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# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This week's Newsletter is a bumper edition, and includes details of events and activities coming up. Next week is our Whole School Online Safety Week. Over the course of the week, year groups will be undertaking activities based on the theme *'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'*.

We are incredibly fortunate that many of these activities and sessions are being delivered with the support of Dave Robinson, Computing for Schools Consultant. Dave has undertaken an online safety survey with the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 which has included questions around the social media network sites our pupils use, how long they spend on these activities each week and asking them to reflect on how they feel when they are online and whether they follow online safety rules. Dave will use these responses to this survey as part of a Parents Session which he is running after school on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 3.15pm in the Hall at Brockham.**

Teachers will supervise children in their classrooms at the end of the day to allow parents to attend. This parent session will address directly some of the issues which have been highlighted by the children themselves. Dave's sessions are always such good fun and highly informative - I have no doubt that every parent who comes along will find it so incredibly helpful. If you do decide to join us, one request from Dave - **please bring your mobile phone with you.** The session will last around half an hour to 45 minutes. If parents from our other sites would like to attend you would be very welcome - your child(ren) can go to their relevant year group classroom at the Brockham base. A huge thank you to FONDS for funding this week of online learning and activities for pupils, staff (and parents!).

Don't forget World Book Day next week too...children (and adults) are invited to dress as a book character on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, if they would to do so. I look forward to seeing you all on the gate!



To find out more and  
**BOOK** your child's place  
email Claire Cobbold:

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or call 07799 305378

## Forest School Programme

Coming to Betchworth this Spring!

Starts March 4th

runs every first Saturday of the month,  
March to July 2023 2-4pm

Following the success of last summer's two taster days, Re-Betchworth is excited to offer Forest School as a monthly event in a wonderful local woodland.

- All sessions run by a qualified teacher and Forest School leader
- Open to children aged 5 - 10 years from Betchworth and surrounding villages
- Under 5's welcome if accompanied by an adult
- £10 for one session or £40 if you sign up for all five

## Sports Report from Mrs Stowell

### Sports Hall Athletics

Congratulations to our Sports Hall Athletics team who won the Dorking District Sports Hall Athletics Competition on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Thirty children from Years 5 and 6, 15 boys and 15 girls, took part in various indoor athletics events; javelin, chest push, vertical jump, long jump, triple jump, speed bounce, obstacle races and various relay track races. The children had worked hard to improve their performance and skills in the Sports Hall club and at lunchtimes.

They had a fun and exciting afternoon at The Ashcombe and not only performed well but showed excellent sportsmanship and behaviour. They won the girls track, boys track and overall trophies and go forward to represent Dorking in the County finals on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March!

This half term we have the Years 5 and 6 Hockey Tournament, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Cross Country (2 races), Tag Rugby Years 5 and 6 Tournament and Girls Netball Year 5s and 6 Tournament to look forward to.



### Skipping Workshop

On Monday and Tuesday this week, we had a visit from a Skipping Workshop. Each class was able to take part in a workshop where they were taught skipping techniques and games such as the crocodile, cross over, pretzel, the double-dutch and long skipping games. The children really enjoyed the workshops and some learnt to skip for the first time!

We will be encouraging this excellent fitness activity with additional ropes for lunchtime and class packs of ropes, so classes can use skipping as an active break in their curriculum time.

We will also be adding some weekly skipping challenges for children to have a go at!

Ropes can be purchased through the workshop website [www.skipping-workshops.co.uk](http://www.skipping-workshops.co.uk)



### Head Lice

I am just writing to let you know that we have had a few cases of head lice reported in school. Schools now do not routinely send letters home should a case be reported. There is nothing you can do to prevent head lice but you can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early. The charity Community Hygiene Concern has a [video about wet combing for head lice](#).

DORKING LIBRARY PRESENTS

# CHATTERBOOKS BOOK CLUB

AGES 9-13

THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 11AM

JOIN US TO CHAT, MAKE CRAFT, PLAY  
GAMES AND EAT BISCUITS!

SIGN UP IN PERSON OR THROUGH  
OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

STARTING SATURDAY 25TH OF  
FEBRUARY

It was lovely to see so many of the children celebrating World Thinking or Founders Day by wearing their uniforms. This was an important day for them all, remembering their founders Baden and Olave Powell and celebrating the community that they are a part of.



## FONDS Update

Thank you so much to everyone for supporting our "BE HAPPY" mufti - I am delighted to say we raised over £250 which was the target for the PSHE jigsaw characters! Amazing work!

WE NEED YOU - Our current uniform volunteers will be moving on this year due to their children being in Year 6. The uniform sales are vital for not only our fundraising but also for our ND families. We are looking for TWO or THREE volunteers to take over the running of these events. It is not a huge commitment and sales are only once a term. Please get in touch at: [fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk) or via FONDS Facebook.

Thanks, TEAM FONDS

## Additional Dates/Reminders for the Diary

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Whole School Online Safety week  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Computing Information Evening for Parents  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Book Character Fancy Dress  
 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.

*J. Douglas*