



# Newsletter

Term: SUMMER 2015

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

As we write, in advance of Friday's maypole dancing on Brockham Green, we are casting anxious eyes towards both the skies and the BBC weather forecast!

So, far things are looking more promising than might have been expected from some of the recent rain, so we hope that as you read this you will be about to enjoy (or have just enjoyed) watching your children's dancing!

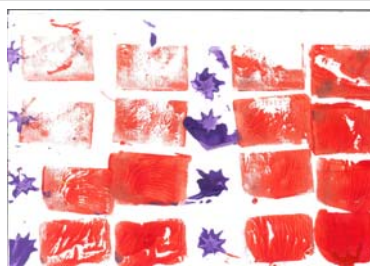
On the subject of extra-curricular school activities, please look out for and give your attention to a number of ParentMail communications being sent this week and the first week of next half term, giving details for some of the many events scheduled for June and July.

This has been such a very full first half of the summer term that we are all ready for a week's break! We hope you enjoy the opportunity to recharge your batteries - and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Wishing you all a super half term...



Caterpillars have enjoyed looking at patterns this week. We looked for patterns in nature and went out and did some rubbings. We discovered patterns are everywhere all around us, even on Mrs Prout's tyres! We then looked at repeating patterns and printed some. We would like to share Arianne's, Lily's, Emily's and Alice's with you here.



5S busily involved in separating materials during a science lesson - these photos will bring back school memories for many of us!



## Other News

**Half Term Swimming Crash Course:** Swimsense are offering their popular crash course for 4 days next week, Tues-Fri. There are classes for beginners and improvers, with start times of either 9.30am or 10am. Teachers will be in the water and all classes will work on stroke technique as well as fun water skills. Fees are £25 for one and £22 for second and subsequent children. Places are limited but we try to accommodate all children. Please get in touch with Emma as soon as possible - [emma@emmamiller.demon.co.uk](mailto:emma@emmamiller.demon.co.uk)

**Denbies' Wine Estate - Half Term Activities:** a varied assortment of events you may enjoy, from Punch & Judy to Birds of Prey! See flyer.

### Have your say!

The idea of putting a small amount of play equipment on Goulburn Green (near Betchworth Church) has been put forward. This might include something like two swings and a slide (any equipment would be 'rustic' rather than plastic).

If you support this proposal, please email Betchworth Parish Council - [clerk@betchworth-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@betchworth-pc.gov.uk) as soon as possible. Please give your reasons, mention which two pieces of equipment you think would be most enjoyed and include your postcode.

If you're not a Betchworth resident, please state that you have a child at the school or explain your connection to the village.



**DENBIES' WINE ESTATE**

**Summer Half Term FAMILY EVENTS**

25th - 29th May Denbies Children's Craft Activities  
Daily 11am-3pm from £1.50

**PUNCH & JUDY**  
Monday 25th May  
Traditional Family Fun  
10.30am/12 noon / 2pm. Free admission  
All welcome

**BIRDS OF PREY**  
Wednesday 27th May 11am - 3pm.  
Our favourite birds back again to delight you. With a flying display at 12.30pm (weather permitting) Free admission

**TROPICAL RAINFOREST ROAD SHOW** Tuesday 26th May 11am and 2pm. Learn about reptiles & insects from all over the globe from Urban Farm experts. £7.25 per child

**Hobgoblin Children's Summer Theatre Performance**  
Thursday 28th May 11am and 2pm. £7.25 per child

**TEDDY BEARS SUMMER DISCO**  
Friday 29th May  
Teddy Bears Disco 11am and 2pm.  
Join Boogy Nights for a fun packed traditional disco & children's games. Refreshments included. Fancy dress welcome, £7.25 per child

**DENBIES WINE ESTATE**  
London Road, Dorking Surrey RH5 6AA  
T: 01306 876616  
RESERVATIONS online at: [www.denbies.co.uk](http://www.denbies.co.uk)  
Twitter @denbiesvineyard and Facebook /denbieswineestate

## Friends' Matters

**Midsummer Night's Ball:** tickets still on sale; don't leave it too late. If you can't make the night, you may like to make a donation towards a Hamper (lists are up in the playground) - or maybe donate a prize to our SILENT AUCTION?!

**Bags2School:** the next collection will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - an excellent opportunity to clear out all your unwanted clothes and fundraise for FONDS/your school at the same time! Bags will be coming home after half term.

Our Next Meeting is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am at the Brockham site. Please do come along, everyone is welcome!!!

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)*

**School Meals:** payment due for KS2 meals (Years 3 to 6) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June to 17<sup>th</sup> July will be

**Years 3, 4 & 5 - £73.50**

**Year 6 - £63.00 (reflects deduction for week away at Windmill Hill)**

As always, **payment is due in advance**. Please pay via your Tucasi account (or if paying by cheque, make payable to Surrey County Council).

Notification of a meal change from school meals to packed lunches or vice versa should have been made in writing and received by your school office by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, as per this week's ParentMail reminder. Please note that this applies to ALL children - those in Years R to 2 receiving the Universal Free School Meal, as well as those in KS2. If you wish to change next term, a minimum of one week will be required (please hand a letter into your school office on the first day of term).

Yours sincerely

*A.J. Ewing*

Finally

Enjoy the half term holiday



## Summer Term 2015

<b>25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>HALF TERM WEEK</b>
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

### Term and Holiday Dates 2014/2015

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and on the Surrey County Council website [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

INSET DAYS: 1<sup>st</sup>) 02/09/2014 2<sup>nd</sup>) 03/09/2014 3<sup>rd</sup>) 05/01/2015 4<sup>th</sup>) 20/07/2015 5<sup>th</sup>) 21/07/2015

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