletries, toilet rolls etc. are all very much needed and appreciated

**Thank you in advance for your generosity.**



**North Downs Maths Week:** this is an opportunity to continue to raise the profile of maths throughout the school using fun and engaging ideas. Look out for information via the school's electronic mailing and on our website regarding our 'Maths Week', which starts on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September**.

*Mathematics does to the mind what music does to the soul  
and poetry to the heart.*

## REMINDERS AND DATES

**School Meals:** a reminder that payment for KS2 children having school meals is due at a cost of £2.35 per day, paid in advance via your child's Tucasi account.

**We take this opportunity to remind you that notice, in writing, of at least 5 days' is required for any change to a child's lunch option - school meals to packed lunch or vice versa. This applies to all children irrespective of whether their meal is paid or complimentary.**

**Save Our Planet:** our school caterer, Sharon and her colleagues are holding a Save Our Planet meal day on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, when they will be providing a delicious planet friendly meal (see posters on noticeboards for more details). There is also a competition to draw your favourite vegetable as a cartoon character. Entries should be handed in by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October (remember to put your name on your entry!).

**Thursday After-School Swimming Club:** there are still a few places on this club, which started this week. Contact Emma at [emiller5253@gmail.com](mailto:emiller5253@gmail.com) for more information.

## North Downs Vacancies

North Downs has vacancies for both Teaching Assistants and for helpers to run our after school Moles Club. Further details and downloadable application forms are available on our website [www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk) under 'Our School' and 'Vacancies'.

## OTHER NEWS

**Voice Up! Dorking** - is a celebration of young people. As part of the celebrations, VividUs Education is running a **poetry/song writing/public speaking competition** for 6-16 years, with category finalists performing their entry at Dorking Halls on Saturday 5th October, during a live interactive performance by Karl Nova (hip-hop artist, beatmaker, poet and award-winning author). Your poem or speech should be based around the following theme: inspirations & change. This could be something that is personal to you, or something more global.

For more information and to download an application form visit <https://www.vividuseducation.com/voice-up-dorking>.



Our new Reception children have settled wonderfully into Owls and Robins, their new classes. The only problem is there are just not enough hours in the school day to do everything they want to do!

## FRIENDS' MATTERS

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

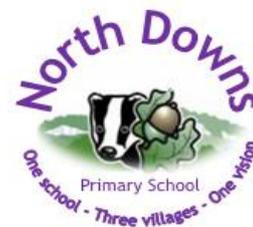
*(Note: dates in italics have been added or changed/updated this week)*

Yours sincerely

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Finally

**See you at Teas on the Green**



### Autumn Term 2019

Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	FONDS - Teas on the Green
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Meet the Teacher - Reception (Year R) 2.30pm
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	FONDS AGM 8pm Brockham School Hall
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Harvest Assemblies (pupils only) with Rev Anna Moore
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Meals 'Save Our Planet' Day
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET 2 of 5 - school closed to pupils
w/c Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	HALF TERM WEEK
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need (School Council)
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisation - whole school
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM
	Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm

**Term and Holiday Dates 2019/2020**  
(updated to reflect the changed May Bank holiday 2020)

...are available on Surrey County Council website

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-term-dates>

1<sup>st</sup>) 04/09/2019; 2) 25/10/2019; 3) 24/02/2020; 4) 22/05/2020; 5) 22/07/2020