



Be the best you can be, every day

Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Incredibly, we find ourselves at the end of our first half term of the school year. We are ending on a high, following the excitement of 'Feeling Good Week' last week and having just held during this week, our first face-to-face parent teacher consultations since 2019! However, we are always looking to build on our successes at North Downs so, to that end, we will be sending out a parent survey after half term. We would very much welcome your feedback to help give us a good understanding of your views on the school and where we can make any further improvements.

The second half of the autumn term is always an incredibly busy, yet exciting, time in school. Please see below a message from FONDS regarding some of the events, which will be taking place over the coming weeks. In our next Newsletter, we will be sharing dates of and arrangements for our Christmas celebrations across each of the sites.

However, the first events taking place after our return from the half term break, will be our Open Mornings for prospective parents. These are being held on Tuesday 1st November, at our Brockham site, and on Wednesday 2nd November at our Betchworth site. These mornings both start at 9.30am; places can be booked via Mrs Harrison at our Betchworth site by emailing admissions@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

**Thank you FONDS for our
fabulous Bubble machines!
We loved them!**



October half term at Dorking Library

Over the upcoming half term, Dorking Library will be running a number of events. Booking for these events is suggested as places will be limited. You can book either in branch, through messaging us on our Dorking Library social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) or by emailing dorking.library@surreycc.gov.uk. The only exception is the "I am Bird" immersive storytelling experience which must be booked through Eventbrite using the following link: ['I am Bird' by Marie Klimis \(Dorking Library\) Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)



News from FONDS

Thanks to everyone who supported our BE HAPPY mufti. If you haven't already done so please pay via scopay.

Also remember Christmas card deadline is **MONDAY 31st OCTOBER** - All designs **MUST** be ordered before artwork comes back and please make sure they are named!

It's an exciting time of year for FONDS and we are delighted to share some upcoming events with you!

THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER - Christmas Shopping Evening. 6.45-9pm

More details to follow but it's an adult only evening of shopping and mulled wine!

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER - After School Kids Christmas Movie Night!

Details will be sent separately nearer the time. We will also be hosting the very popular **REINDEER RUN** and online Raffle again....as well as a chance for a pupil to be Mrs Douglass for the day!

We will need volunteers to run all of the above so get in touch if you can help!

Have a great half term.

TEAM FONDS

Dates for the Diary

Monday 31st October - Children return to school

Monday 31st October - Curriculum Days for Years 1 and 2 - Year 1 at the Brockham site and Year 2 at the Leigh site for the day

Thursday 3rd November - Curriculum Day for Reception

Wednesday 30th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations

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 a relaxing and enjoyable half term.

JL Douglass