



Newsletter

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Be the best you can be, every day

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Rehearsals and practices are underway for our Christmas Carols and church assemblies. There is an excitement in the air...though we must remain cautious and hope that all activities can go ahead as planned. I will of course continue to keep you updated. Information will be coming out directly to classes over the next few days regarding any help needed with costumes but year group teams have this all in hand! Arrival times will also be confirmed with the need for a slightly earlier start at Leigh, to allow a little more time to walk to and from the church.

For the Junior Carols, we do need to limit attendees to parents and siblings only. Although it would be lovely to invite extended family members, one child could potentially have up to four grandparents attending and, although the event is outside, if a huge number of people attend it will be very hard to actually see or hear the children singing/performing. We have been incredibly fortunate in that Easy Marquee Hire on Strood Green, are providing the marquee for us at a massively reduced cost - a huge thanks to Rob and Jo for their kindness and generosity to the school.

FONDS are also busy arranging events for the children over the next few weeks, which will include the Reindeer Run. This will take place on the same day as Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day. Information regarding school lunch will also come out next week but please be advised that once again we are only able to offer a cooked Christmas lunch for the children who usually have a hot dinner on a Friday. Unfortunately, Twelve15 are not in a position to offer the lunch to the whole school. However, rest assured that all the children will be having a fun-filled, action packed day on the 10th December (even more than they usually do)!

Sporting News...

Our Year 5 Boys and Year 5/6 Girls took part in the Dorking Schools Football Tournaments on 18th and 19th November.

The Year 5 boys went to St Martin's School where they played 6 matches, winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 2. They finished 3rd overall and received bronze medals.

The Year 5 and 6 Girls were lucky enough to play their tournament at the Dorking Meadowbank stadium. The lack of match experience showed against some very strong girls' teams but despite winning one match and losing 6 the girls never gave up and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Brighton Santa Dash

Mrs Wood, mum of Zac and Oscar, is undertaking the Brighton Santa Dash this year for Great Ormond Street hospital.

You can donate to her JustGiving page by clicking here:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lauren-wood22?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=lauren-wood22&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=bdc620bb24d04b37be9d6b400fd5a023.

Donating

Good luck Mrs Wood!

Help me find a book...

Many of the teachers have had parents ask for recommendations for good books at home. Mrs Cummins, our English Lead, has suggested parents try these great sites for recommendations and guidance to that perfect text.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/how-to-choose-books/>

<https://imaginationsoup.net/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/>

Friday News from FONDS

The Reindeer race sponsorship has got off to a great start...we can't wait for the kids to take part on Friday 10th December and hopefully raise LOTS of money for FONDS and St Catherine's hospice. Currently winning the sponsorship battle is...RECEPTION!

Leader board so far

Reception - £175

Year 4 - £147

Year 2 - £100

Year 5 - £95

Year 1 - £80

Year 6 - £50

Year 3 - £47

You can find all the sponsorship links on the school website

<https://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Events&pid=261>

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SPREAD THE WORD AMONGST FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

RAFFLE

We now have an amazing 38 prizes for this year's raffle! Please don't forget to buy your

tickets: <https://raffall.com/271701/enter-raffle-to-win-fonds-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-abbi-lampard>

RAFFLE will be drawn on Friday 10th December at 5pm.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

You should now have received your Bags 2 School bags to fill with all those things you want to sort out before Christmas! All filled bags to be returned on MONDAY 6th DECEMBER before 9am (please do not bring before as there is no room to store).

Lastly, we are hoping to be able to serve Mulled Wine & Mince Pies for the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Christmas Carols but **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We need volunteers from 4.45pm until 6.15pm on Tues 7th and Thurs 9th December to be able to run this...PLEASE, PLEASE get in touch with Abbi (via class reps WhatsApp) or fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk to volunteer!

Thanks so much for your support with all of the events we are running, we know how busy this time of year is so it's really appreciated.

TEAM FONDS!

Dates for the Diary

Monday 6th December - Year 1 Nativity (Penguins) 2.30pm
Tuesday 7th December - Year 3 & 4 Carols 6.00pm
Wednesday 8th December - Year 2 Nativity (Kingfishers) 2.30pm
Thursday 9th December - Year R Nativity (Robins & Owls) 2.30pm
Thursday 9th December - Year 5 & 6 Carols 5 & 6 6.00pm
Friday 10th December - Reindeer Run and Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 13th December - Year 2 Nativity (Woodpeckers) 2.15pm
Tuesday 14th December - Year 1 Nativity (Puffins) 2.15pm
Friday 17th December - Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 4th January - Children return to school

Wishing you all an
enjoyable and
relaxing weekend.

JL Douglas



CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR

~ HANDMADE BY LOCAL ARTISTS ~

BROCKHAM VILLAGE HALL
Brockham Green, Brockham, Surrey, RH3 7JJ

Sunday 28th November 2021
11am - 4pm

* STAINED GLASS * CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS
* WOODCRAFT * DECORATIONS * CANDLES *
* QUILTS * JEWELLERY * TEXTILES *
* POTTERY * CARDS * CAKES & GOODIES *
* WOODEN TOYS * CERAMICS * CUSHIONS *
* BEE PRODUCTS * HANDSEWN GIFTS *

Refreshments including homemade cakes

~ FREE ENTRY ~

