

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Since the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday, further guidance from the DfE has been coming through to schools. With our summer term events in mind we must now look to plan these as carefully as we can, in order to ensure we adhere to advice from the government. As you will have seen from the letter sent on behalf of Surrey County Council on Wednesday, Coronavirus infection rates in Surrey have risen significantly in recent weeks and it is essential we all remain vigilant. We will continue to plan our summer term events carefully, undertaking thorough risk assessments for each one of them. Therefore if we do not feel that we are able to offer a particular event or opportunity, despite the DfE guidance saying it may be permissible, please know that any decisions we will have taken will have been made with the best of intentions - our priority must continue to be that of ensuring safety for all.

At this point, I would therefore like to offer a few polite reminders:

- Please adhere to social distancing guidelines when picking up from any site at the end of the day.
- All adults coming onto site (unless exempt) are asked to wear face masks.
- Please collect your child then promptly leave the site at the end of the day.
- Please ensure that pre-schoolers or infant children stay with their grown up until their sibling(s) comes out of class.
- Please remind children not to ride bikes or scooters in the playground at the end of the day we have had a few collisions recently.

Many thanks for your continuing support and understanding.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 21st June - Year 6 trip to Windmill Hill Tuesday 22nd June - Fire Engine visit for Year 1 at Brockham and Leigh Wednesday 23rd June - Surrey Downs Partnership Open Evening - please see details on page 2. Monday 28th June - Sports Day for Years 1 and 2 at Brockham Tuesday 29th June - Sports Day for Years 3 and 4 Thursday 1st July - Sports day for Years 5 and 6 Friday 2nd July - Sports Day for Robins at Brockham Friday 2nd July - 2021 class details being sent home Monday 5th July- Sports Day for Owls at Betchworth Tuesday 6th July - Sports Day for Years 1 and 2 at Leigh Tuesday 6th July - Year 6 Walk to Betchworth Castle Wednesday 7th June - Year 6 River Walk Friday 9th July - End of Year Reports to be sent home Friday 16th July - Year 6 Leavers Disco Tuesday 20th July - Leavers Assembly **Tuesday 20th July** - Break up at 1.00pm for Infants and 1.15pm for Juniors Wednesday 21st July - INSET Day.

Regretfully, we will not be able to invite parents to join us for the sports days this year. I appreciate that this may be a disappointment for many of you but I am sure this decision will not come as a surprise.

We are very much hoping to have a 'moving up' day, when the children will have the opportunity to spend some time with their new teachers and, in the case of current Year 2, their new classmates. However, we are mindful of preserving 'bubbles' for both the children and staff and at present the guidance is that these groupings must be maintained. If we are able to go ahead as planned, this opportunity will take place during the week beginning 12th July. We will update you with further details nearer the time.





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Hiya I'm Lola Card. I'm 12 years old and a former student of North Downs Primary School. My older brother, Ollie Card who also attended North Downs, was 13 year old when he sadly passed away on October 22nd 2020 with a DIPG brain tumour. He was the most enthusiastic boy I have ever met, and the best sibling I could ever ask for. Ollie was diagnosed with DIPG in October 2019. It is a terminal brain tumour & he was put on palliative care which only consists of radiotherapy to help with symptoms. Through out Ollie's journey my family tried to find alternative therapies & there is a clinical trial in USA which sounded very hopeful but we would've had to raise a lot of money to get Ollie there. My original idea was to shave my hair to help raise funds to go towards this. Due to COVID, the trials were put on hold & unfortunately Ollie passed away before they opened up again. I still want to support children with DIPG & also give a little back to those who give unconditionally. Being the sister of Cancer patient has shown me so much. This year I would like to raise money for Taylor Made Dreams, a charity which created brilliant experiences for Ollie and myself. They make dreams come true to children with life limiting illness. I also want to raise money for Abbies Army, a charity that spreads awareness for DIPG and funds research into finding a cure. I want to stand with children who have Cancer & in memory of Ollie I plan on shaving my hair!!!

I would appreciate any support you can give so please take a look at my GoFundMe page: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding /lola-card-1?utm term=N3YZg3Y8a



Have a lovely Weekend everyone.

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