



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Our Induction Day this week was very successful, with all the children spending the day with their next year's teacher in next year's classroom. They all settled really well and enjoyed their day.

We were also joined by five children who will be coming to North Downs as Year 3s in September....and last but by no means least, our new Reception children came for a morning's induction. They all seemed at home within minutes of their arrival - with one or two even objecting to going home at midday!

We now look forward to a happy final two weeks of this summer term and the 2014-2015 academic year.

As you will be aware, at the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Baldwin, who has taught at The Acorns and North Downs for a total of nine years. She has been a valued colleague and teacher, and will be much missed, but we are sure you join us in wishing her happiness and success in her new life.

Also leaving North Downs at the end of this term of course is Mrs Ewing....but more of that later!



Bees & Beetles took advantage of a sunny day to have a picnic in their field at our Leigh Village site last week.



Summer has finally arrived at Betchworth, where our Caterpillars have been enjoying their outdoor spaces without the need for sweatshirts!



## Other News

**Leigh Flower Show & Country Fair:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 12pm to 5pm at Leigh Recreation Ground. Entry is £2 per adult, under 16s free. Floral exhibits, plant stalls, classic car parade, Surrey & Sussex Drum & Bugle Corps, raffle, tombola, crafts, animal corner, bouncy castle and refreshments too!



Please join us in sending congratulations to Kendall (Caterpillars), who completed the 5km Race for Life recently. Her she is proudly displaying her medal. Well done Kendall!



**Swimsense Summer Swimming Courses:** 3 day course 22-24<sup>th</sup> July or 5 day course 27-31 July

Bookings are being taken for these courses which are suitable for all children age 3 upwards, complete non-swimmers, and beginners up to intermediates. All bookings to be made directly to Emma Miller by email please - [emma@emmamiller.demon.co.uk](mailto:emma@emmamiller.demon.co.uk).

## Friends' Matters

Kerri and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for supporting us through our first year as Chairs of FONDS; it has been an amazing fund raising year.

We now have the total for the Midsummer Night's Ball - a fantastic £3354! If you were the lucky person to secure a private swimming lesson in our Silent Auction, please could you make yourself known to us.

Sports Day was a great success with our tea, coffee and cake raising £180, so thank you for drinking up...

...and finally, Bags2School raised £136 - so some great clearing out!

*Estelle O'Keefe*

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)*

**Pupils' Work:** a quick note to let you know that we will not be sending children's exercise books home this year except for Reception Learning Journeys and Year 6 Art Portfolios and sketchbooks.

**Parent Consultation Appointments:** if you have not yet signed up for an appointment, please do so next week. Appointment lists are outside classrooms at Brockham and outside the office at Betchworth and Leigh.

**Parents' E-Safety Consent Forms:** we still have a large number of outstanding forms. Please do not overlook this important aspect of your child's safeguarding. Forms were sent via ParentMail on 12<sup>th</sup> June, but if you have mislaid the original please see your school office - and return your form next week please.

**EYS/Key Stage 1 Pupils:** parents of children in Years R to 2 are asked to share the KS1 Rules with their child.

**Key Stage 2 E-safety Pupil Rules:** a copy of the KS2 Rules should be read and signed by every child in Years 3 to 6 and returned to their class teacher please. As above, please ensure this is returned next week.

Yours sincerely

*A.J. Ewing*

Finally

**Have a lovely weekend....**



## Summer Term 2015

Week of July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Last week of NDPS clubs
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 'camp week'
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 BBO 5pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term for pupils. Early closure: 1pm Infants 1.15pm Juniors
Monday July 20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET: school closed to pupils
Tuesday July 21 <sup>st</sup>	INSET: school closed to pupils

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