



Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We have had a very successful start to this half term, which included Open Mornings for prospective parents last week. A huge thank you to our Year 6 guides who escorted approximately 60 visitors around the Brockham site - they proved themselves to be the most wonderful ambassadors for our school. Life continues at a pace and we now find ourselves preparing for the Christmas events and activities. Having moved on from the remaining restrictions that were still in place last year, due to COVID, we have decided upon a few changes to the arrangements for our Christmas events to allow the children and parents to celebrate together.

All events/performances will take place during the week beginning 5th December. It is our intention for each of the **infant classes (Years R, 1 and 2)** to present a short Nativity based assembly, which will be performed at **the Brockham site**. The children will attend the Brockham site for the day, to allow time for rehearsal and performance...and some festive fun. The dates for these events are listed in the table below. We have hired a marquee to provide cover for the children and parents and to allow for a small stage area, lighting for performances etc.

For the **junior classes (Years 3 - 6)** we will once again be hosting Carol Singing on the big field during the same week. A huge thank you to Mrs Thorneloe (one of the Music Teachers with Surrey Arts) who is helping us with the organisation of music and performers for our Junior Carols. Another massive thank you to Rob and Jo at Easy Marquee Hire in the village, who are providing our marquee (complete with festoon lighting) at a discounted price for the school - greatly appreciated.

Date	Event	Year Group(s)	Time
Tuesday 6 th December	Nativity	Year 2/Kingfishers	9.30am
Tuesday 6 th December	Nativity	Year 2/Woodpeckers	2.15pm
Wednesday 7 th December	Carols	Years 3 & 4	5.00pm
Wednesday 7 th December	Carols	Years 5 & 6	6.30pm
Thursday 8 th December	Nativity	Year 1/Penguins	9.30am
Thursday 8 th December	Nativity	Year 1/Puffins	2.15pm
Friday 9 th December	Nativity	Reception/Owls & Robins	2.30pm

Details regarding arrival times for these events, along with any other requests for particular year groups, will be sent out in next week's Learning Letters. However, in the meantime please put the dates into your diaries.

Additional Dates/Reminders for the Diary

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

Parent Survey

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, we are always looking to build on our successes at North Downs so, to that end, we are sending out a parent survey. 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. Please follow the link below. The survey will close on Friday 18th November. If any of you would like to become part of a parent focus group for the school, please do add your details to the bottom of the form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/LMSt8j5CSw>

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and this year has the theme 'Reach Out'. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on **Monday 14th November**, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. We would therefore like to invite all of the children (and adults) to come to school on Monday still in uniform but proudly wearing their odd socks!

FONDS FESTIVE ROUND UP... It is a BUSY, BUSY time for the FOND'S elves and we know there is lots to remember! Please find enclosed a round up of what is coming up this term.

THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER - CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING We are fully booked with lots of lovely stalls, a chance for some shopping, a mini head massage and chance to win a raffle prize... all that with a mulled wine whilst you browse! **Please note this is an adult only event.**

FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER - FESTIVE MOVIE NIGHT We are hosting a different treat for the children this year and will be hosting a movie night at ALL THREE sites. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fonds> from TUESDAY 8th November. *Please note there are TWO showings at the Brockham base for KS1 and 2.

FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER - REINDEER RUN It was so much fun last year that we had to do it again! We will be splitting all fundraising with St Catherine's Hospice again; all sponsorship will be very gratefully received. Please sponsor the children at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fondsreindeer>

We know there is A LOT to remember - FONDS have lists for lists! Your support however during this busy time is hugely appreciated. If you can help with any of the above, please get in touch via fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

Best Wishes **TEAM FONDS**

Denbies Christmas Family Events



Hamper with Santa

Enjoy an afternoon tea hamper hosted by Santa!
Selected dates in December
Adult £16.95, Child £16.95

Denbies 5KM Santa Fun Run

Run, jog or walk around the vineyard in your very own Santa suit.
Sunday 11 December, 10:30
Adults £25.00, Child under 15 £15.00



Denbies Santa Express

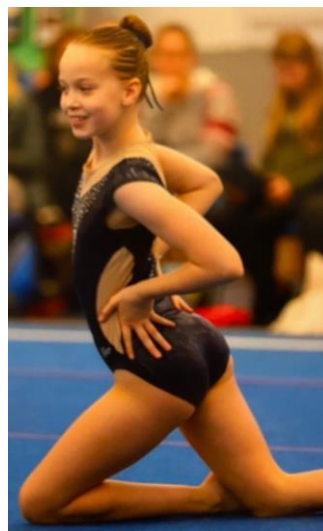
Join us for an extra special ride through the vineyard on Santa's Express train.
Selected dates in December
Adult £9.95 incl. mince pie, Child £15.95 incl. gift

Denbies Toddler Festive Train Ride

Bring your favourite cuddly for a trip through the vineyard on the Denbies festive train.
Selected midweek dates in December
Adult £3.00 incl. hot drink, Child £5.00 incl. gift



Subject to availability. All events will be taking place outside, please wrap up warm!
Free parking available. Book via denbies.co.uk



Congratulations

Well done to Daisy (Year 5) for her gold medal winning performance in the East Surrey Gymnastics Competition last weekend.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

J. Wonglass