



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

You will know from previous communications that we are proud to be a 'Green School'....and a large part of our environmental awareness is reducing the amount of paper produced in school.

To this end, we were fortunate when designing our new website to be able to combine our green ethos with parental requests for school forms (clubs/trips/event applications/free school meals/Surrey Arts etc.) to be directly downloadable at home.

We take this opportunity to ask you to check the website for any school form you may require...it will almost certainly be there - and if not, we will upload it to be available. *(Please note that paper copies of these forms are not automatically provided from the school office.)*

In addition to our downloadable forms, the new website also has a copy of all letters sent home via ParentMail, so you are able to check dates, details etc. of school clubs, events, trips etc. from the comfort of your armchair!

A couple of reminders: firstly that the Brockham school office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm. Please do not visit before or after these times, as the admin team will be involved in other duties. Also, the ONLY Brockham telephone number is 01737 843384 (selecting option 1 for Brockham and then option 1 again to report an absence on the absence line, or option 2 to speak to the office). Please do not use any other number.

Just to let you know there have been two reported cases of chicken pox in KS1 at Brockham this week (in case of itching!).

Finally, a plea from Gardening Club: does anyone have a garden shed they no longer need? If so, our gardeners would love to recycle it. Also unwanted wooden pallets - please let Gardening Club know if you have any going spare!



Year 6 and Ladybirds clearly enjoyed reading together for World Book Day; whilst Ryan, Indy, Ashley & Wesley celebrated with great ingenuity. Meanwhile, "It's behind you" says Katie's Big Bad Wolf to Emilia's Red Riding Hood!



Other News

Betchworth & Buckland Family Activities:

Mega Easter Egg Hunt - Tues 31st March 3pm on Reigate Heath (meet at the car park). £2.00 per child. Call Louise Gibson to pre-book 07825 260091.

Easter Games & Crafts - Thurs 9th April 3pm to 4.30pm at Betchworth Village Hall. £3.50 for the first child + £2.50 per sibling includes refreshments. Booking required Catriona Martin 07710 498591.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Easter Netball Holiday Camp: for ages 7 to 13, run by qualified Skills 'n' Sport Netball coaches at Reigate Grammar School on 7th & 8th April 9.30am - 4pm. Discounted price of £27 for one day and £49.50 for two. To book or for more info visit www.skillsnsport.com, or contact Jennifer jennifer@skillsnsport.com.

Easter Development Football Course: run by Nick Torpey - Just Soccer on the Big Field, Brockham for 6 to 14 years. Course DEV1 is 31st March & 1st April 10am-3pm; cost £25 for one day £45 for two days. Course DEV2 is 7th & 8th April 10am-3pm; cost £25 for one day £45 for two days. For more details see www.nicktorpeyjustsoccer.com.



Friends' Matters

Looking forward to seeing you all at the **Quiz Night** tonight - get those brains in gear!

A new date for your diary is **Teas on the Green on Sunday 26th April** - please look out for rotas next term, to volunteer some help before during and/or after the event. More details to follow later.

Finally, don't forget to bring your beautiful homemade **Easter Bonnets** into school next Monday (23rd March) for the Assembly Parade (at each site). Prizes will be awarded for the 'best in show'.

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)

School Payments: please be reminded that we are a 'cash free' school. Any payment to school should be made online via your personal Tucasi account. If this is not possible for any reason, payment by cheque is an acceptable alternative - with the following provisos please:

- If paying by cheque for multiple items (e.g. trips/clubs/ties) at the same time, please write a single cheque to cover the total amount, ensuring that your child's name is written on the reverse, with a breakdown for what amount is covering which payment.
- Similarly, if paying for school meals for more than one child, please write a single cheque for all meal payments with the name of each child covered written on the reverse.
- **The only exception to the one-cheque system**, is when paying for school fund items AND school meals at the same time. In this instance, obviously two cheques are required please, as they are paid to different accounts/addressees!

School Swimming Lessons: if you have not yet done so, we remind you that a payment of £13.75 is due for your child's spring term swimming lessons before the end of this term please. If payment is a problem, please see Mrs Ewing in confidence, but we ask that every effort is made to provide at least a partial payment, as each child's contribution goes towards the maintenance and upkeep of the pool and its facilities, so any shortfall from payments not received must be subsidised by the school budget, taking money from other areas of the children's education. Thank you for your help in enabling us to provide the best teaching and facilities possible for a rich and full education for your child. Please be advised that the summer term payment will be £33.00, due at the start of term.

School Swimming - Parent Volunteers: we desperately need parent helpers with swimming next term. We have some classes with no additional adult helpers - Year 6 in particular - and these are in danger of having to be cancelled. Do you have an hour or two a week you could give to assist at one or more of these lessons? Volunteers require DBS clearance (previously CRB), which can be arranged through school if not already held. Swimming lessons are all during the afternoon session, so timings are 12.50pm to 3.10pm, or part of - whatever time you could give would be much appreciated. Please speak to the school office if you are able to help.

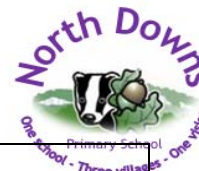
Yours sincerely

A.J. Ewing

Finally

Have a lovely weekend.

Spring Term 2015



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| 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

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| 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 |
| w/c 20 th April | 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 |
| Wednesday 20 th May | Year 5 - Hampton Court visit |
| 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 |
| Tuesday June 23 rd | EYFS / KS1 Sports Day - all at Brockham all day |
| Wednesday 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 |
| Thursday 9 th July | Year 2 - visit to Brooklands |
| 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 20th | INSET: school closed |
| Tuesday July 21st | INSET: school closed |

Term and Holiday Dates 2014/2015

....are available on the school website www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk
and on the Surrey County Council website www.surreycc.gov.uk

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