

## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

I can't quite believe we are approaching the half way mark in the school year! We will be dancing around the Maypole on the Village Green before we know it! Next week brings our Parent Teacher Consultations. A polite reminder to parents at the Brockham site, in particular, that unfortunately we are unable to run a crèche, as staff will be busy with appointments. If you do spot children outside these are participating in either after school clubs or under supervision at Moles. We would be grateful, therefore if you could ensure your child waits with you, and then outside the classroom while you attend your appointment. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



There was much excitement on Tuesday, when Aliona was 'North Downs Headteacher for the Day'. Her duties included gate duty, conducting a fire drill (along with staff debrief), health and safety inspection, a meeting with Mrs Stowell to decide upon what new gym equipment to buy, break and lunchtime duties and then helping to support learning in Robins class. Well done Aliona! She was a great asset to the North Downs team and showed excellent organisational skills...thank you for being such a super Headteacher!



## BROCKHAM NATURE RESERVE Wildlife Garden Survey

Sorbus Learning CIC is a not-for-profit organisation, based in Brockham, that helps communities connect with nature. We are busy building the community garden at North Downs Primary School at the moment but we also have a new project for 2023 - Brockham Nature Reserve. We have funding to work with residents and local organisations such as the school and the Parish Council to make space for nature in village greenspaces to improve the biodiversity of community green spaces, recreation grounds, road verges and gardens. We will be offering free talks, walks and courses about wildlife, as well as workshops about wildlife gardening, restoring hedges, planting trees and building animal homes through Spring and Summer. A short garden survey is the start of our project - we want to understand how people enjoy and use their gardens at the moment.

<https://forms.office.com/e/akXg8ds8Pp>

We would like all families to fill in the survey - maybe go out into the garden together to look at what insects and birds you can see and to record how your garden works for wildlife.

Visit our website to see more about the project and what we do or get in contact if you are interested in taking part in any of the activities or volunteering with the project:

Website - [www.sorbuslearning.co.uk](http://www.sorbuslearning.co.uk)

Email - [sorbus.learning@btinternet.com](mailto:sorbus.learning@btinternet.com)

**Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club  
(Roman Road)**

**Half Term Tennis  
Camps 2023**

**MONDAY 13TH - FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY**

**CHOOSE ANY DAYS**

**KIDS 4-11 Yrs Old**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY  
MORNINGS - 930 - 12PM**

**TUESDAY, THURSDAY  
AFTERNOONS - 2 - 430PM**



**COST: MEMBERS £15 / NON MEMBERS £20**

**TEENAGERS 12-16 Yrs Old**

**WEDNESDAY  
AFTERNOON - 2 - 4PM**



**COST: MEMBERS £15 / NON MEMBERS £20**

**Pay By BACS Account: Brian Love 74084211 Sort 09-01-28**

**TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT TRACEY:**

**[DORKINGTENNIS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DORKINGTENNIS@GMAIL.COM)**

**QUOTE: NAME, AGE, CONTACT NUMBER, MEDICAL INFO**

**OR CALL HEAD COACH BRIAN 07712 557076**

**News from FONDS...**

FONDS are organising a **"BE HAPPY"** Mufti Day - in support of Children's Mental Health Week on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Children are invited to come to school wearing a colour or clothes that make them happy! Suggested donation £1 - ideally cash to be given on the gate. Also a date for the diary... **BAGS 2 SCHOOL... 23rd March 2023**. Bags will be coming home with the children in the coming weeks.

Many thanks,  
**TEAM FONDS**

**Flute Lessons**

The wonderful Mrs Thorneloe, who many of you will know from her help and support with our Junior Carols last term, has some spaces for any of our pupils who would like to learn to play the flute. If any parents would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please do pop into the school office for more details.

**Additional Dates/Reminders for the Diary**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Parent Teacher Consultations  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for Half Term  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Children return to school  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Whole School Online Safety week  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Computing Information Evening for Parents  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 Residential to High Ashurst  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Children return from High Ashurst  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Children break up for Easter Infants at 1.00pm and Juniors at 1.15pm  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Bank Holiday  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Maypole Dancing on The Green  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Children break up for Half Term  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - INSET Day  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Children return to school  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 Sports Day  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June - KS1 Sports Day  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Children break up

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

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