



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Book Week & World Book Day

Everyone is very excited about next week's 'Book Week'. Lots of activities are planned throughout the week, with full details coming home on a ParentMail today.

Some of the highlights will be Thursday's 'Bedtime Story' for KS1 (Years 1 & 2) and Friday's 'Dress as a Book Character' for all the school.

On Thursday 5th, Bees and Beetles, and Dragonflies and Butterflies are invited back to their respective sites from 6-7pm for bedtime stories and cocoa. Children should come in their pyjamas, and bring a teddy or other cuddly. Please collect your child promptly at 7pm. (Reception children will have their bedtime story during the school afternoon - see ParentMail for details.)

Thursday 5th is also **World Book Day**, and every pupil will receive a Book Token which can be used in part exchange for a book from participating book stores, or as a straight exchange for some books which have been specifically printed for World Book Day.

Then on Friday 6th, the whole school is invited to dress as their favourite book character, so get your thinking caps on...

DEAR - Drop Everything And Read

Our letter before half-term will have given you the background to our new reading initiative 'DEAR'. We are pleased to say that our first session this week was very successful, with all the children and staff joining in enthusiastically - as you can see from our Butterflies photographs (right, top 3).

Dorking Rotary Club Swimarathon

Calling all swimmers! The Dorking Rotary Club 'swimarathon' is to be held at Dorking Sports Centre on Saturday 7th March. Miss Sangster needs a team of 12 swimmers to take part. This is a sponsored event. If you are interested in taking part and representing your school please see Miss Sangster.



Other News

NEWS REPORT

Caterpillars invade Brockham!

On a sunny Monday morning, Caterpillars came and visited Ladybirds in Brockham. They stayed for the whole day and had lots of fun making new friends and playing with them. Children from both sites saw and learnt many new and exciting things. After lunch, everybody sang together and played games.

Later in the afternoon, the children split into two groups; one set saw a 62 year old double decker bus and went inside it right up to the top, whilst the others did a traffic survey, counting people, cars, buses and vans that went past our school.

There is photographic evidence of another surprise visit for the children; a picture of a tandem with Dave Richards and Richard Webber riding it in the playground!

At the end of the day the tired Caterpillars departed on the bus and went back to Betchworth base. Ladybirds had a fun time with lots of other children their age; they were very thirsty and tired after a really long day.

Reporters: Ellie Durward and Martha Pearce



Beginners Judo Course

Dorking Judo Club are running a **FREE 4 week beginners course at North Downs Primary** for Years 3 - 11 (minimum age 8 before the end of March) on Thursdays in March (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th), 7pm to 8pm at the Brockham Village site. To pre-book (essential), or for information contact Graeme Skelly: 07788 561879/ graeme@mskelly.freeserve.co.uk

Friends' Matters

A lot of fun was had at the Valentine's Discos before half term, with musical statues for the younger ones, dance-offs for the older ones - and a bit of YMCA enjoyed by all!

Our next events coming up will be our **Quiz Night on the Friday 20th March** and an **Easter Bonnet Parade and competition on Monday 23rd March**, with children making an Easter Hat (details of both these events are on PM).

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)

**Dressing-Up Day - Friday 6th March:
don't forget to dress up as your favourite book character!**

Changes to School Meal Option: you are reminded that if you wish to change your child from school meals to packed lunches or vice versa that a week's notice is required, in writing please. **If your child has changed their meal option this half term and you have not yet notified your school office, please do so immediately.** IMPORTANT - this is equally relevant to meal changes affecting our Infants (Years R to 2); these meals are now offered free of charge to all infants, but if we are not aware that a child originally taking a school meal has changed to bring in a packed lunch, their meal will still be on order, resulting in food wastage. Please help us cut down on unnecessary costs and waste by remembering to give a week's notice of any change. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

A.J. Ewing

Finally

Have a great weekend



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w/c Monday 2 nd March	Book Week
Thursday 5 th March	Betchworth & Leigh Class Photographs
Thursday 5 th March	KS1 Bedtime Story 6pm to 7pm <i>at Brockham & Leigh</i>
Friday March 6 th	5S Assembly 9.15am (parents welcome)
Friday March 6 th	End of Book Week - dressing up as book character - mufti day
Thursday 12 th March	Beetles Assembly 9.15am (parents welcome)
Friday March 13 th	3MB Assembly 9.15am (parents welcome)
Week of March 16 th	Last week of NDPS clubs
Friday March 20 th	6J Assembly 9.15am (parents welcome)
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

Term and Holiday Dates 2014/2015

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