



Newsletter

Term: Autumn 2023

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Well that's the first half term gone - time really does seem to be flying! We find ourselves preparing for our next busy half term which includes Open Mornings for prospective parents (1st & 2nd November) as well as our Christmas performances. This year they do seem to be happening slightly earlier - Robins and Owls being the only one scraping into December - but we break up 10 days before Christmas, on 15th December. We usually spend most of the half term getting excited about Christmas anyway, so now we have a very good excuse to do so!

All events/performances will take place during the week beginning 27th November. Each of the **infant classes (Years R, 1 and 2)** will 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 and times for these events are listed in the table below. We have hired a marquee, once again, 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. 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 28 th November	Nativity	Year 2/Kingfishers	9.30am
Tuesday 28 th November	Nativity	Year 2/Woodpeckers	2.15pm
Wednesday 29 th November	Carols	Years 3 & 4	5.00pm
Wednesday 29 th November	Carols	Years 5 & 6	6.30pm
Thursday 30 th November	Nativity	Year 1/Penguins	9.30am
Thursday 30 th November	Nativity	Year 1/Puffins	2.15pm
Friday 1 st 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 after half term.

Message from Surrey Wildlife Action for Nature - Log Out, Log In

As the days grow shorter, why not [create a cosy log pile village for all things creepy and crawly?](#) Log piles are perfect hiding places for insects, providing a convenient treat for frog, birds, and hedgehogs too! Your logs can be neatly piled in a pyramid in a cool, dark corner, or loosely scattered under a hedge. Like this, they are handy for mulching the soil, but you'll get more wildlife if you do create a concentrated stack. You could even bury your timber vertically to create a 'log pyramid', perfect for the larvae of one of our most iconic insects, the Stag Beetle! Branches and logs can be freely available from local tree surgeons or arboriculturists, just ask nicely! Native, locally sourced wood is best.

If you don't have your own outdoor space at home, why not [help the environment by aiming for a more sustainable Halloween?](#) If you do carve a pumpkin, try using the innards in a tasty recipe, and please don't leave it in the park or woods after Halloween, as these non-native squashes can be harmful to our wildlife - compost it instead!"

Diary Dates and Reminders

Autumn 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
Infants at 1.00pm & Juniors 1.15pm

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
Infants at 1.00pm & Juniors 1.15pm
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 - Infants at 1.00pm & Juniors 1.15pm
Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July - INSET Days



FRIENDS & CAKE OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER

YEARS 3 & 4 AND 5 & 6

10 am - 12 pm
Beginners welcome
Have fun, make friends, do something different!

Dorking RFC, Kiln Lane, Brockham RH3 7LZ
Register at: girlsrugby@dorkingrfc.com

DORKING RUGBY

School Council Autumn Bake Sale Thursday 2nd November 3 - 3.45

Parents, please can you kindly donate a NUT FREE bake to our autumn cake sale on Thursday 2nd November at Brockham and Betchworth respectively.

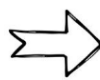
Leigh are holding a cake sale on Monday 6th November straight after school. Biscuits, cakes, fairy cakes whatever you fancy!

Thank you so much for your help - we are raising money for outdoor gardening equipment. If your child is a school councillor and can help run the stall after school, please let Mrs Boyer know via the office.



FONDS HALLOWEEN

Half Term trail packs
£5 each. Buy online today



Wishing you all
an enjoyable
and relaxing
half term.

J. Douglas

2 trails based in Brockham. One with 8 scarecrows to find and another with 10 spooky cartoon characters. Can you find them all?

Plus, a chance to win a £25 Amazon Voucher for one lucky participant!

Prize kindly donated by Seymours, Dorking