



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

A very warm, and I mean 'warm', welcome to you all! This is the first Newsletter of this school year and it is unusual for us to be commenting on such hot weather in September! It appears that things may settle back to 'normal' next week - let's hope so. Our Newsletters come home every other Friday and, in between, teachers send home year group Learning Letters. During next week, we are holding our 'Meet the Teacher Sessions' for parents (*more information below*) and at the end of that week you will also receive the first of the year group learning updates...hopefully you should by then have all the information you need. However, if at any time you do have any questions or queries please email us:

info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

You will also find use information and updates on our school website: www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

Meet the Teacher

A reminder for our Meet the Teacher Sessions next week:

DATE	YEAR	CLASS	VENUE	TIME
Monday 11 th September	Year 4	Parrots	Macaws Classroom	3.15pm
		Macaws		
Tuesday 12 th September	Year 5	Skylarks	Skylarks Classroom	3.15pm
		Nightingales		
Wednesday 13 th September	Year 1	Puffins	Puffins Classroom	3.00pm
		Penguins	Penguins Classroom	
Thursday 14 th September	Year 6	Eagles	Eagles Classroom	3.15pm
		Kestrels		
Friday 15 th September	Year 3	Toucans	Flamingos Classroom	3.15pm
		Flamingos		
Monday 18 th September	Year 2	Kingfishers	Kingfishers Classroom	3.00pm
		Woodpeckers	Woodpeckers Classroom	

As you can see the sessions are being held straight after school. At the Brockham site, adults will be on duty in the playground to supervise children while parents attend the sessions. At Leigh, teachers have made arrangements to provide supervision for their classes also.

A Message from Mrs Stowell...

...regarding pierced ears: in order to be able to participate in PE, pupils who have their ears pierced must either remove them before coming into school, or be able to take them out themselves before the lesson starts. Plasters over the earrings are not permitted. Any pupils who have recently had their ears pierced are unable to participate in PE until the six week period has passed, and earrings can be removed.

Pastoral Team Update

Mrs PH is continuing in her role as ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) this year, working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Hitch is continuing in her role as Home School Link Worker, every Tuesday and Wednesday. We are also welcoming Mrs Caroline Meadows to our Pastoral Team, as an additional ELSA on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. For your information, they can be contacted via email: Mrs Hitch - HSLW@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk and Mrs PH and Mrs Meadows: ELSA@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

Dates for the Diary

Monday 11th September - Monday 18th September - Meet the Teacher Sessions

(Please see further information on Page 1 of this Newsletter).

Thursday 21st September - World Gratitude Day

Tuesday 26th September - Maths Learning Outside the Classroom Day

Wednesday 4th October - Individual Photos at Brockham

Thursday 5th October - Individual Photos Leigh and Betchworth

Monday 9th October - 'Feeling Good Week'

Tuesday 17th October - Parent Teacher Consultations

Friday 20th October - Break up for Half Term

Monday 30th October - Children return to school

Monday 13th November - Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 28th November - Year 2 Nativity

Wednesday 29th November - Junior Christmas Carol Evening

Thursday 30th November - Year 1 Nativity

Friday 1st December - Year R Nativity

Wednesday 13th December - School Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December - Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 2nd January - Children return to school

Friday 9th February - Break up for Half Term

Monday 19th February - Children return to school

Thursday 28th March - Children break up for Easter

Monday 15th April - Children return to school

Thursday 23rd May - Children break up for Half Term

Friday 24th May - INSET Day

Monday 3rd June - Children return to school

Friday 19th July - Children break up

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July - INSET Days

Year 6 Stationery Shop

The Year 6 Stationery Shop opens it's doors for trading next week. On Monday goods will be available for pupils from Year 3 and 4 for purchase at morning break. Year 5 and 6 pupils will have the opportunity on Thursday morning.

Many thanks to Mrs Clark and the Stationery Shop Team for organising.

Message FONDS...

Welcome back! A huge thanks again for all your support last year, we were so delighted by the success of FONDSFest and raising over £10k altogether.

It's always a busy term for FONDS, first on the agenda we will be holding our annual AGM (date TBC) and would love to see some new faces 😊

Please email fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk to get involved!

Thanks

TEAM FONDS

Polite reminders...

Could we please ask that parents/carers remain mindful of the fact that some children (and adults) are a little fearful of dogs. Please try to avoid leaving, or waiting with, your dogs close to the school gates as this can make things a little tricky for some of our pupils.

Also, please try to avoid congregating on the narrower pavement areas outside school, as it means the children sometimes need to step out into the road in order to get past which, as I am sure you appreciate, is not ideal.

Many thanks for your cooperation in these matters.

Wishing you an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

JL Douglas