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Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Many thanks to all of you who responded and provided feedback for our recent survey. The next step is to undertake a similar activity with the staff and children. Once we have collated all of the outcomes we will report back to you with any key points raised and what we intend to do next, along with a rewrite of our Behaviour Policy. If you were unable to access the survey please do remember that you can play an important role in this process by participating in our parent focus group. Please do speak with Mr Wade or Mrs Douglass if you could spare some time, during one afternoon, to join us.

Dates and Reminders

Athlete Visit: Olympic Long Jumper Ezekiel Ewulo is visiting North Downs on Tuesday 28th January. Information about this visit and sponsorship forms for this event were sent out last term. Please see the school website for more information.

Parent Teacher Consultations: will take place on Tuesday 11th February and Thursday 13th February. Timings for the evenings will be as follows:

Brockham: Tuesday 11th February 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm
Thursday 13th February 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Betchworth and Leigh Tuesday 11th February 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm
Thursday 13th February - 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm

Slots for the 10 minute appointments will be available for booking via Tucasi from Monday 27th January.

Author Visit: Vashti Hardy - author of the bestselling **Brightstorm** series will be visiting the school on 4th February. Vashti will talk to Years 3 - 6 about her new book, Darkwhispers, the second Sky Ship Adventures series, and about writing creatively.

Tuesday 11th February is National Safer Internet Day.

We will be leading age specific assemblies for the pupils along with the opportunity to undertake activities based around the theme: 'Free to be Me, exploring identity online'. This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day will encourage young people to explore how they manage their online identity, and how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and others. The aim of Safer Internet Day 2020 is to celebrate difference and help us work towards creating a truly inclusive internet.

Online safety is always something which parents ask for more and more help with, so we have once again invited Dave Robinson to come into school to lead an information session for parents on **Monday 10th February at 7.00pm** in the Hall at Brockham. Dave is the 'Schools Computing and Online Safety Consultant'. He has 30 years of experience as an educator, first as a teacher then consultant working with schools in the south east. As a parent himself (four children 8-18 years) he is sympathetic with the demands and pressures of parenting and likes to make the sessions active with videos, quizzes, discussions and practical information to support the family.

He will also look at ways that parents can support positive and safe attitudes on the internet.

Dave delivered a session for parents last year and feedback from those who attended was incredibly positive - I can guarantee you will find it extremely useful and informative. Please do come along and bring any other friends or adult family members for whom this will provide help, guidance and support.

Our whole school Value for this half term is **Collaboration**...see how well we've all been collaborating!

Kestrels have buried a time capsule, which they will dig up and open on their last day at North Downs in July. The capsule includes information they have written about themselves, their predictions for the future and their thoughts about secondary school...let's see if they still feel the same in a few months' time.



Well done to Raff (Penguins) who, just before Christmas, won an award from KBK (Kickbox Karate Martial Arts) for Youngest Student of the Year 2019 for his hard work & dedication. He trains three times a week and it has clearly paid off! Congratulations Raff!



FRIENDS' MATTERS

Wednesday 5th February - FONDS Catch Up Meeting - 7.30pm at The Arkle Manor - After a busy first term and very successful fundraising, we thought it would be nice to have a catch up meeting to discuss what was raised and also plans for 2020. We hope to see you there.

Friday 14th February - "BREAK THE RULES DAY" - A brand new FONDS event which is going to be lots of fun for the children. More details to follow.

Friday 27th March - **EASTER BINGO** - A chance for some family fun, prizes to be won ... plus very talented bingo callers! More details to come.

As always, thanks for your continued support.

Team FONDS

Always remember to check the updated Diary Dates on the following page

(Note: any dates in italics have been added or changed/updated this week)

Yours sincerely

Finally...

Have a lovely weekend...

Spring Term 2020

Tues 28 th Jan	Ezekiel Ewoluo - Olympic Athlete Visit
Fri 31 st Jan	9.10am Kestrels Class Assembly
Tues 4 th Feb	Author Vahsti Hardy visiting Years 3 - 6
Thurs 6 th Feb	Owls and Robins visit to The Hawth Theatre
Fri 7 th Feb	9.10am Skylarks Class Assembly
Tues 11 th Feb	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thurs 13 th Feb	Parent Teacher Consultations
Fri 14 th Feb	Break up for half term
Monday 24 th Feb	INSET Day No. 3
Tues 25 th Feb	Children return to school

Term and Holiday Dates 2019/2020
(updated to reflect the changed May Bank holiday 2020)

...are available on Surrey County Council website

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-term-dates>

1st) 04/09/2019; 2) 25/10/2019; 3) 24/02/2020; 4) 22/05/2020; 5) 22/07/2020