



Newsletter

Term: SUMMER 2015

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Although the end of term is fast approaching, we have some activity-packed weeks to enjoy before we get there.

School visits have been enjoyed or are being looked forward to and we are trying to capture them all with some photographs for you to share in the children's adventures.

Today we have Year 5's visit before half term to Hampton Court Palace, as well as the Reception outing to the seaside that Caterpillars and Ladybirds enjoyed this week. We hope to have a selection from Year 6's residential trip to Windmill Hill next week...so watch this space!

Whole School Photograph

As you know, the first ever North Downs whole school photograph was taken on the final day of last half-term. It was a massive undertaking, but Tempest's system went like clockwork - and the sun shone!

Copies of this photograph will be displayed at each of our sites from Monday (15th), with order forms coming home in book bags that day too.

As the turnaround time is quite tight to have orders fulfilled and returned to school before the end of the school year, we are asking that your orders be in school by 9am on Tuesday 23rd June.

Do come and have a look at the photograph - and if you would like a copy, be sure to have your order returned to your school site by the deadline.



5MS had a lovely visit to Hampton Court Palace - here are just a few of their comments:

"In the Great Hall, I learned that, in the ceiling there were faces listening to what people were saying and making sure they weren't saying anything bad about King Henry. They were called eavesdroppers" Karis Manton

"My favourite bit about Hampton Court Palace was when we went to William III's rooms where there were pistols and swords on the walls so people could see how powerful he was" Jake Murch

"My favourite part was the Baroque apartments because of the design of the beds and the canopy with ostrich feathers on the top" Olivia Englishby

"Hampton Court was amazing because of all the intricate patterns on the ceiling, the beautifully decorated gardens and the huge, spacious rooms. My favourite part was the kitchens because you then get to see all that goes on and how everything was cooked" Abigail Mander



Caterpillars had a wonderful day beside the seaside. We loaded up our buckets and spades and went off on our adventure. We investigated rock pools and tested the best sand to make a sandcastle. We even made a caterpillar from rocks and sand! We finished off the day with a big ice cream!

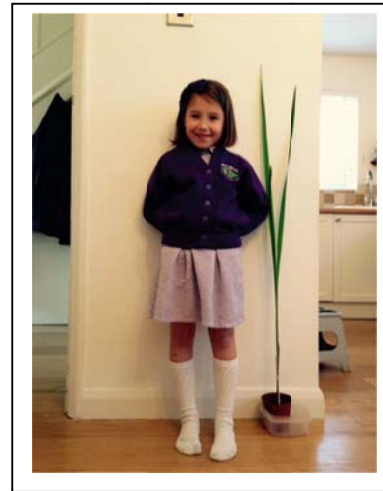


Ladybirds enjoyed a windy day at Goring. The rock pools fascinated the children. They showed good team work to find what makes a good sandcastle.



Other News

Dragonflies each planted a seed in school this year to give to their mummies as a Mother's Day present - and here is a photograph of Sophie with hers a few weeks on... Apparently it's showing no sign of slowing down - we thought it was a peacock orchid, but maybe it's a beanstalk?!



Dorking Lawn Tennis and Squash Club Open Day: Sunday 14th June 10am-3pm. A reminder about this fun family day out - with activities available for everyone age 4+. BBQ, soft drinks, licensed bar and tea with home-made cakes in the afternoon. For further details contact Rachel Halton, Club Administrator, on rachel.halton@gmail.com.

Victorian Fair Art Expo: we have been advised of a correction to the telephone number printed on last week's ParentMail flyer. The correct number for contact Di Ross is 07986 746017.

Friends' Matters

Coming home with every child today is a 'Bags2School' bag: to be filled with any unwanted clothing, so time for that clear out you've been meaning to have! Please return it to school on:

Betchworth & Leigh - Thursday 18th at morning drop-off

Brockham - Friday 19th at morning drop-off

Hamper Goodies: any remaining donations need to be in school by Monday morning please. If you have anything 'Ladies or Gents' or 'BBQ' related that you could contribute, please put it in our basket by the gate at Brockham or hand in to your village site office. Thank you.

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)

Infant Sports Day Tuesday 23rd June

The children will be taking part in different activities throughout the day, so all children will be at Brockham for the **entire day**. Please drop-off at and collect from Brockham at the usual times.

We would like to invite the parents/carers to come and watch their children in the afternoon. They will start at 1.15pm and will be taking part in a carousel of activities. Year 1 & 2 children will also take part in running races after the main sports day events have finished.

Junior Sports Day Thursday 25th June

This will be a traditional sports day with track and field events. We would like to invite parents/carers to come and watch in the morning, with events starting at 9.15am and finishing shortly before lunch. Years 3 & 4 will start with Field events. Years 5 & 6 will start with Track events.

The children are in organised in houses for sports day and are allowed to wear the colour of their house:

Clandon - Red

Polesden - Yellow

Chartwell - Blue

On both days please ensure your child has a hat, sunscreen and a water bottle.

Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to seeing you.

Rona Sangster (P.E. Coordinator)

Yours sincerely

A.J. Ewing

Finally

Enjoy your weekend



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Tuesday 16 th June	Beetles Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 18 th June	School Council Cake Sale - after school at all sites
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
w/c 6 th July	Year 3 'camp week'
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 sent 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
Thursday July 16 th	Parents Consultation (plus children) Leigh / Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm Brockham 3.30 - 6pm
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

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