



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Welcome back to our Summer term (allegedly) although it doesn't really feel every summery today! It has been lovely to see everybody back this week.

We were delighted to welcome colleagues, friends and neighbours to the official opening of our Community Garden at our Brockham site, yesterday. We celebrated the creation of our new garden that sees the realisation of an idea from over five years ago to utilise an underused area at the front of our school to engage with pupils, parents and wider community.



Fantastic Fred!

The Fantastic Fred Experience is being performed for our pupils in Years 3 - 6 on Tuesday 25th April. It is a live performance-led mental health resource for primary aged children delivered by a team of trained actors. Children are able to take part in an interactive and engaging performance delivered inside an immersive mobile classroom. Specifically designed to inform, equip and build resilience, it delivers simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health and explains the link between our physical and mental health. The letters in FRED's name represent the areas of educational focus: Food (eating the right foods), Rest (getting enough sleep), Exercise (being active) and Devices (managing time on digital devices). Please see below a link to a parent video which is a summary of what the children will learn: www.thefantasticfredexperience.com/for-parents-guardians

Reminder....CORONATION WORKSHOPS

The Brockham Coronation Team is planning some fun and original things for the King's Coronation weekend. One of those is to make a GIANT crown which will be built as a centrepiece on The Green. The crown will be built using pallets and steel rods, and decorated by YOU, the wonderful volunteers and families of the village! As they did with the hobby horses, they will be running workshops under the marquee in the Church Garden, on the 22nd and 29th. Just pop in at any time between 11am and 3pm to help make your contribution. ALL ages and abilities are welcome.

Message from FONDS

Thank you to everyone who supported our BAGS 2 SCHOOL fundraiser - we had an enormous pile of bags and will update everyone on the money raised next week.

TUESDAY 25th April - FONDS are planning a big summer event this year and really need your help to make it happen. We are having a meeting on 25th April at The Dolphin, Betchworth from 7pm. It would be great to see you there, this event will be a BIG fundraiser to raise money for the school swimming pool changing rooms.

THURSDAY 27th April - **SCHOOL COUNCIL CAKE SALE**. There will be a cake sale run by the school council and FONDS will be running a **2nd hand uniform and book sale** at the same time. All funds raised by FONDS will be split so we can contribute to the school council fundraising projects.

As always, if you are interested in getting involved with FONDS and can't make the meetings. Please email us at: fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk for more information.

Team FONDS

Reminders for the Diary

Tues 25th April - FONDS meeting
7.00pm at The Dolphin
Thurs 27th April - School Council Cake Sale
Mon 1st May - Bank Holiday
Sun 7th May - FONDS 'Teas on The Green'
Mon 8th May - Bank Holiday
Thurs 25th May - Maypole
Thurs 25th May - Break up for Half Term
Fri 26th May - INSET Day
Mon 5th June - Children return to school
Tues 13th June - KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 15th June - KS1 Sports Day
Thurs 20th July - Children break up



Teas on the Green

Join us for tea, cake, kids crown design competition, guess the number of sweets in the jar and cake raffle...



Sunday 7th May 2023

2:30pm-5pm

Christ Church Hall Brockham

As part of the village coronation celebrations FONDS are hosting Teas on the Green and we would like as many people as possible to join us and **donate cakes!** Please drop cakes to the Church Hall on Sunday between 1-2pm or email fondsteas@hotmail.com to arrange an alternative. Thank you!

Parking on The Smithers (Brockham site)

We received the following message from one of our residents this week:

Thought I would email as our road 'The Smithers' has been somewhat dangerous today. My neighbour at the far end is having an extension and we have multiple builders vans doubling up parking, skips and skip drivers coming in and out over the next 6 months. If they could not drive down here please, they are having to reverse up over the path and onto our front grass to get out. As you know there are a lot of children on scooters and bikes using The Smithers path to get to school.

We appreciate how challenging parking is at the end of the day but PLEASE avoid parking on The Smithers. Thank you for your understanding.



WOMEN & GIRLS' CRICKET @ DCC



In 2022, DCC introduced an initiative to significantly increase the number of women and girls involved in playing cricket and this summer we'd like to continue growing the sport. We're a wonderfully inclusive and sociable club and we welcome anyone, no matter their experience.

Join us on **23rd APRIL** between 3pm and 5pm at Pixham Sports Ground for our open afternoon.

GIRLS' CRICKET

Girls from Year 3 and up can join us for training on **Wednesdays from 5pm to 6pm** from the 26th April and Friday evenings, and beginners are always welcome. They'll be trained by one of our ECB-qualified coaches and all equipment will be provided. Girls younger than Year 3 can join mixed the junior training at 5.30pm on Fridays which will start on 28th April.

The introductory offer on membership for all new girls joining this year is just £50. For further information, contact us on girlscricket@dorkingcc.co.uk.



We're so proud to be celebrating the Coronation of HM King Charles III.

We're inspired by his lifetime of service to help other people and support our communities.

We'd be so pleased if you could join us at our special event as part of The Big Help Out on Monday 8 May 2023 any time you can give between 10am-4pm.

Join us for a day of volunteering, helping us to build our sensory and wildlife community garden in celebration of HM King Charles III Coronation.

We will provide all the materials, hot and cold drinks throughout the day and will even have a bouncy castle and some activities for everyone to enjoy!

All we ask is for you to bring some gardening gloves and a picnic!

please click the link below to let us know you will be joining us.

<https://www.polyapes.org.uk/thebighelpout/>