

Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

If this morning was anything to go by, I fear we may have bid farewell to the last of the autumn sunshine. However, let's all remain optimistic, as you never know exactly what is around the corner. This has been very much highlighted by a week that brought with it the unexpected closure of Wheelers Lane. I do hope those of our families who were particularly disrupted by the proximity to their own homes are now reassured by the repair to the damaged pipework. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who were mindful of the temporary changes for drop off and collection from school. Your cooperation and understanding was greatly appreciated.

On another note, I would like to reiterate once again the reminders included in our previous newsletter, regarding the necessity to continue to be vigilant and adhere to all of our systems and procedures in that:

- Anyone with COVID symptoms should get a PCR test as soon as possible and isolate. https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test. Please also inform the school office here at North Downs of any positive result.
- Under 18's and those that are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after second jab) no longer need to isolate as a close contact of a case but are strongly encouraged to have a PCR test.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say that any speculation on social media as to the identities of those who may be unwell, is neither welcome nor helpful and can be upsetting for those concerned.

Polite Reminder - Feeling Good Week 4th - 7th October 2021

We are celebrating 'Feeling Good Week' coinciding with World Mental Health Day so would like to invite the children to wear mufti on **Monday 4**th **October**. Our theme is 'Together We Are Stronger' and we are launching our special week with **a yellow mufti day** - a splash or dazzle of yellow. The suggested £1 donation will help to purchase new resources for 'Learning outside the Classroom', which enriches our children's curriculum enhancing their wellbeing and mental health. Donations can be made online via Tucasi and, as always, thank you for your continued support.

Brockham Parish Council Environment Group https://www.brockham.org/environment Brockham Village Hall - Sunday 3rd October 2.00-4.00pm

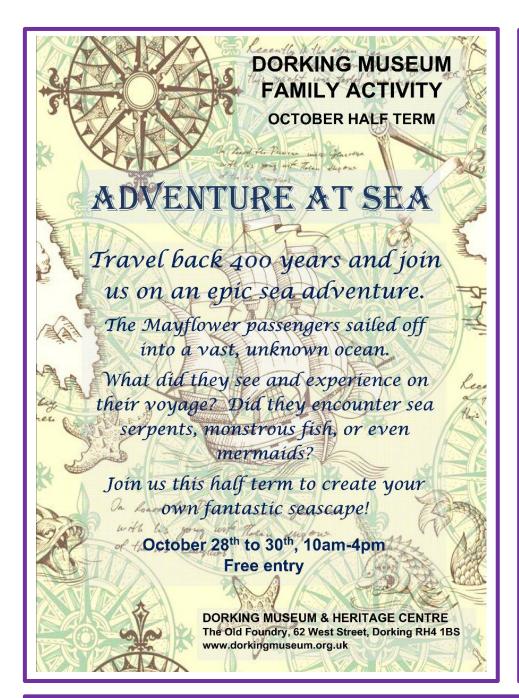
A talk presented by Wildlife Aid on the iDOT movement and Year 6 Photography Competition

<u>iDot</u> - which stands for "I Do One Thing." Simple actions you can do, every day, to protect the planet. Do one nature friendly act, every day, to support wildlife and protect the environment. If we all do one thing, each day, together, we can have a significant impact. Find out more at https://idot-waf.org.uk/

Wildlife Aid Photography Competition - Year 6 have entered fantastic wildlife photos, showing not only great skill but also empathy for the environment. Please come and see their amazing results. Competition judging and talk by Douglas Anderson from Wildlife Aid.

Mrs Douglass will present certificates in school next week.

Thank you, Mrs Cummins



Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations this term will be held on:

Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th November.

These will once again be video appointments using School Cloud. For those parents who are new to the school, School Cloud is an easy use online appointment booking system that allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers. You also receive a reminder email confirming your appointment times after you have made your bookings, along with a link for joining the sessions. Further details, along with instructions on how to book, will be sent to you separately but, in the meantime, please do make a record of the date in your diaries. We are mindful that online appointments do not provide you with the opportunity to look at your child(ren)'s work. However, we will endeavour to provide you with the opportunity to do so after half term.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 7th October - Individual Photos - Brockham

Friday 8th October - Individual Photos - Betchworth and Leigh

Monday 11th October - Cross County Event at The Weald 4.00 - 5.00pm

Wednesday 20th October - Year 5 to High Ashurst

Thursday 21st October - Break up for Half Term

Monday 1st November - INSET Day

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



Wishing you all an enjoyable, but hopefully dry, weekend.

