



# Newsletter

Term: SPRING 2015

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Happy New Year to everyone...

Welcome back to a new term at North Downs - and hello and welcome to nine new pupils, joining us in Years R, 2, 3 & 5.

We remind you to give your attention to our Spring Term Diary Dates below and make a note of anything relevant to your child or children.

School Clubs start w/c Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, and a full list of those available, plus application/permission forms will be sent via ParentMail today.

Also on ParentMail today will be your child's year group Curriculum Information Sheets.



Christmas is probably a distant memory for you now, but with such a lovely photo from Brockham site's KS1's nativity, we had to share it with you!

5S walked to Betchworth at the end of last term, to work with Caterpillars, one of our reception classes.

As you can see, a good time was had by all...



We would like to say a very big thank you to The Plough in Leigh and all their customers, who donated £1000 to North Downs from various fund-raising activities before Christmas.

## Parking

We were in receipt of a complaint from a Brockham site neighbour shortly before Christmas, regarding some of our parents' cars parking on the pavement outside the school, causing an obstruction for pedestrians. We have been informed that it is usually the same cars each day.

We therefore repeat our frequently made request that car users give due care and attention to both safety and consideration when parking please. North Downs works hard to promote good relations with our school neighbours at all sites, so we ask for your cooperation in this matter.

Thank you.

## Other News

**Moles After-School Club:** we had a safeguarding situation at our Brockham site on the first day of term this week, when four children booked into the Moles After-School Club did not arrive at the club as expected.

We had received no prior notification that any of these pupils would not be attending that day, so it could not just be assumed that parents had changed their minds and their children were safe with them.

Consequently, staff spent considerable time trying to make contact with the parents to confirm that each of these children had indeed gone home with their knowledge, whilst also checking the school and with other members of staff as to any sightings or information available. Thankfully, all four children were safe on this occasion.

Please ensure this does not happen again by letting the club staff or school office know, in advance, if your child will not be attending a pre-booked Moles session.

Thank you.



## Friends' Matters

Happy New Year to everyone!

Our next FONDS meeting is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at The Plough, Leigh - 7.45pm for 8pm start. It would be lovely to see some new faces, everyone is very welcome.

Look out for future dates coming soon...

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

## Reminders / Dates

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

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

**End of Term Early Closure:** this is advance notice that North Downs will be returning to an early closure on the last day of each full term (NB. not half-terms). Therefore, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Infants should be collected at 1 - 1.10pm and Juniors at 1.15pm from their respective sites.

**School Meals/Dinner Money:** we have outstanding payments for Key Stage 2 school meals. Please note that these are now overdue, and we ask that you arrange immediate payment as follows:

Payment for the first half term (6<sup>th</sup> Jan - 13<sup>th</sup> Feb) **£60.90**

or

Payment for the full Spring Term (6<sup>th</sup> Jan - 27<sup>th</sup> Mar, excl. half term week) **£113.40**

As always, our preferred payment method is via your Tucasi/ScoPay account please; if paying by cheque, please make this payable to Surrey County Council. All cheques/cash should be in a sealed, named envelope.

Yours sincerely

Finally

**Have a great weekend**



## Spring Term 2015

Monday Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	NDPS clubs begin
Tuesday Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5/6 Ashcombe - Athletics - Sports Hall 2-4pm
Friday Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dragonflies Assembly
Friday Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	5MS Assembly
Friday Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	3M Assembly
Friday Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	MUFTI for British Heart Foundation (wear something RED)
Friday Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3/4 Key Steps Gym competition 9.30 - 12
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Friday Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	4HW Assembly
Friday Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Disco: KS1 3.15 - 4pm / Years 3&4 4.15 - 5pm / Years 4&5 5.15 - 6.15pm
Monday Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Swimming starts
Friday Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	4MS Assembly
Thursday March 5 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Bedtime Story 6pm to 7pm at all three sites
w/c Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Book Week
Friday March 6 <sup>th</sup>	3MB Assembly
Friday March 6 <sup>th</sup>	End of Book Week - dressing up as book character
Friday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	5S Assembly
Week of March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last week of NDPS clubs
Friday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	6J Assembly
Friday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	FONDS Quiz Night 7.30pm
Friday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Pupil Reports go home
Tuesday March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations ( <b>pupils present</b> ) Brockham: 5 - 7.30pm Leigh and Betchworth: 3.30 - 6pm
Thurs March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations ( <b>pupils present</b> ) Brockham: 3.30 - 6pm Leigh and Betchworth: 5 - 7.30pm
Tuesday March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Star Assembly - Betchworth 9.15am - by invitation
Thursday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Star Assembly - Leigh 9.15am - by invitation
Friday March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Star Assembly - Brockham 9.15am - by invitation
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b><i>Last Day of Term - early finish:</i></b> <b><i>1pm Infants</i></b> <b><i>1.15pm Juniors</i></b>

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INSET DAYS: 1<sup>st</sup>) 02/09/2014 2<sup>nd</sup>) 03/09/2014 3<sup>rd</sup>) 05/01/2015 4<sup>th</sup>) 20/07/2015 5<sup>th</sup>) 21/07/2015

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