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# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of term, and with the process of lifting national restrictions underway, the temptation is to begin to relax all of those safety measures which have been put in place since the start of this pandemic. As a school we have been incredibly lucky...so far. The governors and Leadership Team have worked hard to put in place effective safety systems for everyone at school; pupils, staff and parents. These systems are constantly reviewed and updated. However, cases have been on the rise in Mole Valley and particularly the Dorking area. We are all very mindful of this and are continuing to work together to ensure that as many end of term activities do still go ahead for the children.

We therefore offer our thanks for your ongoing understanding and support for the school as we look forward to a safe and successful end of term.

## Dates for the Diary

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 Day for Years 1 and 2 at Leigh  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Walk to Betchworth Castle  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Year 3 walk to the Chimney Pots  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day for Years 1 and 2 at Brockham  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 River Walk  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day for Years 3 and 4 at Brockham  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day for Years 5 and 6 at Brockham  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July - End of Year Reports to be sent home  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Disco  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers Assembly  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Break up at 1.00pm for Infants and 1.15pm for Juniors  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - INSET Day.

## Classes for 2021-22

Current Class/Site	September 2021		
	Site	Class	Teacher(s)
Owls - Betchworth	Leigh	Yr 1 - Puffins	Mrs Tolan & Miss Winslade
Robins - Brockham	Brockham	Yr 1 - Penguins	Ms Gahan
Puffins - Leigh	Leigh	Yr 2 Woodpeckers	Miss Tennent
Penguins - Brockham	Brockham	Yr 2 - Kingfishers	Mrs Tubb
Woodpeckers (Leigh) & Kingfishers (Brockham)	Brockham	Yr 3 - Toucans OR Flamingos	Mr Smith OR Mr Evenden
Flamingos	Brockham	Yr 4 - Parrots	Mrs Cox & Mrs Mitchell
Toucans	Brockham	Yr 4 - Macaws	Mr Skinner
Parrots	Brockham	Yr 5 - Nightingales	Mrs Bradby & Miss Sollom
Macaws	Brockham	Yr 5 - Skylarks	Mrs Boyer
Skylarks	Brockham	Yr 6 - Kestrels	Mrs Cummins
Nightingales	Brockham	Yr 6 - Eagles	Ms Marshall-Bailey

*Details for new Year 3 class splits are being sent home separately via email today.*

## Channel relay swim for Bowel Cancer UK

At the end of July, 12 ladies, 2 of whom are North Downs mums, will attempt an English Channel relay swim to help raise awareness of the symptoms of bowel cancer and to raise funds for Bowel Cancer UK. Knowing the symptoms of Bowel Cancer can save lives and raising funds will help support the UK's leading Bowel Cancer charity to continue research and to support families.

This challenge has been 2 years in the making and this team's spirit has held strong despite closed pools and restrictions on travel to the sea. We will be wearing only a swimming costume, goggles and hat and will each swim for 1 hour at a time. We are drilled and ready to face the cold, the ferries and whatever the English Channel wants to throw at us.

Go to our fundraising page to read the full story, get yourself in the know about the symptoms of Bowel Cancer and perhaps make a donation too. <https://www.justgiving.com/team/girlsalivechannelrelay2021>

Thank you for your amazing support

Rona, Beth, Esther, Gabrielle, Sarah C, Kelly, Daphne, Sarah B, Julia, Jenny, Becca and Eleanor

### Holiday Swimming

Come and join us for this fun and instructive course which will be running at the North Downs Primary School, Brockham site,

**26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021.**

The pool is 15 metres long and 5 metres wide with a constant depth of 1 metre. It is a perfect learner pool! There will be morning and evening sessions subject to demand.

All children from aged 3 plus are catered for in half hour sessions with teachers and assistants in the water. Children are encouraged to learn good water skills and develop their stroke technique as well as gaining in confidence and achieving distance badges where appropriate.

Children are split into groups by age and current swimming ability so that they work on skills suitable for their level of development. Maximum 4 in non-swimmer groups and maximum 5 in any group.

**PRICE:** The courses run for 5 days - some children come for the week and others may choose just 3 or more days. Fees are £8 per session attended. 1:1 and 2:1 sessions are available.

**HOW TO BOOK?** Bookings need to be made by email to [emiller5253@gmail.com](mailto:emiller5253@gmail.com). Please provide NAME OF CHILD, AGE AND CURRENT SWIMMING ABILITY.

### Staffing News

I have some more staffing news to share with you, for the end of term.

**Mrs Chapman**, one of our wonderful HLTAs currently based in Year 1 at Brockham, is retiring at the end of term after 12 years at the school. We are all going to miss Mrs Chapman very much but hope that she will still come back to visit us and help out at the school every now and again.

**Miss de la Hoyde**, Teaching Assistant in Year 4, is also leaving - Heidi is going off to Chichester University to train to become a teacher...so she may be back!

Finally, **Mr Webber** is leaving his role as PE Lead at North Downs the end of this term. Mr Webber has been at North Downs for 17 years (he really doesn't look old enough) and I know he will be greatly missed by everyone but he has promised to continue with his after school clubs...so thankfully it's not completely 'goodbye'.

We are in the process of recruiting additional classroom support staff and will update you when this process has been undertaken.

### Polite Reminder

We have recently received emails from local residents regarding the lack of supervision of North Downs pupils playing on Brockham Green at the end of the school day. They mention particularly damage which has been incurred in the church garden and children putting themselves at risk by climbing ladders and gates. Their concerns are around children injuring themselves and a lack of respect for the Garden of Remembrance in the church grounds. I am sure everyone concerned would appreciate your support and understanding in these matters.

*Have a lovely weekend everyone.*

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