



Newsletter

Term: SUMMER 2015

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Huge congratulations go to all our North Downs participants at the Dorking Halls Music Festival which took place on Monday last week, 20th April.

52 children from Years 4 to 6 joined together with six other schools to entertain the audience with songs from famous musicals. The concert repertoire also included favourite folk songs from the U.K.

Holly and Millie, from 6J, sang a duet to introduce the Irish melody "Danny Boy", singing with confidence in front of a packed audience.

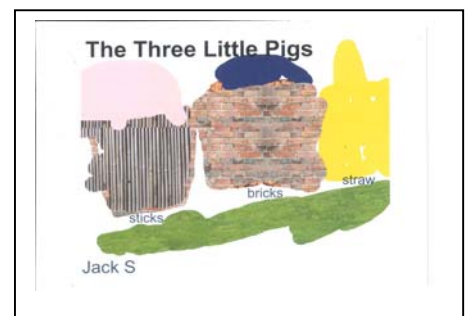
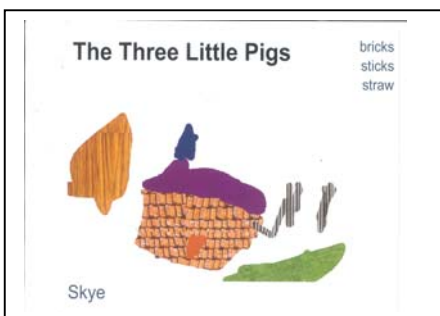
Mrs Mitchell would like to thank all the children for their commitment, especially learning the words to all sixteen songs!

Many of the Year 6 children have supported this event since Year 3 and should be proud of their loyalty to Mrs Mitchell and the School. Let's hope they carry their enthusiasm into their secondary schooling.

(Please note: the pixilation in the photo, right, is not an error.)



Caterpillars have really enjoyed the story of The Three Little Pigs. They acted out the story and built their own houses from sticks and bricks. The children also enjoyed composing music to accompany their story! They used a programme on Purple Mash in IT to produce these amazing houses.



Other News

Found Cockatiel: a hen cockatiel was found in the vicinity of Wheelers Lane last weekend. It is a healthy bird and finger tame. If she is yours or you know to whom she belongs, please call Jeremy on 07850 928375.



Friends' Matters

Wow, what a fantastic array of beautiful cakes we had for Sunday's Teas on the Green. Thank you so much to those who baked, bought and helped on the day - we raised an amazing £502.00 which is great. This will be going towards the computer Tablets we are buying for school - so all your children will benefit, well done.



Midsummer Ball Saturday 20th June: look out for tickets for this event, on sale soon. Gather your friends for a fun night at Betchworth Golf Club!

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)

Educational Visits

Various school educational visits are scheduled into our summer term dates and parents will have received letters via ParentMail for any specific to their child. These visits are an enjoyable 'extra' for the children, enriching topics and areas of study - as well as just being fun!

However, we take this opportunity to remind you that these events are only possible with adequate parental contribution towards the costs incurred by transport provision, entry charges etc.

These contributions are worked out precisely so that the amount requested is equal to the individual costs incurred per child, and whilst no child would be excluded due to an inability to pay this contribution, it is essential that sufficient contributions are received to ensure the financial viability of any event.

As you will realise, any shortfall in contribution has to be met from another school source (sadly we can't pass this shortfall onto the coach companies etc.!)...and so if the shortfall is too great the educational visit cannot go ahead.

It is for this reason that Mrs Ewing asks that if payment is a problem for anyone, they speak to her in confidence as soon they are aware of an issue, to work out a payment scheme (partial or perhaps by instalment) that is manageable. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A.J. Ewing

Finally

Don't forget school is closed on Monday for the May Bank Holiday - enjoy!



Summer Term 2015

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

Term and Holiday Dates 2014/2015

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