

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Unusually it's just a one page Newsletter this week, which I hope finds you enjoying an exciting Bank Holiday Coronation Weekend. The weather seems to be faring a bit better today, compared to Coronation Day yesterday. However, we were all fortunate to enjoy some sunshine on our Royal Mufti Day on Friday. The children looked wonderful in their red white and blue colours and everyone enjoyed their street party style lunches together outside.



We have other exciting events, coming up over the next few weeks, which I am sure you are all looking forward to. These include:

- Maypole Dancing on The Green on Thursday 25th May, when all the children will spend the day at the Brockham site. For those parents who are new to the school, you are all very welcome to join us at 1.30pm for an afternoon of music, dancing...and some first class entertainment!
- Our Junior and Infant Sports Mornings on Tues 13th June and Thurs 15th June, starting round about 9.30am. Mrs Stowell will be sending out more information shortly.
- Tuesday 27th June when we have our 'Move Up Day' - the day when all of the children visit their new classes - look out for further details coming out over the next few weeks.

With such a busy term ahead, it is easy to forget about next term and next year, but I am sure your minds are turning to holiday dates for next year. We therefore thought it would be helpful to list our INSET Days for 2023/24 - please find these in the box below.

INSET Days 2023/24

Friday 1st September Monday 4th September
Friday 24th May Monday 22nd July
Tuesday 23rd July

Any spare wool?

We seem to use a lot of wool at school, at Moles Club especially. If you have any spare, full or partially used we would be very pleased to receive any donations. Please just drop them in to any of the school site offices. Thank you.

Surrey Arts Primary School Music Festival

We are all still buzzing after our school choir took part in the Dorking Halls Music Festival on Monday 24th April. Children from Years 4 to 6 joined other local schools and sang their hearts out, entertaining the audience with a musical revue around the theme "Positivity". The children should be congratulated for all their hard work, learning lots of lyrics and for their exemplary behaviour throughout the evening. They were absolute stars! A huge thank you and well done to Mrs Deeks too!

The latest from FONDS... just to let you know Bags to School raised £290 - amazing! Coming up next is the FONDS Summer Festival Planning Meeting on Tuesday 16th May from 7pm @ The Red Lion, Betchworth.

New Parent Governor

Following our recent communication, inviting nominations for the role of Parent Governor at the school, we are delighted to welcome Mr Gareth Edwards to the Governing Board at North Downs. We do still have one parent governor vacancy remaining so we will be writing to you again shortly, inviting further nominations. In the meantime, if you would like any further information regarding exactly what the role of governor involves, please do take a look at our website or speak with one of our current governors, each of whom you will find listed on the governor page. <https://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Governors&pid=8>