



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Well we are fast approaching the end of another term...where does the time go? We've had an action packed couple of weeks, with productions for all of our classes and year groups. I must just say a huge well done to all of the children and staff involved in making the performances so enjoyable for the children and entertaining for the adults. Thank you also for the incredibly generous contributions towards our collections this year, which are being shared between Save the Children and The Children's Society. I will disclose the final total with you at the start of next term.

This is obviously the last Newsletter of 2019 so, on behalf of all the staff and governors at North Downs School, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your ongoing support.

We are still fitting in lots of Christmas Learning! Below are some photos of some busy Owls...



A Special Request...

'My name is Ben Mackenzie, an ex-student of North Downs and currently an Upper Sixth Form student at The Ashcombe School. I am part of the humanitarian society at The Ashcombe and we do various projects to do with the environment and other larger issues. Currently we are organising a trip to Calais sometime in late January to help out at the shelters for Refugees who are stranded there, we are asking around at local organisations and primary schools to donate any clothes, especially warm winter clothing, that we can take with us to donate to the people who need it.'

We will have boxes available for the clothes' collections at each of our three sites from the start of next term, so plenty of time to sort things out over the Christmas break!

Alternative Christmas Tree

Both our Reception Classes, Owls and Robins, made clay decorations for our Christmas Tree which made up part of the Alternative Christmas Tree display in Betchworth Church. Well done to all the adults and children...it looked beautiful.



MORE SPORTING NEWS...

On Monday 2nd December the Year 5/6 girls' football team attended a special football festival at Meadowbank Stadium hosted by Chelsea FC. The girls took part in a two hour session, which included learning different skills and games to enhance their knowledge of football. They had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and were presented with a certificate, personally signed by Chelsea's first team player Emerson, which is proudly sitting on the shelf in the main reception.

We are very fortunate to be hosting a 'Sports for Champions' day on Tuesday 28th January with professional long jump athlete Ezekiel Ewolu. The children will complete a fitness circuit with Ezekiel, whilst raising money by completing as many laps as possible within ten minutes. The whole of KS1 & KS2 will attend an assembly, where Ezekiel will provide an insight into his journey becoming a professional athlete. This will be followed by a Q & A session. All the children were made aware of the day in a special assembly at the beginning of the week, led by Mr Webber, and sponsorship forms have been distributed. The deadline for the collection of forms and money raised is 21st January 2020 please.



ALSO...

On Monday 11th November our two leading cross country pupils Sidney and Jemimah were given a special opportunity to attend an afternoon with Olympic long distance runner Chris Thompson at St Martin's School. He took them through some running skills and techniques and gave them some invaluable tips for their running in the future. They then listened while Chris talked about his journey to becoming a professional and Olympic runner. A very special memory they will never forget.



MESSAGE FROM THE FONDS TEAM

FONDS are holding a Christmas Disco on Thursday 19th December for all Children in Year 1-6. Tickets are selling fast and deadline to purchase them is Monday 15th December. Go to: www.pta-events.co.uk/fonds to buy yours, before it's too late!!

Also Cassie and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support this term, it's been a busy term but FONDS' fundraising is so important to the school and we couldn't do it without you.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Abbi Lampard and Cassie Denning
Chair and Vice Chair

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...

Have a lovely weekend everybody...

Autumn Term 2019

Tues 17 th Dec	Junior Carols - Christ Church, Brockham at 7.00pm
Fri 20 th Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm
Monday 6 th Jan	Children return to school

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