



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We hope you enjoy these photographs of your children during our book character day last Friday. More will be available on the website (www.northdowns.surrey.sc.uk) shortly. Well done to you all for your ingenuity and creativity - they looked fantastic.

A reminder that if you have not yet signed up for an appointment for the Parent Consultations on Tues 24th & Thurs 26th March, you should do so next week....and note that your children are invited to be present at these consultations too. Lists are outside classrooms at Brockham and the office at Betchworth & Leigh.

It doesn't seem possible that we are already on countdown to the end of the Spring Term (only two weeks to go!). Next week ends with an exciting Curriculum Day for KS1, with all Year 1 at Leigh and all Year 2 at Brockham for the whole day on Friday 20th; also, on the evening of 20th, is the FONDS Quiz Night - a chance to exercise the little grey cells.

Finally, just to clarify that class assemblies, such as 6J next week, are for all the parents of pupils in the named class, whilst Gold Star Assemblies are by written invitation only to parents of Gold Star recipients.



Bees, Beetles & Caterpillars all dressed as their favourite book characters, to round off our North Downs' Book Week with a flourish!



Which characters can you see?



Other News

We have been advised of free **Resuscitation Training** which may be of interest to you. This free training is open to everyone, on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 26th March at 9.30am in the Brockham Recreation Pavilion. Tea & coffee will be available. With the help of the British Heart Foundation, Brockham Flower Club, the Parish Council and Poland Trust, the village now has a defibrillator located at the Brockham Recreation ground with public access available at all times, plus a resuscitation training kit. For more information, call the Medical Officer Tricia Kehl on 01293 862525.

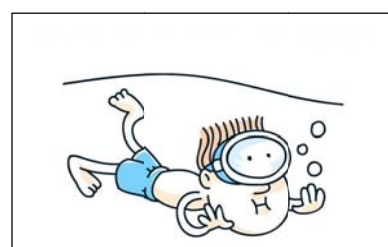
Mothering Sunday Church Service: we have been advised of two services to which everyone is invited to celebrate Mothering Sunday on 15^h March.

Christ Church Brockham, service from 10.45am, with small gifts for mothers and refreshments served in the Church Hall after.

Also an all-age Family Service at **St Michael's Church, Betchworth** at 10.30am. Posy making will take place in the Hamilton Room from 9.30am.

Tiny Tots Toddler Group: you are invited to join this friendly and fun toddler group run by a local family on Tuesday mornings 10am-12pm in the Reading Room, Buckland. Lots of toys and different crafts each week; cost £4 per family includes drinks and healthy snacks. Contact Hazel at hazelsurrey@hotmail.co.uk.

Swimsense Easter Crash Courses: in the North Downs' swimming pool 7th-10th April 9.30-10.30a.m.; catering for non-swimmers (age 3+) up to improvers. Younger swimmers taught in small groups to ensure maximum progress. Older swimmers will work on lengths and developing stroke technique. Fees are £28 for one/first child and £25 for subsequent children payable to Emma at the first session. Arrangements can be made for fewer days or private lessons. Courses must be booked. Contact Emma Miller emma@emmamiller.demon.co.uk



Friends' Matters

Quiz Night is fast approaching; if you haven't handed your form in, we need them no later than Wednesday to ensure everyone gets their fish and chips!

We hope your preparations are well under way for the **Easter Bonnet** competition - there are prizes to be won!!

Secondhand Uniform Sale: Wednesday 18th March at the Brockham village site from 3pm (then the last Wednesday of every month).

Lastly, if anyone has any fancy dress costumes they would be able to donate to FONDS, please see Kerri or Estelle.

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)*

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers: we are collecting these vouchers at all sites, so please be sure to ask for them if you shop at Sainsbury's (or Sainsbury's online) and bring them into school. This is a fantastic resource for us, as it means we can supplement the school's sporting equipment at no cost to North Downs!

Book Vouchers: a reminder that the £1 book token sent home with your child to celebrate World Book Day may be used at lots of participating stores in direct exchange for one of this year's especially printed World Book Day books - and with ten titles to choose from, suitable for ages from 2+ to Young Adult, there's something for everyone. Alternatively, you can use your token to obtain a £1 discount on a book or audio book of your child's choice. Our children are so very fortunate to have this offer made available to them every year. Thanks to the generosity of National Book Tokens and lots of book publishers and booksellers, more than 14 million £1 World Book Day book tokens have been distributed to children this year alone! They are valid until 29th March.

Coats: please continue to send your child with a sweatshirt/cardigan **AND** coat every day, even if the day starts with sunshine. Last weekend's sunny weather must have lulled some parents into a false sense of security this week, as we had a few children inadequately dressed for some chill winds during the week.

School Clubs: a reminder that next week will be the last for this term's North Downs' clubs. External clubs will be running to their own, previously advised, dates.

Yours sincerely

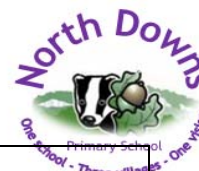
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Finally

Have a lovely Mother's Day



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Week of March 16 th	Last week of NDPS clubs
Friday 20 th March	KSI Curriculum Day - all Year 1 to Leigh & all Year 2 to Brockham for the whole day
Friday March 20 th	6J Assembly 9.15am (parents welcome)
Friday March 20 th	FONDS Quiz Night 7.30pm
Tuesday March 24 th	Gold Star Assembly - Betchworth 9.15am - by invitation
Tuesday March 24 th	Parent Consultations (pupils present) Brockham: 5 - 7.30pm; Leigh and Betchworth: 3.30 - 6pm
Thursday March 26 th	Gold Star Assembly - Leigh 9.15am - by invitation
Thurs March 26 th	Parent Consultations (pupils present) Brockham: 3.30 - 6pm; Leigh and Betchworth: 5 - 7.30pm
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

Summer Term 2015

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

Term and Holiday Dates 2014/2015

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