



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

I wonder if any of you who watched 'The Larkins' on ITV last Sunday were eagle-eyed enough to spot our Betchworth site as the school which featured in the programme. We were all amazed when it appeared as one of the opening scenes. Mrs Brockwell thinks there is one more scene shot, which is still to appear, so keep an eye out in the coming weeks!



Dorking Schools Cross Country Competition

This Monday, the Dorking Schools Cross Country Competition took place at the Weald School. This is the first school's competition since lockdown. Seven Dorking schools attended with over 250 children taking part.

57 girls and boys from North Downs year 3,4,5 and 6 competed in the event. Our teams had great success with the Year 3/4 girls placed 4th and the Year 3/4 boys, 5/6 girls and 5/6 boys all taking first team position. Everyone ran really well and had fun cheering each other on and being part of our team.

In the individual competition there were also some outstanding performances with Ollie 1st and Jonny 4th in Year 3/4 boys, Flo 2nd and Heidi 3rd in the Year 5/6 girls and Jo 1st, Cameron 2nd and Mully 4th in the Year 5/6 boys.

Well done to everyone who took part. The next cross-country competition is on Monday 8th November at Brockham Big Field.

North Downs Sports Crew

On Monday 6th October, ten children from year 6 attended a Sports Leadership Training course at Dorking Sports Centre. They learnt about the qualities they needed to be a sports leaders and had to work as a team and lead different games and activities e.g. the Human Knot, Don't Wake the Dragon and Magic Cane.

At the end of their three-hour course, our Sports Crew felt confident and inspired to bring these skills back to school. After half term, they plan to lead activities in the playground to engage the younger children in active play at lunchtimes. As well as this, they will be helping run a charity fun run and various house activities.

After the course, they all received a Sports Crew T-shirt and bronze badges for completing the first part of their leadership award. Well done to all our Sports Crew for showing such excellent potential and we all look forward to the activities you will be running.



News from FONDS

UNIFORM SALE - Don't forget second hand sales this afternoon at the Brockham site from 3pm!

CHRISTMAS CARDS - We will be sending home the templates for the Christmas card designs next Tuesday 19th October...so please check school bags! The deadline for returning these is Friday 5th November so lots of time to get creative!

CHANGE THE RULES DAY - Friday 5th November. More details will follow shortly but this one is sure to be a big hit with all the kids!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS - Due to the ongoing uncertainty of COVID, we are running our Virtual Christmas Market and Online Raffle again this year. If you, or someone you know would like a stall or would be able to donate a raffle prize please do get in touch at: fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

Thanks as always for your support.
Abbi, FONDS Chair

Half-term at East Surrey Museum

1 Stafford Road, Caterham, CR3 6JG

For primary school age children with accompanying adults



Make your own "Iron-Age coins"
from plaster of Paris in a clay mould

Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th October
10.30 am - 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Activities are free of charge, but donations towards museum funds are always welcome

Looking for something to do this half term?

Christ Church Brockham are hosting Teas on the Green on Sunday 24th October 2.30 -5pm to raise money for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. This project seeks to send love in a box to needy children around the world. All the money raised goes towards items that will fit inside a shoebox (toys, gifts, practical hygiene & stationary items) and also the postage for each box. This is teas on the green with a difference! There will also be a fantastic craft table with wonderful things for children and adults to make! Please join us! If you would like to help out (cakes and/or your time) - please contact Claire Frewer clairefrewer@hotmail.com Thank you!

Unclaimed Sweatshirts

We appear to have quite a collection of sweatshirts at the Brockham site that need to be reclaimed by their owners. If you are missing a sweatshirt or two, please do look on the rainbow tables under the covered area on the junior playground. Any which remain unclaimed by the end of next week will be recycled! Thank you!

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 20th October - Year 5 to High Ashurst
Thursday 21st October - Break up for Half Term
Monday 25th October - Open Day for Prospective Parents - booking essential (via school office)
Monday 1st November - INSET Day
Tuesday 2nd November - Children return to school
Friday 5th November - Change the Rules Day (see above)
Monday 8th November - Cross Country Competition - Brockham Big Field
Tuesday 9th & Thursday 11th November - Parent Teacher Consultations
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

Deadline for Special Meal Requests to Twelve15 is TODAY! Please complete your request online, if you have not already done so.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

JL Douglas