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# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Well I can't quite believe we have come to the end of another school year. However, there is much we are able to celebrate...including it having been a relatively undisrupted year.

We bid a sad farewell to our Year 6 pupils yesterday - particularly emotional for me personally, as this year group joined Reception when I joined North Downs School back in 2015. We were able to celebrate together on the field, along with parents, sharing memories, some wonderful poetry from the children and present them with their amazing Year Books (a huge thank you to the team of Year 6 parents who organised these for the children). We also said farewell to several members of staff including Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Lawrence, Miss Sollom, Mrs Coyle, Miss Baillie-Young, Mr Hickey, Miss Coles, Mrs Golliker and Mrs Letts, our lovely caterer. A huge thank you for all of us for their hard work, enthusiasm and contribution to the school.

I also need to pass on my HUGE thanks for Team FONDS. Without the incredible hard work and dedication of Abbi, Cassie and Dan we would not have been able to provide as many enriching activities and resources for the pupils as we have done this year. Abbi and her team have worked tirelessly (often just this very small group) to organise and deliver events and activities for the school. Without them, I am not quite sure what we would do. The contribution FONDS makes to the school is hard to articulate but we are blessed to have such a strong, although rather small team. As we move into the new school year, I would like to make a plea for any parents who may be able to offer a bit of time, help and support to Abbi and Dan to please contact us.



## Congratulations Pearl

A recent weekend of success for Pearl in Year 1 - winning 5 out of 6 classes entered, a 2nd and overall winner for her section (age group) for the whole show, coming home with so many rosettes and trophies.

## Job Opportunity!

We are looking to appoint a new serving assistant at our Leigh site from September. This would suit a parent or member of the local community and details, including application form, can be viewed on ETeach - please see <https://tinyurl.com/y452zet3>

## Dates for the Diary

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

## Sports Report for 2021-22

North Downs have had an amazing year of achievements in a wide variety of sporting competitions. Our final two competitions of 2021-22 took place in the last 2 weeks. The year 5 and 6 outdoor athletics team took part in an exciting and fun evening held at Pixham Athletics club on July 7th. With some outstanding and gutsy performances from our team including losing a shoe and winning their race and dropping the relay baton and still coming 3<sup>rd</sup> We came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the throwing, and boys track events, joint 1<sup>st</sup> in relay, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Girls track and were the **OVERALL WINNERS for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since 1956!**



The following Tuesday our Sports Hall Athletics Team of 27 girls and boys from Years 5 and 6, represented Dorking in the County Sports Hall Athletics finals at St Georges School in Weybridge. The children took part in throwing, jumping, relay sprints and obstacle races to finish as **Silver Medallists!**

Pictured with Lucy Wood Great Britain Women's hockey Commonwealth Games silver medallist.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR AMAZING ATHLETES

This culminated in a fantastic year of sport for North Downs Primary School.  
**SPORTS RESULTS 2021-22**

Year 6 Boys Football - 1st  
Year 5 Boys Football - 3rd  
Year 5/6 Girls Football - 6th  
Year 2 Virtual Multi Skills - 2nd  
Year 3/4 Gymnastics - 1st  
Year 5/6 Gymnastics - 1st  
Year 5/6 Hockey - 2nd  
Year 5/6 Rugby - 2nd  
Year 3/4 Cross Country - 3rd  
Year 5/6 Cross Country - 1st  
Overall Cross Country - 2nd  
Year 5 Netball - 2nd  
Year 6 Netball - 1st  
Year 4 Golf - 1st  
Year 3/4 Tennis - 1st  
Year 5/6 Boys Cricket - 3rd  
Year 5/6 Girls Cricket - 5th  
Year 4 Rounders - 1st  
Year 5/6 Rounders - 1st  
Year 5/6 Pixham Athletics - 1st  
Year 5/6 Sportshall - 1st in District & 2nd in County Final

Year 1 on their way to pass the Commonwealth Games relay baton to Year 5 as all the classes took part in sporting activities for the North Downs Queens Commonwealth games baton relay.



# FONDS End of Term Round Up!



As the school year comes to an end, we wanted to **THANK YOU** for your continued support. It has been a year of two halves and we have been delighted to have started to run physical events again.

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Online Xmas Shopping  
Sponsored Reindeer Run  
Change the Rules Day  
Uniform Sales  
Teas on the Green  
Easter Bingo  
Books 4 Books Sale

## WHAT WE HAVE FUNDED

KS2 Class Readers for all children  
New ipads  
New Sports equipment  
Marquee for Christmas Performances  
Year 6 Emergency Services Day  
Outdoor Speakers  
Christmas Pantomime

# TOTAL RAISED: £ 10,000

**THANK  
YOU**

Thanks to your support we have been able to donate the money raised to enable to school to enrich all the children's experiences at North Downs.

Sadly, at the end of this time Cassie Denning will be stepping down from her role as Vice Chair. For me, as Chair her support has been invaluable and it has been so fun to share our PTA experience together. Cassie, thank you and we will miss you!

**GOODBYE**

**Join Us!**

Many hands really do make light work and now more than ever we need everyone to get involved. With events being back in full swing and the Autumn term being especially busy we can only run things with a bigger team FONDS team. Please get in touch via class reps or [fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)

On behalf of everyone here, thank you for your continuing support and very best wishes to you all for an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you next term.

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