



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This week we are pleased to share details of the Spring Term's various sporting events in which many of your children participated...

**Surrey School Cross Country:** took place in January and some members of our Cross Country Club took part. It was a tough course and they all did very well. Congratulations to Felix Vaughan who won the Year 6 race (and who is also competing for Surrey). Well done to Katie Lucas, Emilia Vakeva-Baird, Luke Mackenzie, Jensen King, and Oliver King, all Year 6; to Dominic Morgan and Casey Williams, Year 5; and to James Honey, Ella Smyth, Anna Lewis and Anna Hunt from Year 4.

**Dorking Primary School Indoor Athletics:** also in January twenty of our Year 5/6 pupils took part in this event held at The Ashcombe, competing against seven other schools. They participated in a range of field and track events. Performances were outstanding. Well done all.

**Dorking Primary Schools Tag Rugby Year 5/6 Tournament:** in February a group of Year 6 boys took part in this annual event. As winners for the past two years alot was at stake and the children (and Miss Sangster) were keen to win for an unprecedented 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Our team were a credit to the school, demonstrating great teamwork and enthusiasm - and against tough opposition performing very well; so whilst it was a very close and tight-fought competition, in the end we were all very excited and pleased when North Downs held the title for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year! Well done boys, we are very proud of you.

**Dorking Primary Schools' Cross Country League:** due to weather cancellations there was only one race during the spring term, so in March a team from Years 3-6 went to The Weald School. In all we had about fifty children enter, a wonderful turn out. There were some great individual and team performances, not least children encouraging others, helping them to finish the race. Year 3/4 girls were outstanding and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Miss Sangster would like to thank everyone who attended Cross Country Club during the term for their commitment and effort at training. Thanks also to Mrs Cobbold and Ms Manisier who gave up their time to help run this club.

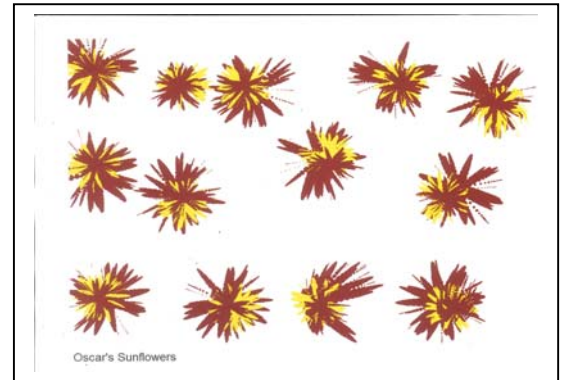
**Dorking Rotary Club Swimmarathon:** we entered two teams of swimmers for this event in March. Team 1 - William Horton, Dan Saxby, Dominic Morgan, Adam Cobbold, Haydon Hughes and Emilia Vakeva-Baird - swam 73 laps in just 55 minutes (very impressive). Team 2 - Katy Johnson, Ella Smyth, Jess Finn, Charlotte Gomes and Caleb Tapscott-Yates - swam 53 Laps in 55 minutes. Both teams showed great enthusiasm and were a credit to their school. Well done.

**Year 5/6 'High 5' Netball Tournaments:** our final Spring Term events were these tournaments in March, which took place at the Priory School in Dorking. High 5 Netball is very different to the usual 7-a-side netball, with five players on the court who rotate positions after each game. Team 1 with Katie Lucas, Emilia Vakeva-Baird, Scarlett Rose, Martha Pearce, Annabelle Ambrose, Liberty Tiley and Alice Harper were a pleasure to be with, playing really well and improving throughout the tournament. Team 2 with Alice Harper, Molly Reed, Annabelle Ambrose, Emma Mountney, Liberty Tiley, Lauren Wilson and Isobel Giblin were fantastic; they played really well as a team, with everything they had practised at Netball Club all coming together on the day! They had some very close matches....and eventually, on goal difference, came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well done to both teams.

We now look forward to the Summer Term sports events. *(Photos of many of the spring events are on the school website.)*



Harry's Sunflowers



Oscar's Sunflowers



Skye's Sunflowers

Caterpillars really enjoyed planting their sunflower seeds before the holidays and we thank Mrs Goody for her time and materials she provided.

We have started this term looking at and talking about art inspired by the sunflowers of Van Gogh and Hockney.

We were inspired to paint our own and also to create some on the computer using the 2paint program.

Above are examples from Harry, Oscar & Skye.

## Other News

**Dorking Nursery School:** has a vacancy for a Children's Centre Receptionist and are looking for someone who is enthusiastic and friendly. The role is 19 hours per week, term time only (for clerical and administrative duties as well as welcome families and provide information on a range of services). Salary is Surrey Pay S3 (starting at FTE £14,856). For further details and application pack call 01306 882397 or email [ccmanager@dorking.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ccmanager@dorking.surrey.sch.uk). Closing date is Monday 27th April, 12 noon.



Admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2016 have now been determined. Full details are available on the school admissions pages of SCC website under 'Admission arrangements and outcomes' - [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions). As part of the determination the following change will be implemented:

8. Changes to published admission numbers (PANs)
- Ashford Park - increase in Reception PAN from 60 to 90
  - Bishop David Brown - increase in Year 7 PAN from 150 to 180
  - Cranmere - increase in Reception PAN from 60 to 90
  - Farncombe CofE - increase in Reception PAN from 40 to 50
  - The Greville - increase in Reception PAN from 30 to 60
  - Hinchley Wood - increase in Reception PAN from 60 to 90
  - Hurst Park - increase in Reception PAN from 30 to 60
  - Manby Lodge - increase in Reception PAN from 60 to 90
  - Milford - increase Reception PAN from 50 to 60
  - North Downs - introduction of Year 3 PAN of 4
  - South Camberley - increase in Reception PAN from 110 to 120
  - Stoughton - increase in Reception PAN from 60 to 90
  - West Byfleet - increase in Reception PAN from 60 to 90
  - Worplesdon - introduction of a Year 3 PAN of 30

Any person or body who considers that any aspect of these admission arrangements is unlawful or not in compliance with the School Admissions Code or relevant law relating to admissions, can make an objection to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator. Objections must be referred by 30 June 2015 and further information on how to make an objection can be obtained from the [Office of the Schools Adjudicator](http://www.schools-adjudicator.org.uk) website.

## Friends' Matters

Well done to all the children who took part in our Sponsored Bounce this week, they all seemed to enjoy their bouncing! Please be sure to send in your sponsorship money - by next Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the latest please.

Next Sunday - 19<sup>th</sup> April - is our Teas on the Green. Homemade cakes, scones etc (or if you don't have time, brought ones) will be much appreciated, as will your help with the event. Please see our rota, to sign up if you are able to help.

Please see the latest FONDS ParentMail, for details of what has happened so far this year - and a list of our future dates.

If you wish to contact FONDS directly, please use the following email address - [fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)

## Reminders / Dates

**Always remember to check the updated Diary Dates on the following page**

*(Note: dates in italics have been added or changed this week)*

**Class Assemblies:** as always parents are invited to their child's class assembly this term. Do make a note of the date and time of yours - we would love to have you join us.

**New Reception Intake - September 2015:** Surrey County Council offers for children to join Reception at North Downs for the academic year 2015-2016 were released yesterday. We take this opportunity to remind families with a child or children already at North Downs and who have now been offered a place for their coming reception age child that it is necessary for you to formally accept this place with SCC Admissions Team by the deadline date advised.

**KS2 Dinner Money Payment:** a reminder that dinner money is now due for the period 13th April to 22nd May at £60.90 (which includes a deduction for the May Bank Holiday) for Years 3, 4 & 6

and

£58.80 (including an additional deduction for a day out on 20<sup>th</sup> May) for Year 5

Payment is required in advance. If you have not yet done so, please pay via your Tucasi account before Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April (or if paying by cheque, make payable to Surrey County Council). All parents (including KS1) are reminded that changes from packed lunch to school meal or school meal to packed lunch require one week's notice in writing.

**School Clubs:** on ParentMail today. As clubs start week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> April, please ensure you return your requests promptly to the teacher concerned.

Yours sincerely

*A.J. Ewing*

Finally

Have a great weekend



## Summer Term 2015

w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming begins
Monday April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dorking Halls Music Festival
Friday April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ladybirds Assembly 9.15am
Week of April 27 <sup>th</sup>	NDPS clubs begin
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Bees Assembly 9.15am
Monday May 4 <sup>th</sup>	MAY BANK HOLIDAY: school closed
Tuesday May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pedals Training Yr2 Leigh
Wednesday May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pedals Training Yr2 Brockham
Friday May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Butterflies Assembly 9.15am
Week of May 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs
Friday May 15 <sup>th</sup>	3MB Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 - Hampton Court visit
Friday May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Maypole - <u>all</u> pupils at Brockham. Also whole school photograph (pupils in uniform)
w/c June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Yr 6 Bikeability - a.m. (all week)
w/c June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 at Windmill Hill (PGL)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Beetles Assembly 9.15am
Friday June 19 <sup>th</sup>	3M Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	EYFS / KS1 Sports Day - all at Brockham all day
Wednesday June 24 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Parents' Meeting - 7pm
Thursday June 25 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Day
Friday June 26 <sup>th</sup>	5MS Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Induction Day for all pupils (incl. transferring to new schools)
Friday July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dragonflies Assembly 9.15am Dorking Halls Music Concert
Week of July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Last week of NDPS clubs
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Caterpillars Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 - visit to Brooklands
Friday July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ladybirds Assembly 9.15am School reports to go home
Week of July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last week of swimming
Tuesday July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Betchworth Gold Stars 9.15am
Wednesday July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Consultation (plus children) <i>End of Year Reports shared with parents.</i> Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm. Brockham 5 - 7.30pm
Thursday July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Consultation (plus children) <i>End of Year Reports shared with parents.</i> Leigh / Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm Brockham 3.30 - 6pm
Thursday July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Leigh Gold Stars 9.15am
Friday July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Brockham Gold Stars 9.15am
Friday July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Leavers' celebration and BBQ 5pm
Monday July 20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET: school closed
Tuesday July 21 <sup>st</sup>	INSET: school closed

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