



# Newsletter

Term: SUMMER 2015

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

With Easter seemingly just behind us, it comes as a surprise to realise that there are only another two weeks until the summer half term break!

The remainder of the summer term is packed with educational visits, parent consultations, assemblies and other events and activities. Please be sure to check the Diary Dates and ParentMail messages regularly, as there will be a lot of information being sent home over the next few weeks.

You are also reminded that the last two days of this term - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July are Inset Closures, so the pupils' last day in school is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

### Opportunities to speak to Class Teachers

We would like to remind you that from 8.40am teachers are in the classroom and have begun their teaching day and therefore are not available to see parents. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please make an after-school appointment through your school office. Alternatively, letters left at the school office will be given to the teacher at the first available opportunity. In the event of an emergency, please speak to the school office and arrangements will be made accordingly.



Members of the North Downs' swimming team, participating in a recent local gala...



Ladybirds joined Caterpillars this week, for a day spent exploring and finding out about the village of Betchworth. The weather was kind for their walk to St Michael's Church and the children were able to enjoy the spring countryside in sunshine...



## Other News

Prudential RideLondon are looking for a small group of young people (aged approx. 8-12 years) and a parent (or parents), who are bicycle enthusiasts and would be interested in being involved in the **Prudential RideLondon FreeCycle** launch which will be taking place on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May** at Leadenhall Market in London from 9.30am to approx. 11am.

Young people would need to bring their bikes, helmets and smiles along to assist in the “**pedal power**” smoothie making challenge and then take part in a photo shoot. The launch will be outlining the new 2015 route and will include **Andre Burton** performing several jump displays so autographs will be available.

For their assistance, the children will receive a **free goody bag, branded tabard, fresh fruit smoothie - and get the chance to appear on TV!**

If you are already a member of a small cycling group, or can organise a small group of children (not as individuals please) and would like to be considered for participation, please call Jess Nicholson of Prudential RideLondon on 0207 902 0200 ext. 218



## Friends' Matters

The Event we've all been waiting for is fast approaching!! Gather your friends together for **FONDS' Midsummer Night's Ball** on the **20<sup>th</sup> June** at **Betchworth Golf Club** 7pm 'til late! Get your tickets quickly, as we're hoping for a sell-out event! You can purchase these by filling out this week's ParentMail attachment and hand your order into the office. All proceeds will be going towards our funding of Electronic Tablets.

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)*

**KS2 School Meal Prices:** we have been informed by Surrey County Council that from September 2015 the cost of school meals for children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) will increase to the following:

**£2.15 per day / £10.75 per week**

Meals provided for children in Years R to 2 continue to be complimentary.

**Maypole Picnic Lunch:** parents are reminded that if they have not yet done so, sandwich choice slips should be returned as soon as possible please - and by the end of next week at the latest. Lunch letters were sent via ParentMail on 29<sup>th</sup> April and are also available on the school website [www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk). Further details about this day (which will see the whole school at our Brockham site all day) will follow shortly.

**Hand Hygiene:** a brief request to ask parents to reinforce at home the school's message to children about the need for good hand hygiene. Many of the infections and illnesses that spread so rapidly in school could be considerably reduced if every child washed their hands every time they used the toilet! Thank you.

Yours sincerely

*A.J. Ewing*

Finally

**Enjoy the weekend.**



## Summer Term 2015

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 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 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Caterpillars & Ladybirds - seaside visit to Goring
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 sent 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) Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm. Brockham 5 - 7.30pm
Thursday July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Consultation (plus children) 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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