



Newsletter



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Be the best you can be, every day

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Well, just one more week to go before we finish for the Christmas break. Our final few days include Puffin's and Woodpecker's Christmas performances at our Leigh site, with the children at the Brockham and Betchworth having undertaken theirs this week. The children have been brilliant and have loved taking part and performing for their audiences, despite some rather inclement weather. Parents, thank you so much for your support and good humour - particularly those of you who got rather soggy last night! However, I am sure you will agree much Christmas cheer was shared. Thank you as well to all of our amazing staff team who have worked so hard to prepare the children and who have managed to keep up with, and adapt to, the ever-changing arrangements. A particular thank you to Mrs Thorneloe who helped Mrs Mitchell with the musical ensemble at the Year 5 and 6 Carols.

Today the children are busy with their Reindeer Run, ably supported by the wonderful Mrs Stowell, the Year 6 Sports Crew and by Abbi and Cassie from FONDS. I would just like to express our huge gratitude to Abbi and her team for the immense effort they have put into continuing to fundraise on behalf of the school. I cannot begin to explain the impact the financial support we receive from FONDS has on all of the children across all of the sites. Thank you so much from all of us.

Finally, thank you to all of you as well, for your continuing support and understanding. This term has once again brought with it some challenges for us all but, as I have said before, all we can do is our very best...well done everyone! I hope you manage to have some enjoyable and relaxing time together with your families over the festive period. Please remember that we have our usual early finish on Friday next week and the first day back next term is Tuesday 4th January.

Mobile Phones

Some of the older pupils in school, who are perhaps walking home on their own from school, ask to bring in mobile phones. The current system is to hand these in each morning to class teachers. However, in order to ensure that phones are only being accessed after school, from the start of next term, we ask that any pupil who brings in a mobile phone hands it in at the office every morning and then collects it from there at the end of the afternoon. Please ensure that, prior to bringing in a phone, parents have completed the permission form. Any pupil who does have a completed permission form, or who does not hand their phone in at the office in the morning, will not be able to bring a phone into school and may have their permission withdrawn. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Sporting News...

Years 3/4 and 5/6 Key Steps Gymnastics Competition

Children from Years 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 worked hard at Tuesday's gymnastics club to learn three routines, body management, floor exercises and vaults, to perform at the Dorking school's gymnastics competition held on Monday 29th November at The Ashcombe School.

Our teams won both the Year 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 competitions... a fantastic achievement!

There were also many outstanding individual performances with Daisy, Lucy, Emma, Maddie L and Erin in Years 3 & 4 and Gracie, Lily, Diggory in Years 5 & 6 all receiving gold, silver or bronze medals.

Well done everyone!



Message from Surrey County Council Admissions

Surrey County Council Admissions have asked that we remind parents that the national closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2022 entry is **15 January 2022**. For infant schools, this includes any children on roll in Year 2 for transfer to a Junior school next September.

Online applications are strongly encouraged via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. Parents can apply online from a smartphone or tablet as well as a laptop. If you are unable to apply online, you will need to request a paper application form via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). The completed paper application form must be received by Admissions (to the Quadrant Court address) by 15 January; you must allow time for the post to reach them. If you need to apply on paper, it is recommended that applications are sent by recorded post.

Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. The Surrey Schools & Childcare Service can also provide impartial help in completing an application.

Applications received after the closing date without an exceptional reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of you being offered one of the preferred schools for your child.

Friday News from FONDS

RAFFLE TICKET SALES close at 5pm today, the draw will be shortly after and you will be notified by email if you are a lucky winner! If you still haven't bought yours...get in there quick! Over 40 prizes up for grabs. <https://raffall.com/271701/enter-raffle-to-win-fonds-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-abbi-lampard>

Thank you to everyone who has supported the sponsored **Reindeer Run** so far - we have raised over £3k already for North Downs and St Catherine's Hospice.....there is still time to sponsor your child's year group, just giving pages will be open until Tuesday 14th December. We will announce the winning class before the end of term.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL - Thanks so much to everyone who had a good clear out and donated bags, we had quite a pile! I am pleased to say we raised **£210!**

Lastly, I know the last couple of weeks has been full of FONDS reminders! Thank you from Cassie, Dan and myself for all your continued support.

Best Wishes,
Abbi and TEAM FONDS

Dates for the Diary

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 - *Infants finish at 1.00pm and Juniors at 1.15pm.*
Tuesday 4th January - Children return to school

Wishing you all an
enjoyable and relaxing
weekend.

JL Douglas

Brockham Badgers

If your child is in Year R, 1, 2 or 3 and interested in playing football, bring them down to Brockham Rec (cricket pitch/playground) for a free session with the Brockham Badger's. Training is with our UEFA B qualified coach on Sunday mornings from 9am - 10:30am. Contact Simon Haines at simon.bbfc@gmail.com for more information. Boys and girls of all levels are welcome.

