

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

As we approach the last two weeks of this term, we are busy putting the finishing touches to our activities for Feeling Good Week, with World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October. A message from Mrs Boyer, our PSHE Lead:



'Pupils will be participating in activities such as 'Feeling Good' whole school homework and a focus on positive mental health throughout the week. On Friday 13th children (and adults) can wear footwear and socks they love (provided it's school appropriate!) - such as trainers, wellies, slippers, boots etc. This is not a fund raising activity but just something to help everyone celebrate the week. Thanks for your support and participation.'



We have also been making arrangements for our Parent Teacher Consultations which are being held in your child(ren)s classrooms, during week beginning Monday 16th October. Timings for these are as follows:

Brockham: Tuesday 17th October 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm
Thursday 19th October 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm

Betchworth & Leigh: Tuesday 17th October 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm
Thursday 19th October 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Slots for the 10 minute appointments will be available for booking via Tucasi from 6.00am on Monday 9th October. Instructions for booking can be found in the document which has been sent with this Newsletter.

Year 6 Sports Crew

Twelve children from Year 6 went to The Ashcombe School on Tuesday to take part in a Sports Crew training workshop.

They learnt about leadership and played a variety of activities and games they could lead at school. All the children did well and are looking forward to leading and organising games for Year 3 and 4 pupils during lunchtimes this term.

They all achieved the Bronze sports crew award and will organise and lead festivals in school this year to work towards their silver and gold awards.



Diary Dates and Reminders

Autumn Term

Monday 9th October - 'Feeling Good Week'
Tuesday 10th October - World Mental Health Day
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

Spring Term

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

Summer Term

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 & Tuesday 23rd July - INSET Days

Sporting News...

Dorking Schools Cross Country League

Our Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross-Country Teams had an excellent start to the season at the first Dorking Schools League Race held at The Weald on Monday 25th September. A total of 237 children from all eight Dorking primary schools competing in the four races.

- The Years 3 & 4 girls team finished 4th, Years 3 & 4 boys team finished 1st overall, the Years 5 & 6 girls team finished 5th and the Years 5 & 6 boys team finished 1st. **We are currently placed 1st overall.**
- There were also some excellent individual performances from our athletes.
 - Imogen was 4th in Year 3 & 4 race
 - Poppy was 7th and Anna 9th in the Year 5 & 6 girls race
 - James W was 1st, William 7th, Charlie 9th, and Jack E 10th in Years 3 & 4 boys' race
 - In the Years 5 & 6 boys race, Ollie N came 1st, Thomas K 2nd, Sammy 4th and Adam 9th

Well done to everyone who took part!

Other Sporting Successes...

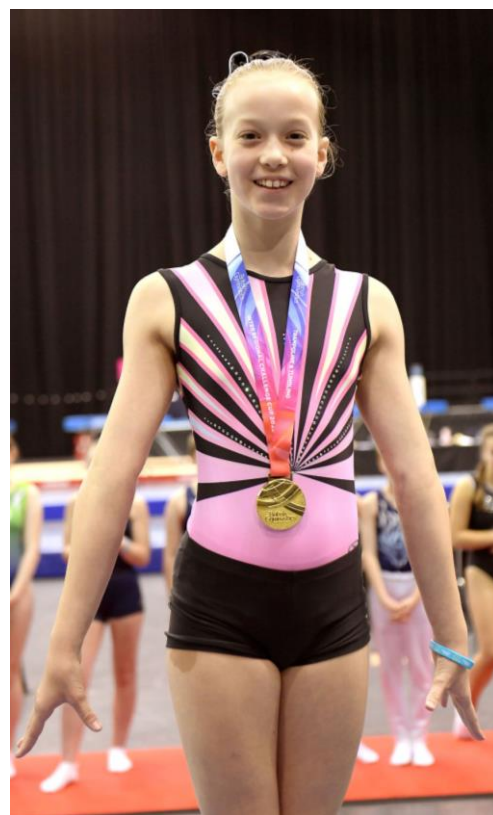


Both Be Be (Year 3) and Arthur (Year 5) competed at Felbridge Equestrian Centre last weekend, at the NSEA Grass Roots qualifier. Be Be came 3rd in the 50cm. Arthur came 9th and just missed a rosette in the 70cm.

Three North Downs boys won awards at the Newdigate CC end of season celebrations.

Kellen (Year 3) won best batter, George (Year 4) won best bowler and George (Year 2) won most improved player all in the U8 category.

A great achievement and all a year or two above their age group!



Daisy (Year 6) competed against the 25 other regional finalists for age 9-10 L1 trampoline from across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and came first to be crowned British Champion!



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OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

23RD OCTOBER - 26TH OCTOBER 2023

THERFIELD SCHOOL
LEATHERHEAD KT22 7NZ SURREY

Reception - Year 1: 9am - 12pm This camp will be held in the OLD Sports hall.

Year 2-3 : 9am - 3pm

Year 4/5 & 6: 9am - 3pm

These camps will all be held on Astro turf.

Year 7-8 : 9am - 3pm

Available for girls and boys

Early drop available from 8am • No late pick up

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Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of North Downs Primary School** if they sign up by Wednesday 24th January. Parents should quote TAFF240124 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

Recruiting Bikeability Instructors

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. If this is something you would be interested in, please click on the link below for more information.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=29155>

Administration of Calpol at School

In order to make things a little easier, and reduce form filling for you all, we have created an online permission form for the administration of Calpol at school. Although we say that if your child needs Calpol to get through the day at school they should perhaps be at home, there are occasions when at school, with parental agreement, we administer a dose of Calpol. We will still continue to only do this only after speaking with parents, obviously, but we are asking that you follow the link below to complete a form, which will remove the need complete a paper form via the offices. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

<https://forms.office.com/e/7KTOKaEsE9>

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

JL Douglas