

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We remind you that our School Council has chosen to support the British Heart Foundation 'Wear Something Red' Day next Friday 6th February. This will be a **multi-day**, with children and staff invited to wear 'something red' in return for a donation to this very worthwhile charity.



We ask for a donation of £1 per child/£1.50 per family please. If your child is wearing something red that day, please remember their donation at the same time and bring this to school **on the morning** of Friday 6th, to allow for prompt banking for the charity. Thank you.



Bees listened to "Connect It" by Anna Meredith. They were inspired to create their own piece of music and movement using their bodies.



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day (SID) is organised by Insafe in February of each year to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially amongst children and young people across the world.

Safer Internet Day is recognised every year on the second day of the second week of the second month - in 2015 this is Tuesday 10th February. Over the years the emphasis has changed from creating a 'safer' internet to creating a 'better' internet in recognition of the responsibility that we must all take, in making the internet a better place. A better internet can mean many things to many people but the focus of SID is to 'foster the positive and eliminate the negative'.

At North Downs we will be promoting this day by taking part in activities linked to creating a better internet together. You could also take part as a family by looking at the website and having a go at some of the suggested parent/child activities together. Please encourage your child to talk about what a safer/better internet means to them and what kind of activities and information they have talked about at school. You may also like to look at the parent section on www.thinkuknow.co.uk/ for more information about children staying safe online.





Caterpillars have been working hard learning their sounds and trying to improve their handwriting in our daily sessions.



Other News

We have details of a half-term activity that may be of interest...

Half-Term Advanced Football Course: to be run by 'Nick Torpey Just Soccer' on Tues 17th to Thurs 19th February on The Big Field, Brockham. Times 10am to 3pm. Ages 7 to 14. Cost £22 per day or £60 for 3 days. This is an Open Course, run by FA qualified coaches, which includes advanced coaching sessions aimed at players of all abilities. For more details and to book see website www.nicktorpeyjustsoccer.com or phone 07734 721572.



Friends' Matters

Reminder - Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th February 7.30 at The Plough, Leigh. New faces very welcome!

Valentine's Disco: Friday 13th February - see last week's ParentMail for details. Ticket slips due back with class teachers on 5th February. Successful applicants will be issued with a wrist band to be worn on the day, look out for them in your book bag.

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)

Headlice: we have been made aware of a couple of cases of headlice at our Betchworth site this week. As you will know from our frequent headlice notices, this is a common and recurring problem with primary age children in particular - but the cycle can only be broken if every child is clear of headlice at the same time. Therefore, as always, we ask all parents to check their child's head over the weekend and treat if necessary before they return to school please. Thank you.

Well done: we have received two thank you letters recently - one from **Save the Children** in response to a donation of £100 sent towards their Christmas Jumper Day appeal; the other from **The Children's Trust, Tadworth Court**, expressing their great appreciation for our donation of £100.56 raised at a cake sale at North Downs, and which included a special card for the children...

Hats & Gloves: during this cold weather, please be sure to send you child with a hat and gloves, in addition to their coat, for outdoor playtimes. Additionally, as our Infants are in and out of their outdoor classroom every day, they have need of the extra warmth throughout the school day.



Yours sincerely

A.J. Ewing

Finally

Enjoy your weekend...



Spring Term 2015

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 - 6pm
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
Friday 27 th March	Last Day of Term - early finish: 1pm Infants 1.15pm Juniors

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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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