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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Well here we are at the end of another school year - one which has brought with it many challenges. I would just like to say a huge well done and thank you to the pupils and staff for their hard work and resilience. I would also like to thank parents for all your messages of appreciation and support received throughout the year. As we already begin to look towards September, you will find listed below some key dates for 2021/22, which are already in the diary. As we are still unsure as to the level of restrictions for the new term, I will write to parents towards the end of the summer holiday with updates and expectations for September.

Transition/Move Up Video

In the absence of the children being able to experience a physical transition/induction day, due to COVID restrictions, we have put together a little 'Moving Up' video, the link for which was sent out earlier in the week. If you have had difficulty accessing the video please just check that you have logged out of your child's Teams account before you try to open this link.

Our videos are hosted by Microsoft Stream and are protected by an email address and a password. To watch the video(s), please click the link below and use the email address and password to sign into Stream.

Video link: <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/8a1b4971-6cca-415f-9dca-c1c8ec48d25b>

Email Address: parents.stream@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

Password: **Doh51964!**

Please do not forward this link, email address or password to anyone else. The school distributes this email with the video link, Stream email address and password accordingly to Data Protection and GDPR regulations along with school policies and procedures. Where a family has not received this email, please ask them to contact the school independently for our assistance.

In addition, we have sent out a link to the **parents of Owls**, who will be moving to Leigh and to the **parents of current Year 2 children** regarding their move to Year 3. These links provide access to a PowerPoint with important 'moving-up' information. If your child is in Owls, Woodpeckers or Kingfishers and you have not received these links please do contact the school office.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 1st September - INSET Day
Thursday 2nd September - Children return to school
Friday 22nd October - Break up for Half Term
Monday 1st November - INSET Day
Friday 17th December - Break up for Christmas
Monday 4th January - Children return to school
Friday 11th February - Break up for Half Term
Monday 21st February - INSET Day
Tuesday 22nd February - Children return to school
Friday 1st April - Children break up for Easter
Tuesday 19th April - Children return to school
Thursday 26th May - Children break up for Half Term
Friday 27th May - INSET Day
Monday 6th June - Children return to school
Thursday 21st July - Children break up for the summer
Friday 22nd July - INSET Day

Maths Update from Mrs Tubb

What a challenging year it has been for your children and yet we are so proud how they, and you, have managed to continue learning in maths. We have had some very positive feedback regarding the resources we have been using in maths both during lockdowns and when children are self-isolating. Thank you once again for all the support you have given your children. This has helped enormously and amazingly enough all year groups have been able to deliver the whole maths curriculum this year, which places us in a very strong position from September.

We have also made some exciting changes, which your children may have told you about, to help us continue to focus on number sense, using the NCETM ready to progress materials delivered during the 15 min daily fluency lesson. This has helped enormously to plug any gaps any children may have experienced during the year, and we will be continuing to use these resources in September to help bridge any COVID-19 gap, after comprehension transition between year groups.

Several parents have requested we hold another Maths meeting for parents to demonstrate some practical ways to help your child and clarify how we teach your children maths. We have not forgotten you and as soon as restrictions allow, we will be popping a date in the diary.

Meanwhile please make maximum use of the website where you will find support booklets which show the coverage and methods use for each year group. You can find this in curriculum/maths/maths support booklets.

Just a reminder you will also find the KIRFS for each year group in the maths section on the website and we will be continuing to encourage all children, in September, to spend some time each day doing some Maths and learning these key facts alongside their daily reading.

We have also renewed our subscription to TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) as so many of the children enjoy using this site to help them learn their times tables.

Please do not hesitate to email me (maths@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk) if I can assist you in any way to help you support your children in maths.

Thank you so much for your continued support this year and I hope you have a fab summer.

Mrs C Tubb
Maths Lead

Thank you from Ava...

...for all your generous contributions. She donated 23cm and raised £1020
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/avalampard



Message from Mr Webber regarding Football Club

From September I will still be running an after school football club, but it will be under the name of Josh Evans Soccer School. A new online registration and payment system will be in place and the link for this will be sent to you at the beginning of September.

All clubs will run from 3.15 - 4.15 throughout the year.

- Monday** - Brockham, Year 3 & 4, Boys and Girls (2 groups and 2 coaches)
- Tuesday** - Leigh, Year 1 & 2, Boys and Girls
Brockham, Year 2, Boys and Girls
- Wednesday** - Brockham, Year 5 & 6, Boys only (2 groups and 2 coaches)
- Thursday** - Brockham, Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Girls only (2 groups and 2 coaches)
- Friday** - Brockham, Reception and Year 1, Boys and Girls (2 groups and 2 coaches)

Stationery Shop

In September Year 6 will be opening and running a Stationery Shop. Interviews have been underway this week for children wishing to take an active part in this initiative which will be coordinated by Mrs Clark. We have been busy purchasing initial stock for the shop ready for next term. Items can be bought separately but we would just like to gauge interest from any parents/children who would like to purchase a pencil case, with contents included, for £7.00. It would come with a writing pencil, handwriting pen, highlighter, whiteboard pen, whiteboard rubber, eraser, pencil sharpener, ruler and coloured pencils.

You are able to indicate your interest using link to the Form below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/uw2qEHTd19>

Pencil cases will then be ready for purchasing and distribution at the start of next term.



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

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Staffing News

As you can see from the above, Mr Webber will be continuing to run his after school football clubs next term. However, I am delighted to say that Mrs Carolyn Stowell, who is the Sports Coordinator for the Dorking Schools Partnership is taking on the role of PE Lead at North Downs from September. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Mrs Stowell to the North Downs Team!

Message from FONDS

Thanks so much for your continued support this year. It's been difficult for everyone so your participation in our "virtual events" has been really appreciated. Despite the difficulties we have still be able to fund; bell tents for all sites, PSHE literature and new rainbow picnic benches!

The children have been real superstars over the past year and they all have a little something from FONDS which will be coming home with them today!

Have a lovely summer break and fingers crossed we can host some FONDS events in person next term!

School Meals

School meals cost will go up to £2.45 from 1st September and if anyone wants to swap over either way to please let us know before the end of term.

Moles Reminder

Just to remind everyone there is no Moles on Monday or Tuesday of next week.