



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

The weather has taken a decidedly chilly turn in the last few days - definitely more of a wintry feel in the air - but that just adds to the thrill and excitement of our Christmas preparations. The children are busy practising for their performances, for which we would like to invite two adults per child to come along; younger siblings are welcome to attend also. Information regarding arrival times, along with reminders for other end of term events were sent out earlier in the week in separate mailings. These letters have been saved on the website, for your reference.

<https://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Letters+to+Parents&pid=240>

Information sent out regarding Christmas lunch on **13<sup>th</sup> December**, which this year is again being offered to every pupil in the school, can also be found on the website. If you would like to order your child a lunch, please note the closing date for doing so is **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**.

## Reminders from FONDS...

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** will be a day full of festive events!

Not only is it Christmas lunch day, as mentioned above, but it is also a day for coming into school wearing **Christmas jumpers**. In addition, FONDS are organising an **'Elf Run'**. We are raising money for the school as well as the amazing [The Children's Trust](#) charity.

To make the event a bit more competitive - we are having a **"Battle of the Stages"**. KS1 vs KS2 and the stage that raises the most will receive a prize!

Please give what you can and spread the word amongst family and friends...the links to donate can be found below.

KS1 (years R to 2) - [justgiving.com/campaign/ks1elfrun](https://justgiving.com/campaign/ks1elfrun)

KS2 (years 3 to 6) - [justgiving.com/campaign/ks2elfrun](https://justgiving.com/campaign/ks2elfrun)

Finally, don't forget our **'Winter Wonderland' Christmas Fair** on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, at the Brockham site from 1.15pm onwards!

## Breakfast Club and Moles - January 2024

*Please note...next term  
Early Birds, Breakfast Club and Moles will recommence on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.*

## Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) Award

As you know, at North Downs we believe that all children have the right to experience the unique and special nature of being outdoors. We feel that it is important to enable children to use the outside environment as a context for learning as much as possible and have undertaken much work developing our curriculum to enable this to happen.

We were very proud to have been awarded with a Bronze Award from the 'Council for Learning Outside the Classroom'. However, after an assessment visit from the Awards Manager earlier this half term, I am delighted to share with you that we have now been awarded the Silver Mark. The feedback we spoke highly of:

*'...the great opportunities your school are offering its students.'*

An enormous thank you to everyone, for their hard work which has gone towards achieving this - but particular Mrs Ottaway - **Congratulations!**

## Sports Round Up from Mrs Stowell

### Dorking Schools Football Tournaments

Our Year 5 boys took part in the Dorking Schools Football Competition on 9<sup>th</sup> November at St Martins. In a very closely contested competition our team finished in joint 1st position on 12 points and equal on goal difference with St Pauls but won overall as they had beaten St Pauls in their match. Congratulations everyone.



The Year 4/5/6 girls football tournament took place at Meadowbank Stadium on 10<sup>th</sup> November.

The girls played incredibly well, working hard as a team and never giving up. They won four matches, drew one and lost two to finish in 3rd, bronze medal position. Well done.

A promotional poster for the 'JOSH EVANS SOCCER SCHOOL' Christmas 2023 Football Camp. The poster features a blue and white color scheme with snowflake patterns. It includes several hexagonal inset photos showing children playing football. The text provides details about the camp dates (18th - 21st December 2023), location (THERFIELD SCHOOL, LEATHERHEAD, KT22 7NZ SURREY), and lists morning and afternoon camp sessions for different year groups. It also mentions booking information and contact details.

**JOSH EVANS SOCCER SCHOOL**

BE ON IT, BELIEVE IN IT, BE YOU

**CHRISTMAS 2023 FOOTBALL CAMP**  
18TH - 21ST DECEMBER 2023

**THERFIELD SCHOOL**  
LEATHERHEAD KT22 7NZ SURREY

**MORNING CAMPS**

Reception - Year 1: 9am - 12pm - INDOORS	<b>AFTERNOON CAMPS</b>
Year 2-3: 9am - 12pm	Year 2-3: 12:30pm - 3:30pm
Year 4/5 & 6: 9am - 12pm	Year 4/5 & 6: 12:30pm - 3:30pm
Year 7-8: 9am - 12pm	Year 7-8: 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Camps for YRS 2-8 will take place outdoors on the Astro  
Available for boys and girls  
Early drop available from 8am - No late pick up  
Book here: <https://joshevanssoccerschoolclass4kids.co.uk/camps>  
Sibling Discount - Numbers are limited so please book early

For all other enquiries and details of our other sessions, please email [admin@joshevan.co.uk](mailto:admin@joshevan.co.uk)

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## Diary Dates

### Autumn Term

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Year 2 Nativity  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Junior Christmas Carol Evening  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Year 1 Nativity  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Year R Nativity  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas Lunch, Elf Run and Christmas Jumper Day  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Break up for Christmas Infants at 1.00pm & Juniors 1.15pm  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - FONDS Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair - 1.15pm

### Spring Term

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January - Children return to school  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for Half Term  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Children return to school  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Children break up for Easter Infants at 1.00pm & Juniors 1.15pm

### Summer Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Children break up for Half Term  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - INSET Day  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Children return to school  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Children break up - Infants at 1.00pm & Juniors 1.15pm  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - INSET Days

**Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.**