



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

It has been so lovely, these last two days, welcoming all our lovely children and parents back after the summer break. Although we were unable to undertake our usual transition activities last term, the children have returned happily and confidently and have adapted to any routines as impressively as usual. In addition to the new children joining the school, along with the many transferring from the Leigh site, we have welcomed several new members of staff to the North Downs Team.

- At Leigh, Miss Tennent is the new teacher in Woodpeckers Class and, in a couple of weeks, Miss Miller will be joining Puffins as their new Teaching Assistant.
- At Brockham, we have welcomed Mrs Monroe to Flamingos, Mrs Sanders to Kingfishers, Mrs Warshawski to Parrots and Miss Coles to Nightingales Class. Miss Sollom has also joined Nightingales as their new teacher, job sharing with Mrs Bradby.
- We have also welcomed Mrs Stowell to the school, taking on the role of Sports Lead across the three sites.
- As I am sure you will have surmised, Miss Warren will be leaving us just before half term in readiness for her new arrival! I am also delighted to be able to share with you the news that Mrs Cox is expecting her second child. Huge congratulations to Mrs Cox and her husband, Dave. Happy Days!



We are incredibly fortunate to have appointed our lovely new members of staff to our classroom support staff team but, inevitably, there are one or two who leave us. Miss Preston is now moving away to attend university and Miss Cosgrove will also be leaving us to take up an administrative role at another school. We thank them both very much for all their hard work and wish them well in their new ventures. We will miss them very much.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 6th September - Monday 13th September - Meet the Teacher Sessions

(Please see further information on Page 2 of this Newsletter).

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th October - Individual Photos

Wednesday 20th October - Year 5 to High Ashurst

Thursday 21st October - Break up for Half Term - REVISED DATE (added to holiday dates by SCC)

Monday 1st November - INSET Day

Friday 17th December - Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 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

Meet the Teacher

Last year, due to the restrictions in place, we were unable to hold our usual Meet the Teacher sessions 'face to face'. We are very mindful of the fact we have not been able to invite parents into school for over a year so would like to extend an invitation to parents to join us for 'live' Meet the Teacher sessions both at Brockham and at Leigh.

At Brockham, these sessions will be held in the school hall. At Leigh the teachers will host the sessions in their classrooms. Windows and doors will remain open to ensure adequate ventilation. The dates and times for these sessions will be as follows:

DATE	YEAR	CLASS	VENUE	TIME
Monday 6 th September	Year 3	Flamingos	Brockham Hall	3.15pm
		Toucans		
Tuesday 7 th September	Year 4	Macaws	Brockham Hall	3.15pm
		Parrots		
Wednesday 8 th September	Year 1	Puffins	Puffin's Classroom	3.00pm
		Penguins	Brockham Hall	
Thursday 9 th September	Year 6	Eagles	Brockham Hall	3.15pm
		Kestrels		
Friday 10 th September	Year 5	Nightingales	Brockham Hall	3.15pm
		Skylarks		
Monday 13 th September	Year 2	Kingfishers	Brockham Hall	3.00pm
		Woodpeckers	Woodpecker's Classroom	3.00pm

As you can see the session are being held straight after school. Please collect you child(ren) as usual and bring them to the hall/classroom to attend the session with you. There will be no adult supervision available outside at the end of the day so please ensure your child(ren) stay(s) with you throughout. Sessions will last between 15 to 30 minutes. If you are unable to attend we will ensure the information covered is made available to parents via the school website.

Medicines

If your child has had any medicines or inhalers prescribed which they need in school, this is just a gentle reminders to ensure that any relevant forms are completed and that the medication, with the forms, are brought to the relevant school office. Please do not send medication in with children (as it has a tendency to stay in the bag!). **We can only accept, and administer, medication which is in the packaging in which it was originally dispensed with the pharmacy label attached/visible.**

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday...there is a rumour that we will enjoy some lovely sunshine next week so keep the suntan lotion handy!

JL Douglas

