



# Newsletter

Term: SPRING 2015

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

The end of another term at North Downs - and two weeks of (hopefully) lovely spring weather to enjoy during the Easter break. Have a super holiday and we'll see you back on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**Reminder:**

It has come to our attention that there have been recent incidents of pupils, their siblings (and earlier this week, a parent!) riding bikes and scooters within school grounds before and after school.

We take this opportunity to remind you that no-one - adult or child - is permitted to ride a wheeled vehicle within the school grounds on any of our village sites before or after school.



Spring has sprung in Caterpillars. We have been enjoying the warmer weather. We have planted bulbs and kept a weekly diary of photographs of all the changes spring brings. We were inspired to paint some picture of spring flowers using the tools in our 2paint program. We hope you enjoy Jack, Kendall & Eoin's pictures.



Kendall



Eoin



FONDS Easter Bonnet Parade was a resounding success - and choosing just one winner from each class proved a very difficult task! Well done to all participants, for the very great effort you put into making your bonnets so lovely and spring-like....and congratulations to all our class winners. Enjoy this photograph of the Brockham site winners and their prizes.

## Other News

**Denbies Easter Activities:** we attach a flyer (right) of the many activities being hosted by Denbies this Easter for your information.

**Betchworth & Buckland Family Activities:** Mega Easter Egg Hunt on Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March 3pm on Reigate Heath (meet at the car park). £2.00 per child. Louise Gibson to pre-book 07825 260091. Easter Games & Crafts on Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April 3pm to 4.30pm at Betchworth Village Hall. £3.50 for the first child + £2.50 per sibling includes refreshments. Catriona Martin 07710 498591 to pre-book.

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

**Easter Netball Holiday Camp:** ages 7 to 13, run by Skills 'n' Sport at Reigate Grammar School on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am - 4pm. To book or for more info visit [www.skillsnsport.com](http://www.skillsnsport.com)

**Easter Development Football Course:** run by Nick Torpey - Just Soccer for 6-14 years on 31<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April 10am-3pm or 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April 10am-3pm, on the Big Field, Brockham. Costs £25 for one day & £45 for two days. For more details see [www.nicktorpeyjustsoccer.com](http://www.nicktorpeyjustsoccer.com).



**Easter Holiday Events**  
**DENBIES WINE ESTATE**  
Craft activities daily 11am - 3pm  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

- Easter Buzzy Bee Trail** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April £2.50.
- Birds of Prey** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 11am - 3pm. With a flying display at 12noon (weather permitting). FREE ADMISSION.
- Tropical Rainforest Road Show** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 11am & 2pm, £7.25 per child.
- Easter Bunny Disco** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 'Hop until you Hop! Fancy dress welcome. £7.25 per child.
- Morris Dancing** 11am & 12.30pm and Horse & Carriage Rides 11am - 3pm. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April £7.50 per adult, £5 per child.
- Punch & Judy** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April Traditional family fun 10.30am / 12.00 noon / 2.00pm. FREE ADMISSION.
- NEW FOR 2015: Mobile Planetarium** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April State-of-the-art 6m, digital, 360° mobile planetarium presents 'Life of Trees' - 5-11yrs. £7.50 per child see website for details & show times.
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Denbies Wine Estate · London Rd · Dorking · Surrey RH5 6AA  
T: 01306 876616 | Reservations online at: [www.denbies.co.uk](http://www.denbies.co.uk)

## Friends' Matters

Quiz Night was a huge success with over £500 being raised - very well done to all the teams, and especially The Venetian Road Sweepers (right) who quizzed to victory on the night!

Our next fundraiser is the Sponsored Bounce: each child will have one minute on the bouncy castle to see how many bounces they can manage.

Lastly how wonderful your children all looked in their Easter Bonnets well done to everyone who took part; we hope everyone enjoys their eggs - both those won and those found in today's Easter Egg Hunt.



## 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)*

**Embroidered initials:** a reminder that we have made arrangements with Seymour Sports/Intersport in Dorking High Street for children's fleeces to be embroidered with their initials for a small charge of £3.00. The embroidery can be done on the inside/fleece side or outside/waterproof side as you prefer.

To take advantage of this offer, take your child's school coat/fleece into the shop by Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April and it will be ready for collection by the end of the following week.

**Children in Need:** it was a few months ago now, but Children in Need has sent us a thank you poster for the £411.90 that North Downs raised on their behalf. Well done!

**KS2 Dinner Money Payment:** for the next half term (13th April - 22nd May) will be **£60.90** (which includes the deduction for the May Bank Holiday) for Years 3, 4 & 6 - Year 5 will be £58.80 (including a deduction for their day out on 20<sup>th</sup> May). As always, payment is due in advance. Please pay via your Tucasi account (or if paying by cheque, make payable to Surrey County Council).



Yours sincerely

*A.J. King*

Finally

Happy Easter

Spring Term 2015

Summer Term 2015



Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term
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
w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> April	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>	<b>MAY BANK HOLIDAY: school closed</b>
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
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 - Hampton Court visit
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
Tuesday June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	EYFS / KS1 Sports Day - all at Brockham all day
Wednesday 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
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 - visit to Brooklands
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>	<b>INSET: school closed</b>
Tuesday July 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>INSET: school closed</b>

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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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