



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Finally, the weather seems to be improving which I am sure will be appreciated by all as we approach the half term break. Please remember tomorrow is an INSET Day with the children returning to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

As we move into the final half term of the school year, our thoughts are very much focussed on whole school events and leavers activities. I have included a list of dates at the end of this Newsletter, with more details to come after the half term break. However, in the meantime I do wish to share with you the staffing structure for classes for the next school year.

## School Year 2021/22

Year Group	Class/Site	Teacher(s)
Reception	Owls - Betchworth	Ms Morgan
	Robins - Brockham	Mrs Cobbold
Year 1	Puffins - Leigh	Mrs Tolan and Miss Winslade
	Penguins - Brockham	Ms Gahan
Year 2	Woodpeckers - Leigh	Miss Tennent
	Kingfishers - Brockham	Mrs Tubb
Year 3	Flamingos	Mr Evenden
	Toucans	Mr Smith
Year 4	Parrots	Mrs Cox and Mrs Mitchell
	Macaws	Mr Skinner
Year 5	Skylarks	Mrs Boyer
	Nightingales	Mrs Bradby and Miss Sollom
Year 6	Kestrels	Mrs Cummins
	Eagles	Ms Marshall-Bailey

You will undoubtedly notice a few changes in the table above.

In order to support our transition arrangements, as the children move year groups and sites, several of the teachers are moving up with their current year group. The teachers will know where the children in the year are, in terms of their learning, and will join an existing member of a year group who will know exactly where they need to get to!

Mrs Ottaway will not be class based at all, but will continue to lead our Learning Outside the Classroom provision as part of our focus on the well-being and mental health of the children. In addition to this, Miss Winslade will have time out of class at Leigh, to undertake weekly outdoor learning sessions for the children there. Both Mr Wade and Mrs Deeks will support across all years, within their respective key stages, leading groups and interventions as part of our plans to support the children a part of our Covid Recovery Curriculum. To help with this staffing structure for the next year, we have recruited two new staff members to join our teaching team. Miss Ella Tennent is joining Year 2 at Leigh and Miss Jess Sollom will become Mrs Bradby's new job share partner in Year 5. They will both be visiting the school and meeting the children prior to the end of this school year - we very much look forward to welcoming them to the North Downs team!

However, you will notice that Mrs Judd's name is missing from the information above. After 18 years at the school, Mrs Judd has decided it is time to retire (how very dare she). We will all miss her incredibly and we thank her so much for all her hard work and dedication. I am sure you join me in wishing her every happiness as she enters this exciting time in her life and embraces the opportunity to spend more time with her lovely family. Thank you Mrs Judd ☺

## Dates for the Diary

Mr Webber is busy making arrangements for our Sports Days. This year the plan is for the children to undertake these within their 'bubbles' but it will still involve earning points in order to award the House Sports Trophy! At this stage it is unclear as to whether or not we will be able to welcome parents to these events but we will of course keep you posted.

Dates for these Sports Days are as follows:

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Sports Day for Years 1 and 2 at Brockham

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Sports Day for Years 3 and 4

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Sports day for Years 5 and 6

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** - Sports Day for Robins at Brockham

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**- Sports Day for Owls at Betchworth

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports Days for Years 1 and 2 at Leigh

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July** - End of Year Reports to be sent home.

We also have a number of events planned for our Year 6 Leavers as we are mindful that many of the opportunities they have throughout the year have not been possible. These events will include their day at Windmill Hill PGL, their Leavers Assembly and Leavers Disco. However, we have also organised early morning breakfasts during assessment week followed by a ' Post Assessment Week' party afternoon (as we would have done for SATS), a walk to Betchworth Castle, a stream investigation and a special week dressing up week, which will include a 'catwalk' in their Vivienne Westwood designed outfits. More information to be sent directly to Year 6 parents after the half term break.

We are also planning our usual 'moving up day' when the children will be able to spend time with their new class teacher(s). Again, more details to come after half term.

In the meantime, please see below some photos from our recent Outdoor Classroom Day.



*Have a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing you all again see you on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.*

*J Wonglass*