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Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We hope you all had a lovely half term and a restful break. This half term brings our new Whole School Value - Determination. We are all going to need plenty of this as the wet weather seems to be continuing and as **SES WATER - PHASE THREE OF ROADWORKS** gets underway.

As you know, we wrote at the end of last half term asking parents not to park on Wheelers Lane. Thank you to those of you who have responded to this request. However, there have still been many parents who have chosen to ignore it. *If cars continue to park on the road the shuttle bus will cease to run, impacting hugely upon those for whom this is an essential service.* I appreciate this is a frustrating situation. However, it is a short term arrangement which needs the cooperation of everyone concerned in order to make these next few weeks as easy as possible for everyone. Thank you for your understanding.

Dates and Reminders

E-Safety Evening - POLITE REMINDER... Dave Robinson's E-Safety Evening for Parents will take place on **Monday 2nd March at 7.00pm** in Brockham School Hall. Car Parking will be available on the school playground. This is a session Dave ran last year, but feedback from those parents who attended was so positive that we have asked him to come back again. Dave is 'Schools Computing and Online Safety Consultant'. He has 30 years of experience as an educator, first as a teacher then consultant working with schools in the south east.

- *Dave Robinson delivers online safety courses, workshops and conferences to education professionals with his company Schools Computing. He has worked with pupils and staff supporting the curriculum and takes many staff meetings. In the crucial area of online safety, he has spoken to thousands of parents and worked with hundreds of pupils. He is a trained CEOP Ambassador.*
- *As a parent himself (4 children 8-18 years) he is sympathetic with the demands and pressures of parenting and likes to make the sessions active with videos, quizzes, discussions and practical information to support the family. **Please bring your smart phone to the session.***

The session will highlight the pressures that children face online and looks at how the school is educating the children in online safety. We will also look at ways that parents can support positive and safe attitudes on the internet. The results of the online survey that the children undertook recently will also be shared. **Please do come along and bring any other friends or adult family members for whom this will provide help guidance and support.**

World Book Day

The children may come to school dressed as a special book character. They may also, or as an alternative, recreate the essence of a story dear to them, constructing this in a jar - through decorations, adding toys, mementoes, symbols, images and even writing key phrases in the jar.

Sport Relief - 'It's Game on!' Monday 9th - Friday 13th March

Over the week children will be taking part in various sporting activities and finding out about where the donations from Sports Relief go to. On Friday 13th March it is wear a sports kit day or dress up as your favourite sports star in return for a donation of £1 or more. At North Downs we know how much the children enjoy sport and being outside, so this will be a great week!





Thank you very much to Mr Webber who arranged for our new playground markings for over half term. Staff took full advantage of the new Ace Ball grid by having their own game on Monday's INSET Day. Mrs Clark definitely showed her skills, though both Mrs Golliker and Mrs Baker also impressed!

FRIENDS MATTERS

Break the Rules Day - A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our Break the Rules day last term. The children had a great day and we raised £650 which is amazing.

Bags 2 Schools - Bags will be sent home in the children's bag today. This is a great way to declutter and raise money for FONDS at the same time! Please note only 'soft' items will be accepted (no books, games or bric-a-brac please). Bags will need to be back at school on the morning of Tuesday 24th March, ideally at the Brockham site (please do not drop them off before the 24th March as there will be nowhere to store them).

Family Bingo - We are very excited to be hosting a fun family event on Friday 27th March. It will be held at the school hall in Brockham from 5.30-7pm. More details to follow next week.

Yours sincerely

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Always remember to check the updated Diary Dates on the following page

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

 Public Health England

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately



Spring Term 2020

Tues 25 th Feb	Children return to school
Mon 2 nd Mar	E-Safety Evening for Parents - 7.00pm Brockham School Hall
Tues 3 rd Mar	Year 2 SAT's Parent Session - 3.20pm Brockham School Hall
Weds 4 th Mar	Year 6 - Junior Citizen Event
Thur 5 th March	World Book Day - Dressing Up
Thur 5 th Mar	Year 1 trip to Lookout Discovery Centre
Fri 6 th Mar	Book Character Dressing up for Year 1
Fri 6 th Mar	Toucans Class Assembly 9.10am
Fri 13 th Mar	Sports Relief - Sports Star/Sports Kit Dressing Up Day
Fi 27 th Mar	Eagles Class Assembly 9.10am
w/b 30 th Mar	LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
Fri 3 rd Apr	Break up for Easter - 1.00 Infants & 1.15 Juniors

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