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# Newsletter

*Respect, Compassion, Responsibility, Courage*

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Welcome back to the first week of a rather short half term - we are packing an awful lot into the rest of this spring term, which included a visit from the Breck Foundation on Tuesday. If you follow this link <https://www.breckfoundation.org/post-presentation> you can find a suite of downloadable packs that contain helpful information, such as the signs of grooming, how to react if a child discloses abuse, conversation starters and more.

The Breck Foundation, would really appreciate any feedback from anyone who attended the parent online session. Please find the feedback forms on the same link as above.

Below is a link to a zoom recording of a parent session - this will be live for the next 10 days.  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/xeaVLI5qkqeLb9pCgwReKK1NY-ZrL555pUM6RQJrFPqz2ILv-8Sr1K0fDA32KjDZ.1uLEbfkV5841P68a>  
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## North Downs Needs you...

At North Downs, we are always looking for ways to strengthen our partnership with families and ensure that every child receives the best possible support and education. With this in mind, we are setting up **Parent Focus Groups** to gather feedback and ideas on three important areas of school life:

- **SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)**
- **PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) Curriculum**
- **Behaviour and our Whole-School Approach to Relational Practice**

The purpose of these groups is to listen to parents' views, understand your experiences, and work together to develop approaches that support all children effectively. Your insights are invaluable, and we would be grateful for your involvement.

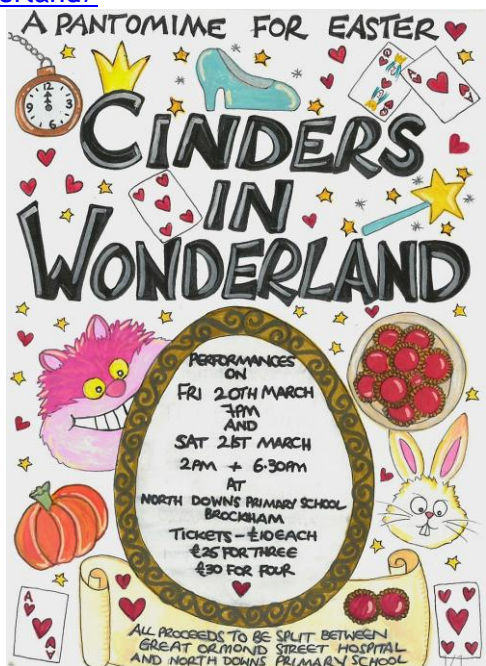
If you are interested in joining, please complete the short expression-of-interest form via the link below.

We aim to include a range of parent voices. If more parents express interest than we can accommodate in one group, we may create additional groups or rotate membership so that everyone has an opportunity to contribute.

[Parent Focus Group - Fill in form](#)

Thank you for your continued support. We greatly value your partnership and look forward to working with you.

**North Downs Panto...** is back by popular demand! This year we're proud to present 'Cinders in Wonderland', an Easter Pantomime. On Friday 20th March (7pm) & Saturday 21st March (2pm & 6:30pm). Tickets cost £10 each (or 3 for £25, 4 for £30). All proceeds will be split between North Downs Primary School and Great Ormond Street Hospital. Book your tickets online at <https://www.fonds.org.uk/events/cinders-in-wonderland/>



## Well done George and Ellis

Ellis and George took part in a Scouting Event for Surrey Beavers called 'Reach for the Stars 2026' - the idea being that they complete as many suggested challenges as they can over two days to earn different badges.

These were badges such as cooking, camping, space and exploring to mention a few. This also included them using Ordinance Survey maps to plan a 4km hike which they completed scaling Box Hill!

Between the two of them they amassed a whopping 16 badges! Lots of sewing for their parents!



## Diary Dates

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Book Character Dressing Up Day  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - International Maths Day  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Break up for Easter: Infants finish at 1.00 & Juniors finish at 1.15pm  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday  
 Thursday 21st May - Maypole on The Green at Brockham  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Break up for Half Term  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - INSET Day  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - INSET Day  
 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Children return to school

## World Book Day and Book Character Dressing Up!

Don't forget, World Book Day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March by we have invited the children to come into school on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** in a book-related costume preferably with their book to share. It would be wonderful if they were able to share how they read about their interests. Costumes may link to the interests or hobbies the children read about, a favourite book or may even be their favourite book-time clothes or pyjamas. The QR code will take you to the WBD website where there is further information and some ideas for costumes. Whatever they are wearing, we hope that they will be able to share how it links to their reading. As part of planning for this day, your child may like to visit a Surrey Library to choose a book about their hobby. On Friday, there will a whole school assembly and time to share activities in class linked to these themes. The children will also bring home a £1 book voucher which can be used to collect a free book from participating shops.

