



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We have come to the end of a lovely Book Week, culminating in today's book character dressing up day (photographs in next week's newsletter). Do ask your children to share their activities with you, as their enjoyment has been very evident.

## Website

Have you all visited our new school website yet? If not, you are missing out! [www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)

Not only does it have up to the minute information, which complements our newsletter and ParentMail perfectly, but it also has a regularly updated gallery of your children's photographs, with a wider selection of those featured in the newsletter often available.

Going forward, we have lots of exciting additional plans for the website....one of which has gone live this week - a 'Year 6 Reporter's Club' blog.

You will find this through the 'Children', then 'Clubs' links on the website.

Every week, one or more of our enthusiastic Year 6 reporters will have their news' item uploaded to the blog, sometimes with an accompanying photograph, taken by our official Year 6 photographer, Sapphire. So watch this (that) space....



3M have been learning about rainforests, and has each created their own, some of which are here for you to enjoy...



3M & their rainforests!



Congratulations to our Gymnastics Team, from Years 3 & 4, who represented North Downs in the Dorking Schools Gymnastic Games and came 3<sup>rd</sup>! Well done to them all.

Especial congratulations also go to Ella and Ella for their silver medals and Greta for her Bronze medal.



## Other News

We include details this week (right) of two courses - 'The Parenting Puzzle' - being run by Dovers Green Children's Centre next term.

**P&G Surrey Youth Games 2015:** The Surrey Youth Games is the largest annual youth sports festival in Surrey with over 3,000 young people (aged 7 to 16) taking part. Mole Valley will compete against the other ten districts and boroughs in Surrey in 15 different sports over the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June. The event provides young people with a unique chance to experience a county-wide competition in a world class sporting arena. For eligibility criteria and to register online please visit [www.molevalley.gov.uk/syg](http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/syg). Free training sessions are being held from April to June - we refer you to the 'Mole Valley 2015 Free Training Brochure' coming out today on ParentMail.



**The Parenting Puzzle**  
The popular course from Family Links that gives help, tips and advice to make life a little bit easier and put some fun back into your family life! A friendly and informal group where you can share your experiences and come away with some top tips, ideas and strategies.

Dovers Green Children's Centre is running 2 courses during the summer term:

**Starting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 7.30pm-9.30pm**  
The course runs for 10 weeks (no session during half term)  
At Dovers Green Children's Centre, Bushetts Road, Reigate RH2 7QF

**Starting on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015 9.30am-11.30am**  
The course runs for 10 weeks (no session during half term)  
At Sandcross School, Sandcross Lane, Reigate RH2 8JH  
Open to all Parents & Carers.

Courses cost is £2 per week - including course materials and refreshments.  
Places are limited so PLEASE BOOK EARLY!  
For more information please call: Lisa on 01737 223621/07921 686352



## Friends' Matters

**Quiz Night:** is fast approaching on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March with fish and chip supper. Please get your replies in soon to avoid disappointment!

We hope your children are thinking of ideas for their **Easter Bonnets**, for the **Parade** and competition on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March?

**Summer Ball:** finally, a date to be saved in your diaries - for our Summer Ball, to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June at Betchworth Golf Club!!

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)*

**Uniform identification:** you will be aware from earlier newsletter items of the need for children's clothing to be easily identifiable, both by them and for staff; and this is particularly so for the logoed uniform which is indistinguishable unless clearly named.

In an effort to aid our younger pupils in easily identifying their own North Downs fleece/coat, we have made arrangements with Seymour Sports/Intersport in Dorking High Street to have your child's fleece embroidered with their initials, for a small charge of £3.00, over the Easter break. The embroidery can be done on the inside/fleece side or outside/waterproof side - see photos.

If you wish to take advantage of this offer you should take your school coat/fleece into the shop by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - for collection at the end of the following week, ready for the start of the summer term.

**Betchworth Class Photograph:** a brief reminder that this has been postponed to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**Parent Consultation Evenings:** signing up sheets will be available on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, to book a time slot for your appointment. The sheets will be outside classrooms at Brockham and outside the school office at Betchworth & Leigh.



Yours sincerely

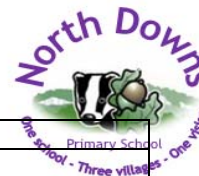
*A.J. Ewing*

Finally

Have a lovely weekend.  
Fingers crossed for some spring-like weather!



## Spring Term 2015



Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Beetles Assembly 9.15am (parents welcome)
Friday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	3MB Assembly 9.15am (parents welcome)
Week of March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last week of NDPS clubs
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	KSI Curriculum Day - all Year 1 to Leigh & all Year 2 to Brockham for the whole day
Friday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	6J Assembly 9.15am (parents welcome)
Friday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	FONDS Quiz Night 7.30pm
Tuesday March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Star Assembly - Betchworth 9.15am - by invitation
Tuesday March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations ( <b>pupils present</b> ) Brockham: 5 - 7.30pm; Leigh and Betchworth: 3.30 - 6pm
Thursday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Star Assembly - Leigh 9.15am - by invitation
Thurs March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations ( <b>pupils present</b> ) Brockham: 3.30 - 6pm; Leigh and Betchworth: 5 - 7.30pm
Friday March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Star Assembly - Brockham 9.15am - by invitation
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term - early finish: 1pm Infants 1.15pm Juniors

## Summer Term 2015

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>First day of term</b>
Wednesday April 15 <sup>th</sup>	FONDS Sponsored Bounce Brockham
Thursday April 16 <sup>th</sup>	FONDS Sponsored Bounce Leigh
Friday April 17 <sup>th</sup>	FONDS Sponsored Bounce Betchworth
Week of April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming begins
Monday April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dorking Halls Music Festival
Friday April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ladybirds Assembly 9.15am
Week of April 27 <sup>th</sup>	NDPS clubs begin
Monday May 4 <sup>th</sup>	MAY BANK HOLIDAY: school closed
Tuesday May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pedals Training Yr2 Leigh
Wednesday May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pedals Training Yr2 Brockham
Friday May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Butterflies Assembly 9.15am
Week of May 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs
Friday May 15 <sup>th</sup>	3MB Assembly 9.15am
Friday May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Maypole - all pupils at Brockham + whole school photograph (pupils in uniform)
w/c June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Yr 6 Bikeability - a.m. (all week)
w/c June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 at Windmill Hill (PGL)
Friday June 19 <sup>th</sup>	3M Assembly 9.15am
Tues June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	EYFS / KS1 Sports Day - all at Brockham all day
Wed June 24 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Parents' Meeting - 7pm
Thursday June 25 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Day
Friday June 26 <sup>th</sup>	5MS Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Induction Day for all pupils (incl. transferring to new schools)
Friday July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dragonflies Assembly 9.15am Dorking Halls Music Concert
Week of July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Last week of NDPS clubs
Friday July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ladybirds Assembly 9.15am School reports to go home
Week of July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last week of swimming
Tuesday July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Betchworth Gold Stars 9.15am
Wednesday July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Consultation (plus children) Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm. Brockham 5 - 7.30pm
Thursday July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Consultation (plus children) Leigh / Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm Brockham 3.30 - 6pm
Thursday July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Leigh Gold Stars 9.15am
Friday July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Brockham Gold Stars 9.15am
Friday July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Leavers' celebration and BBQ 5pm
Monday July 20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET: school closed
Tuesday July 21 <sup>st</sup>	INSET: school closed

### Term and Holiday Dates 2014/2015

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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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