



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

The last few weeks of term are rapidly flying by yet there is still much to squeeze in! Our Year 6 pupils are off on their week long residential trip on Monday and when they return they will all have the chance to visit their Secondary Schools for their Induction Day. We will therefore take this opportunity for the children who will be remaining at North Downs to spend the day in their new classrooms with their teachers for September 2022. These visits will take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June** when we ask that children are dropped off at their new site/classrooms to spend the day with classmates and staff in readiness for the new school year. We have offered information evenings for the parents of those children who are changing sites on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, prior to the children's 'move up day' the week after. For your information, please see below the staffing structure for classes for the next school year.

## School Year 2022/23

Year Group	Class/Site	Teacher(s)
Reception	Owls - Betchworth	Ms Morgan
	Robins - Brockham	Mrs Cobbold
Year 1	Puffins - Leigh	Mrs Tolan and Miss Winslade
	Penguins - Brockham	Ms Gahan
Year 2	Woodpeckers - Leigh	Miss Tennent
	Kingfishers - Brockham	Mrs Tubb
Year 3	Flamingos	Mr Evenden
	Toucans	Mr Smith
Year 4	Parrots	Mrs Cox and Mrs Bradby
	Macaws	Mr Skinner
Year 5	Skylarks	Mrs Boyer
	Nightingales	Mrs Goodwin
Year 6	Kestrels	Mrs Cummins
	Eagles	Ms Marshall-Bailey

Mrs Ottaway will continue to lead our Learning Outside the Classroom provision and both Mr Wade and Mrs Deeks will continue to support groups across all years, within their respective key stages. Both Miss Sollom and Mrs Coyle will be leaving us at the end of this term, to take up posts at St Paul's in Dorking and St Peter's in Leatherhead, while Mrs Cox will be returning from her maternity leave for the start of term. She will job share in Year 4 with Mrs Bradby in September as, after 17 years at North Downs, Mrs Mitchell has decided to retire at the end of this term. We will all miss her incredibly and we thank her so much for all her hard work and dedication. I am sure you join me in wishing her every happiness as she enters this exciting time in her life. Thank you Mrs Mitchell 😊

At this end of this term we will also bid farewell to Miss Bailey-Young, who will be going off to university, and to Mr Hickey who is going to become a Police Officer. In addition, Mrs Knapp our amazing IT Technician, has decided to retire after 10 years at the school just as Mrs Lawrence, our Admissions Officer based at Betchworth, had decided to pass on the 'site-allocation baton' after an amazing 26 years at the school. We are all incredibly grateful to Mrs Knapp for her patience and expertise supporting staff, pupils and parents alike with all things technology based; and as for Mrs Lawrence...well she is the woman who simply knows everything!

You will have noticed a new name on the list above; Mrs Goodwin. Although Mrs Goodwin has been a member of the North Downs Team for a number of years now, she will be joining Mrs Boyer in Year 5 as class teacher for Nightingales. We very much look forward to welcoming her to her new role!

## Surrey Arts primary School Music Festival

We are all still buzzing after our school choir took part in the Dorking Halls Music Festival on Wednesday evening. Children from Years 4 to 6 joined other local schools and sang their hearts out, entertaining the audience with a musical revue based on "My Planet, Your Planet." They also performed some songs from all over the globe whilst finishing with some traditional singalongs!

The children should be heartily congratulated for all their hard work, learning lots of lyrics whilst picking up the melodies in our weekly singing sessions not to mention their exemplary behaviour throughout the evening. They were absolute stars!

**Year 6** are studying the effects of Climate Change, thereby the Sustainability of life on our planet. In line with this, they are looking at the inevitable impact of single use plastic. On Wednesday, they were fortunate to have a workshop with Conceptual Artist Pippa Ward, which was funded by the Jubilee Commission.

Their creation of hundreds of discarded bottle tops, pouring out of a funnel, is a colourful legacy for our school.

Pippa inspired the children and later commented:

*"It was a great pleasure for me to work with such lovely kids! I think they worked extremely well, and it's a good size piece of work for such a short time. An extra bonus was that some learned to tie knots as well!"*



## Sports Round-Up from Mrs Stowell

### Year 5 and 6 Cricket Tournaments

The Years 5 and 6 girls and boys cricket teams took part in the Dorking Schools Cricket Tournaments on Monday 16th May and Friday 10th June. The children attended a school club in preparation for the event and learnt a slightly new format of the game called 'Countdown Cricket'. Both tournaments took place at Newdigate Cricket Club, where the club provided umpires and fantastic pitches.

Both tournaments were very close. The boy's team won three and lost two matches finishing in joint 2nd position on points...but moving to 3rd place on runs scored.

The girl's team won two games and lost three finishing in joint 3rd position on points but moving to 5th place on runs scored. Well done to all the children who took part in two very enjoyable days of cricket.

### Year 4 Tri-Golf Festival

The Year 4 classes in all the Dorking Primary Schools received three weeks of tri-golf coaching from Betchworth Golf Club, in preparation for the Dorking schools Tri-Golf Festival. This took place on Wednesday 8th June in the beautiful setting of Betchworth Golf Club. All eight primary schools entered a team in the event - testing their putting, driving and teamwork skills in eight different activities.

Our North Downs team did exceptionally well, showing good skill and amazing teamwork to finish in first place! Congratulations everyone.

### Sports Day Report

This week we held both our Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Days. The **Junior Sports Day** took place on Tuesday with the children taking part in a circuit of throwing, jumping, football and hockey dribbling, hurdles and relays earning points for their house teams. They then went on to compete on the track in sprinting and 600 metres race. They worked very hard earning points for their houses and having fun with Arundel (Green) winning overall.

The **Infant Sports Day** was held on Thursday with the children taking part in their class and house groups, in a circuit of activities including a beanbag throw, standing long jump and dressing up race. They then went on to the track sprinting events. The Year 6 children did an amazing job running activities, taking the classes around to their events and scoring. They all worked hard and had fun winning points for their house team with Arundel again coming out as winners!

## Polite Reminder...

...just to ask that you kindly adhere to our request that a child not return to school for 48 hours, following an upset tummy. We very much appreciate your support and understanding regarding this request.

# KIDS EAT FREE THIS SUMMER

During these times of rising prices we want to help our customers with young families.

Available 22nd July - 2nd September 2022

## Menu

- Fish Finger, Chips & Beans
- Sausage, Egg, Chips & Beans
- Double Egg, Chips & Beans
- Standard Sandwich
- Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans



Children up to the age of 12 eat FREE with any paying adult (1 child per adult).



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subject "Free Y4 Summer Camp" by 14th June  
to book a place and for further info

Tuesday June 21, 28, July 5, 12

5.15 - 6.15

The Priory School

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## Dates for the Diary

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 trip to PGL  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Bikeability for Year 6 Group 1  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Year 2 Trip to Drusillas Park  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Year R trip to The Hawth Theatre  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July - End of Year Reports sent home  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Bikeability for Year 6 - Group 2  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Disco  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Leavers Assembly  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Break up for the summer  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - INSET Day  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September - INSET Days  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Years 1 - 6 return to school

**INSET Days for 2022-23 will be on:**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Wishing you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

*J. Douglas*