



Newsletter

Term: SPRING 2015

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

With adverse weather affecting other parts of the UK this week, we remind you that our primary means of notification/communication for such events are the Home Page of the school website (www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk) and ParentMail messages, sent via email. Additionally, the Surrey County Council website (www.surreycc.gov.uk) runs details of local school closures.

When the weather is uncertain and your children are in school, do keep an eye on these services - and if you find yourself unable to access a pc at any time, please phone your child's school site for the latest information if at all in doubt.

We have an additional text messaging facility via ParentMail, for emergency situations - used when advising an immediate/unexpected early school closure or other 'emergency' situation.

Please note that this is an emergency service only, it will not be used to advise advance notice of closure (i.e. the following day) etc.



Bryony, Mackenzie, Adam, Lola, Edie, Anna, Sam (and Billy, not photographed but there in spirit!) in Year 4 have been working on their own designs, having studied the architecture of Richard Rogers in class...



Caterpillars have been busy this week...

Maddie has been word building and did a really good job reading the words too.

Nara and Emily set up a shop; they used their maths skills to put prices on things and their writing skills to write a list of things to sell.

Inspired by a piece of music called "Short Ride in a Fast Machine" a group of children designed and painted a fast machine of their own!

Late Arrival - Safeguarding

We ask you to give the following notice your close attention and cooperation please.

As you are aware, pupils have a staggered start time of 8.40am - 9am at North Downs, to allow parents to drop-off at more than one school site and for each of their children to be in-time for school. This means that your child may be left with their teacher at Betchworth, Brockham or Leigh anytime between 8.40 am - 9am, when Class Registration takes place. This also means that a child arriving at any of our sites any time after 9am is late. Should you arrive after 9am - even if by only a minute or two - you **MUST** sign your child in at the school office.

This is not only for timekeeping purposes (which is of relevance to the school's Education Welfare Officer), but is essential for safeguarding. We must avoid a situation where a child has missed being marked in the School Register, but is not signed in at the school office either. In the event of a fire or other emergency there would be no record of this child being on site and a potentially dangerous situation. **Please do not try to slip your child into the classroom unobserved - avoiding a possible late mark is not worth your child's safety!**

If a childminder, friend or family member brings your child to school (even just occasionally), please ensure they are also aware of this process and help us to keep your children safe and secure in school.

We refer you to the school's Attendance (and timekeeping) Policy, which is available on our website at www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk.

Other News

You may be interested in a **Nearly New Sale of Children's Toys, Clothing and Equipment** being run by Brockham Baby & Toddler Group on Saturday 14 March 2015 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in Brockham Village Hall, £1 entry. Tables are still available if anyone wishes to sell items. Please contact sallybutcher225@btinternet.com for more information.

We have details of a local **Art and Craft Club** for children aged 7-11 which may be of interest to you. It is held at the cricket pavilion, Brockham on Wednesdays - after school until 4.30pm. Contact Arlene Mckee on 07748 443713 or email mckee.arlene@gmail.com for more information.



Friends' Matters

FONDS Meeting: a reminder that our first meeting of the Spring Term is on Wednesday 28th January at The Plough, Leigh - 7.45pm for 8pm start. All parents at North Downs are automatically members of FONDS, so it would be lovely to see some new faces.....everyone is very welcome.

If you wish to contact FONDS directly, please use the following email address - 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)

Christingle Collection Candles: if you have not yet returned the Children's Society Christingle Candle that your child brought home before Christmas and would like to do so, please bring to school next Monday. Rev. Kate will be calling into school to collect your kind donations shortly. Thank you.

IMPORTANT - please give the following your attention -

Data Collection Sheets

You will be aware that every pupil on-roll last term was sent home (on a rolling-programme during the term) with a paper copy of their Data Sheet - i.e. the information held on the school database for them, including all adult contacts in the event of illness or emergency; medical details; dietary requirements etc. Parents were required to sign, date and return these sheets - and make amendments where necessary.

Despite reminders we unfortunately still have an outstanding 35 families who have not returned their child's/children's data sheet/s.

Please note that any outstanding Data Collection Sheets must now be returned by a deadline of 23rd January, after which parents are advised that a non-returned sheet will be taken as your acceptance that all data held for that child is up to date and correct for the academic year 2014-2015.

If you require a copy of your child's Data Sheet, please see your school office who will arrange for a duplicate to be produced; similarly, if you are unsure whether you have returned your child's sheet your school office will be able to advise you.

We take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of keeping your child's data up to date at all times. Please let your school office know, in writing, any changes - such as address; parental or other contact's telephone number; medical or dietary needs - as soon as they occur.

Thank you for your attention and prompt response, where appropriate, in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A.J. Ewing

Finally

Have a lovely weekend



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

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

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