

# Newsletter

Term: SUMMER 2015

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### Dear Parents, Carers and Children

'Summer Term' is something of a misnomer, subject as we are to the vagaries of the British weather, so that in a single week your child may require the application of sun cream one day and additional clothing the next! To that effect, we draw your attention to today's ParentMail reminding you of the school policy on the use of sun screen; and at the other end of the spectrum ask that, if in doubt, you send your child with a coat!

#### **School Clubs**

School clubs commence next week. If your child's application has been successful they will have been advised by the member of staff running the club. We ask that you collect your child promptly, as teachers generously give their own time to take these clubs. Thank you.

#### **School Website**

Hopefully you are now a regular visitor to our very informative new website - but we especially draw your attention to the 'banner' facility on the Home Page. This allows us to notify you of last minute changes, such as sport fixture cancellations, as well as issues such as an emergency closure.











Last week's sponsored bounce was a huge success - and much enjoyed by all, as can be seen! More photos are available on the school website.





Before the Spring Term becomes a distant memory, we have some photos of 5S, Bees and Dragonflies Easter activities to share with you.





# **IMPORTANT**

New Reception Intake - September 2015

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 accept this place without delay - your child's attendance at North Downs is not assured without your formal acceptance to Surrey Admissions by their deadline date.



### Other News

Brockham Badgers Annual Family and Friends Fun Day Tournament (see left): you are invited to this Bank Holiday event which is open to non-members too - just turn on the day play! Brockham Badgers throw up a tent or two, light the barbeque, organise the teams and away they go. The whole event is very relaxed - a friendly and fun day of football with family and friends. For further details and/or a registration form contact: James Fry: 07818 035700



### Friends' Matters

North Downs' Teas on the Green: this Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> April) from 2.30-5pm. What a great excuse to eat cake and support your school at the same time!! Cakes will be very welcome on the day if you haven't already brought one in.

Second-hand Uniform Sale: our next sale will be at the Brockham Village site, after school on Wednesday 29th April.

Finally, thank you all for such a great response to the sponsored bounce. Over £1000 (and counting!) was raised, so well done to all the children - and their sponsors!

If you wish to contact FONDS directly, please use the following email address - 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)

Scarlet Fever & Chicken Pox: there has been a recent increase in both Scarlet Fever and Chicken Pox in the local area, with confirmed and suspected cases of Scarlet Fever at North Downs.

Further to our recent ParentMail communications and Public Heath England advice sheet, this is to repeat that both conditions are highly contagious, and whilst neither is usually serious in itself, together they have the potential to cause complications.

If you suspect your child may be showing symptoms of Scarlet Fever, you must see your doctor, as treatment requires a course of antibiotics. Please advise school too.

Similarly, if your child has recently had either of these conditions and subsequently shows symptoms of the other, please consult you GP as soon as possible.

**Updating Pupil Information**: we take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of notifying any changes to data held for your child immediately. This applies to everything from emergency contact details to medical/dietary needs. All changes should be advised in writing please.

Yours sincerely

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**Finally** 

See you at Teas on the Green!



## Summer Term 2015

| 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   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May    | Year 1 - visit to Bocketts Farm   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May    | Caterpillars (Year R Betchworth) to Leigh Village site all day for familiarisation visit  |
| 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 1st                    | 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) End of Year Reports shared with parents              |
|                                 | Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm.  |
|                                 | Brockham 5 - 7.30pm   |
| Thursday July 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Parents Consultation (plus children) End of Year Reports shared with parents              |
|                                 | 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 21st               | INSET: school closed  |

Term and Holiday Dates 2014/2015
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and on the Surrey County Council website <a href="www.surreycc.gov.uk">www.surreycc.gov.uk</a>
INSET DAYS: 1st) 02/09/2014 2nd) 03/09/2014 3rd) 05/01/2015 4th) 20/07/2015 5th) 21/07/2015

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