



Newsletter

Term: AUTUMN 2019

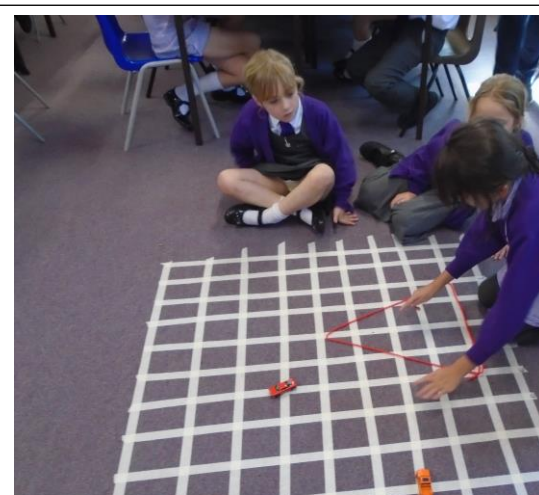
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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

MATHS WEEK...It's been a very busy week this week! We would like to thank all of you who were able to join us for our Maths Investigation Morning on Tuesday and also to those parents and grandparents who came to speak in our special Maths Assemblies on Wednesday: Mr Apsley, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Frewer, Dr Hawkes, Mr Lutton and Mrs Rossotto. Well done to all of the children for their Maths Mufti today...though I think Mrs Tubb's T-shirt was a winner! (A few photos below but look out for more in the next Newsletter).

There are many events and activities still to come before half term so please check the diary dates at the end of this Newsletter.



Harvest Celebration

Thank you for your contributions last Friday to our Harvest celebrations. We were amazed by the amount of food and household items we received on all three sites. The produce will be delivered to the 'Dorking Area Foodbank'. The photo below shows the stage at Brockham and the Year 6 helpers who sorted and presented the produce. A big 'thank you' too goes to Rev Anna Moore who led assemblies on all three sites.



School Games Platinum Mark Award

We are delighted to announce that North Downs Primary School has achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award.

This is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012 and run by the Youth Sport Trust, which rewards schools for their commitment to developing sporting competition throughout their school and into the wider community.

Ally Reid, South Surrey School Games Organiser said, following validation of our award: "North Downs have a hugely impressive PE, school sport & physical activity offer that engages the vast majority of their pupils. They offer an impressive number of competitive opportunities across a range of sports, some of which have been supported by their fantastic leaders who seem to play a pivotal role in extending the offer at their school as well as providing benefit to the wider community. With targeted provision in place to engage their least active as well as providing opportunities for them to represent their school, North Downs are a truly deserving PLATINUM award school, Congratulations".

Thank you to Mrs Ottaway and Mr Webber for all their hard work and commitment on behalf of our school.

REMINDERS AND DATES

Children's Photos: will be taken on Tuesday 15th October at Brockham and Wednesday 16th October at Betchworth and Leigh. If you have children on more than one site, there will be the opportunity to have a 'siblings' photo on the Tuesday morning in the school hall at Brockham. This opportunity will be available from 8.00am till 8.40am. Just go straight to the hall where you will find Geoff, our wonderful photographer!

Parent Teacher Consultations: this term are as follows:

Brockham: Tuesday 22nd October 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm

Thursday 24th October 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Betchworth and Leigh Tuesday 22nd October 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Thursday 24th October - 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm

Slots for the 10 minute appointments will be available for booking via Tucasi from Friday 11th October.

A polite reminder/request: please do remember that we have a strict no dogs on school premises policy. In addition, could I please ask parents to be mindful that some children (and adults) are very wary of dogs and ask that you do not tie your pet too close to the school gates. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

The FONDS Coin Challenge: is going spectacularly well...thank you so much! Some classes are well on their way to filling their jars so therefore we have decided to empty the jars on Friday 11th Oct and to count what has been raised so far. We will then publish the subtotals on Monday 14th on the noticeboards at all 3 sites so you can see where your class is on the leaderboard (KS1 & KS2). We really do appreciate all your support with this FONDS challenge and look forward to sharing with you how much we raise for the school!

Sports Lead: Just to let you know Mr Webber has taken on leadership of PE and Sports throughout the school, allowing Mrs Ottaway to focus on our 'Learning Outside the Classroom' curriculum development. Any queries regarding sporting events and activities should now be directed to Mr Webber.

OTHER NEWS

Poppy Cassidy (Nightingales) and her partner became Sussex champions at the weekend in Women's Grade 3 Acrobatic Gymnastics. She competes for Horsham gymnastics. Here is a photo of her taken during her winning routine.

Congratulations to **Lucy Baker** (Eagles, photo below) for completing her second Hever Castle triathlon. This involved a 100m swim in the lake, 4k bike ride through the woods and finally a 1.3k run around the grounds. She had a fantastic time and would love to encourage others to try a tri!



Evie (Flamingos) Evie is having 8 inches of her hair cut off for The Little Princess Trust Charity- this charity makes and provides wigs free of charge to children who are sadly suffering from cancer.

The link below has all the details and where people can go to sponsor her- this would be greatly appreciated...each wig costs the Charity £550 or more to make therefore the more we can raise the better.....thank you

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/eviewj>

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

Finally...

Wishing you all an enjoyable (but hopefully not too soggy) weekend.

Autumn Term 2019

Tues 15 th Oct	Individual and Family Photographs - Brockham
Wed 16 th Oct	Individual and Family Photographs - Betchworth and Leigh
Wed 16 th Oct	Year 4 trip to High Ashurst
Thurs 17 th Oct	School Meals 'Save Our Planet' Day
Fri 18 th Oct	Year 4 return from High Ashurst
Friday 18 th Oct	Year 1 and 2 Curriculum Day - All Year 2 at Brockham and All Year 1 at Leigh
Tues 22 nd Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations
Wed 23 rd Oct	Reception Autumn Curriculum Day - All Reception Children at Brockham
Thur 24 th Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thur 24 th Oct	Last day of the half term for children - finish normal time
Fri 25 th Oct	INSET 2 of 5 - school closed to pupils
w/c Mon 28 th Oct	HALF TERM WEEK
Fri 15 th Nov	Children in Need (School Council)
Fri 29 th Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisation - whole school
Fri 20 th 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>
 1st) 04/09/2019; 2) 25/10/2019; 3) 24/02/2020; 4) 22/05/2020; 5) 22/07/2020