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Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We come to the end of a busy couple of weeks, which have included our Year 4 Camp Night, Meet the Teacher sessions and the unveiling of the community garden currently under development at our Brockham site. A huge thank you to Paul and Clare Ritchie at Sorbus Learning and the amazing team of volunteers (which has include several of our parents and grandparents). We are incredibly grateful and excited to see it continuing to take shape.



Thank you to those of you as well, who attended our Meet the Teacher sessions. For those of you who were not able to join us, please follow our website link below where you will find the PowerPoint presentations which were shared.

<https://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Meet+the+Teacher+Information&pid=674>

You may also notice on our website homepage a banner advertising our Open Mornings for prospective parents. These will take place on Tuesday 1st November at the Brockham site and on Wednesday 2nd November at the Betchworth site, both at 9.30am. Booking is required by contacting Mrs Harrison, our Admissions Officer, based at our Betchworth site. Mrs Harrison can be contacted on 01737 843384 or by emailing admissions@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

Dance Classes at Brockham Village Hall

Live Love Perform is a fresh and vibrant dance school offering classes at Brockham Village Hall on Monday afternoons for children aged 4+. Musical Theatre will run from 3.35-4.20pm with Ballet following at 4.30-5.15pm. Our classes are designed to encourage students to explore their creative side, gain confidence, and have fun in the process! Our class sizes are capped at a maximum of 15 students to ensure the very best learning environment. We offer two free trials so your child can be certain they enjoy their classes, before potentially committing further.

To redeem your two free trials or to find out more, please visit lp.dance/br or email natalie@liveloveperform.co.uk

New Home School Link Worker

Many of our families have worked, or had contact, with Suzie Reed, our Home School Link Worker. Suzie had been working with North Downs School through the Dorking Schools Partnership. However, Mrs Hitch has now taken on this role on behalf of the school, one day per week (Tuesdays). She will also continue with her role as ELSA, alongside Mrs PH as part of our Pastoral Team with Mrs Scott and Mrs Douglass. If you would like to contact Mrs Hitch for any help or advice, please email HSLW@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

Concern from a Local Resident

We received an email from a local resident this week, who was concerned for the safety of our pupils at the Brockham site. They reported that several cars regularly park on or near the zig-zags by the church. One morning this week, this parking caused gridlock with no one able to move. The resident rightly pointed out that, should there have been an incident, no emergency vehicles would have been able to enter Wheelers Lane. Please do not park on the zigzags near the staff car park entrance. This seems to be an area which creates most difficulty and which, in turn, has most impact on the safety of our pupils and parents.

Congratulations to Pearl...

...in Year 2 for winning her class out of 22 riders of all ages (including adults) and then becoming reserve champion over all at the All England Hickstead Show Ground last weekend, adding to her collection of beautiful rosettes and sashes. Well done Pearl - amazing!



A massive well done...

...to Florentina, Monty, Teilo, Joe, Poppy and Sammy who raised a whopping £430 for North Downs School when they completed the Downs Link Challenge in May cycling from Betchworth to Brighton!

An amazing effort - thank you so much!



Good luck to Mrs Evans...

...who is entering not one, but two marathons - London October 2022 and Brighton April 2023. Mrs Evans only started 'Couch to 5K' last year and is now running in support of St Catherine's Hospice. If you would like to show your support please follow the link below to her fundraising page. Mrs Evans you are amazing!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bethenevans>

Reminder from FONDS - DATE FOR DIARIES

Thursday 29th September.

FONDS AGM

From 7.00pm in the school hall at Brockham

A chance to find out more about our fundraising and forthcoming events!

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 6th October - Individual Photos Brockham
Friday 7th October - Individual Photos Leigh and Betchworth
Friday 21st October - Break up for Half Term
Monday 31st October - Children return to school
Friday 16th December - Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 3rd January - INSET Day
Wednesday 4th January - Children return to school
Friday 10th February - Break up for Half Term
Monday 20th February - Children return to school
Friday 31st March - Children break up for Easter
Tuesday 18th April - Children return to school
Thursday 25th May - Children break up for Half Term
Friday 26th May - INSET Day
Monday 5th June - Children return to school
Thursday 20th July - Children break up
Friday 21st July - INSET Day

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

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