



# Newsletter

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Be the best you can be, every day

## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We had a busy end to last half term with our Year 5 children off on their residential trip to High Ashurst - and a fantastic time was had by all. However, it's been just as busy for everyone since the start of this half term; we hope you found parent teacher consultations helpful. We are mindful that parents would welcome the opportunity to look at children's books and we will endeavour to facilitate this within the coming weeks. We are also looking at how best to arrange our end of term events including Nativities and Christmas Carols. We will send home more information regarding these in the next couple of weeks. For now though, we have received the following information from SES Water, who are about to embark on the next phase of their mains replacement work. This will involve undertaking work at The Smithers, the road opposite the school (Brockham site).

The scheme is due to commence from week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> November and is planned to be completed by February 2022. The road will be closed during the hours of 8:00am - 5:00pm, therefore any parents who usually park on The Smithers, will need to find an alternative space. Although the road will be closed, the footpath will remain open for access from Middle Street/Brockham Lane. However, this may be on a temporary footpath that will have been put in place. The team onsite will of course be extremely vigilant at peak times, but ask that parents ensure they do the same.

## Dorking Schools Cross Country Competition

On Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup> November, the second event in Dorking Schools Cross Country League Competition took place at Brockham Rugby Club. Seven Dorking schools attended with 260 children competing in four races. It was good to see so many North Downs children from Years 3,4,5 and 6 taking part in the event. Our Year 3/4 girls team came 4<sup>th</sup>, Year 5/6 boys 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Year 3/4 boys and 5/6 girls came 1<sup>st</sup>! In the individual competition, there were also some outstanding performances with Ollie 3<sup>rd</sup> in year 3/4 boys, Heidi 2<sup>nd</sup> and Flo 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 5/6 girls and Joe 1<sup>st</sup> in the Year 5/6 boys. Well done to everyone who took part!

The next cross-country will take place in the spring term.

## Welcome!

Mr Hickey has joined us here at North Downs as Teaching Assistant in Eagles class - it's great to welcome him to the team!



## Football Team Success

Well done to the Year 6 football team who won the Dorking School Football tournament on 4<sup>th</sup> November. The tournament was held at St Martin's School and North Downs was one of seven teams competing. The team performed brilliantly winning all their seven matches without conceding a single goal!

Congratulations everyone!



## News from FONDS

Thanks to everyone who supported our Change the Rules Day - the children had a blast and I am delighted to announce we raised over **£500!**

**FONDS Virtual Christmas Market** is now up and running with some amazing stalls and products.... please spread the word amongst friends and family! The link to join the group is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fondschristmasmarket>

### COMING SOON...

**Monday 6th December - BAGS TO SCHOOL** (bags will be coming home in the next couple of weeks)

**Sponsored Reindeer Run** - More details to follow!

**Online Christmas Raffle** - Our biggest fundraiser of the year is BACK. I enlisted the help of these two mini FONDS this year and they have managed to bag some great prizes!!!



As always, your support with these events is hugely appreciated!

### TEAM FONDS

Tickets will be available to purchase soon but in the meantime....here is a sneak peek at some of the prizes!

- **TOP PRIZE** - £100 **AMAZON** vouchers, (courtesy of Seymours, Dorking)
- **Wagamamas** cookbooks
- **£50 Joules** voucher
- **2x Luxury Hampers** - courtesy of the NDPS staff
- **Sweaty Betty Voucher**,
- **Reading Room, Brockham, Voucher**
- ...and lots more



We will be running a football camp at for Years R - 8 from Monday 20th December - Wednesday 22nd December 9:30am to 1.00pm at Therfield School, Dilston Road, Leatherhead, KT22 7NZ

Cost : £30 per morning / session - you may book one, two or all three mornings. We also offer a 25% sibling discount on these prices. Please note the camp for Reception & Year 1 will take place indoors in the sports hall.

To book a place at either camp visit: <https://joshevanssoccerschool.class4kids.co.uk/camps>

Numbers are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. If you find there is no availability, please email [admin@joshevans.co.uk](mailto:admin@joshevans.co.uk) to be added to a waiting list as there may be cancellations nearer the time.

Please ensure you book your child onto the correct age group as we may not be able to swap your child to the correct group, at a later date, if the camp is full. Coaches will put players into groups, so if there are any special requests, please let us know prior to start date and we will try to accommodate them.

Registration and amendments to bookings will close the Thursday before the camps are due to start.

Due to the popularity of the course 48 hours notice is required to amend the booking / to receive full refund.

Cancellation charges may apply. Any problems please speak directly to Josh Evans. The Soccer Camp will adhere to all current Government/FA guidelines at the time of the camp.

## Polite Reminder re. Flu Vaccinations

Parents must either accept or decline the Flu Vaccination for your child(ren) using the link in the NHS letter sent out previously The deadline for responses is 30th November.

## Dates for the Diary

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Break up for Christmas  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for Half Term  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February - INSET Day  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Children return to school  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Children break up for Easter  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Children break up for Half Term  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - INSET Day  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Children return to school  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Children break up for the summer  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - INSET Day

**Wishing you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.**

*J. Douglas*