



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Over the last year, we have been applying for the prestigious Association for Physical Education **QUALITY MARK** award which celebrates the quality of physical education and sport provision in our school. This has involved a detailed application with evidence, as well as a validation visit from assessors to our school. Our visitors talked to Mrs Stowell (PE Lead) Mrs Ottaway (LotC Lead), Mrs Douglass, children and staff. They toured the school and observed lessons and playtimes. We are very proud to share with you that our school is one of the few schools to receive the top award - a **DISTINCTION**. Please see below for an extract from the letter which the school has since received:



Thank you for your application for the Quality Mark award.

*The assessment panel has considered your application, together with the feedback from the validation, and afPE is delighted to award your school the **Quality Mark with Distinction** for 'demonstrating outstanding commitment to improvement in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity'.*

Your award is valid for three years, commencing March 2024.

The validator has highlighted the following reasons for the award:

- The leadership and management of PESSPA are outstanding and exemplary along with the commitment of SLT and the whole school community towards transformative PESSPA*
- NDPS has outstanding swimming provision with transformative lifelong impact for children and their families*
- The attention to detail and quality in all aspects of PESSPA e.g. planning and monitoring, record keeping, tracking etc. are exceptional and shared as 'best practice' beyond the school*
- Pupils and staff talk highly about their experiences and highlight the importance of PESSPA and how it improves and benefits their physical health and mental well-being.*

An enormous thank you to all the staff and children, but in particular to Mrs Stowell for her hard work and dedication on behalf of the school.

Sports Report

Dorking Schools Year 5 and 6 Netball Tournaments

On Tuesday 12th March the Year 6 Netball Team took part in the Dorking schools competition at the Priory school. The girls played well winning three matches and losing two, to finish in 3rd place. On Wednesday 13th March, the Year 5 Netball Team took part in their Dorking schools competition. They won one, drew one and lost two games, finishing in 4th place overall. Many thanks to Jess Hillson who has been running the netball club on a Monday after school. If your child is interested in playing netball, please sign then up for the club.



Girls Tag and Touch rugby Festivals

On Friday 15th March, Active Surrey ran a Tag Rugby Festival for Years 3 and 4 girls in the morning and a Touch Rugby Festival for Years 5 and 6 girls in the afternoon at Dorking Rugby club, Brockham. The aim was to have fun and promote girls rugby, encouraging more girls to take part and join clubs. The girls in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 were asked if they wanted to attend and we had 15 Year 3 and 4 girls and 8 Year 5 and 6. They really enjoyed the session and really improved their game play and skills. We hope some will now go on to join the club!

Diary Dates

Spring Term

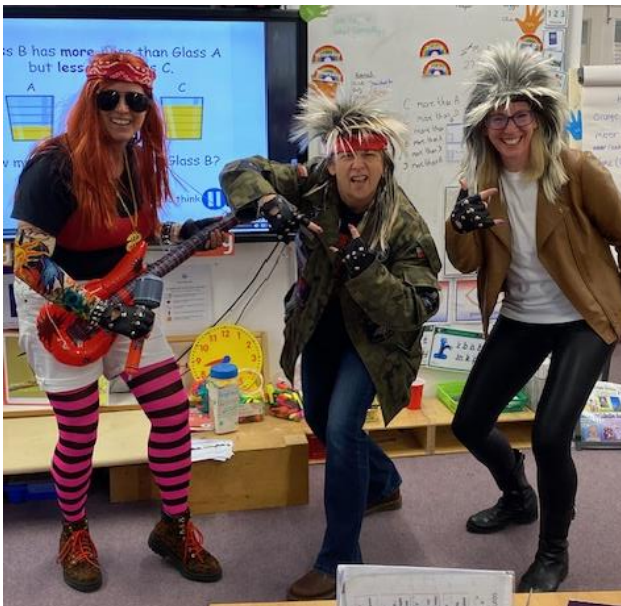
Thursday 28th March - Children break up for Easter
Infants at 1.00pm & Juniors 1.15pm

Summer Term

Monday 15th April - Children return to school
Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
Thursday 23rd May - Maypole on The Green
Thursday 23rd May - Children break up for Half Term
Friday 24th May - INSET Day
Monday 3rd June - Children return to school
Tuesday 11th June - Junior Sports Day
Thursday 13th June - Infant Sports Day
Friday 19th July - Children break up - Infants at 1.00pm & Juniors 1.15pm
Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July - INSET Days

World Maths Day

Thank you so much to staff and children for supporting our Times Tables Rock Stars relaunch to mark **World Maths Day**. All the costumes looked amazing in our whole school assembly and the children are now well prepared to use TTRS (or Numbots in Yr's R+1) for their daily 5 minute maths.



Over the last week, all of the children have taken part in The Big Plastic Count - as part of an investigation into the amount of plastic the UK uses and throws away.

The North Downs grand total:

9515 pieces of disposable plastic.

This total was shared with the children in assembly last week. School Council members will be working with their classes to try to find ways to reduce the use of plastic in school and at home.

FONDS Easter Trail

Good Friday (29th March) to Saturday 13th April
With Easter fast approaching FONDS has put together a fun and EGG-citing Easter trail which you and the family can take part in over the Easter holidays. Following the story of 'Pete the Cat and the Easter Basket Bandit' follow the trail around Brockham to find the hidden characters from the book. Find all the pictures and you may find Pete's Easter basket!

Easter Trail family packs cost just £5 each

Each pack includes map, clues, drawing competition and a treat for up to 4 children at the end! Packs will be given to your child at school before the Easter break begins.

Buy Your Packs at: www.fonds.org.uk

Bags2School

Also - we will be distributing the bags to school to all pupils before the Easter break. Bags are due back at school on the morning of Wednesday 17th April at all three sites.

Please see attached the link to what the Bags2 School will accept

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Peter Pan Panto

We are looking forward to our Easter Panto tomorrow. The cast have been working incredibly hard over the last few weeks - if you haven't yet bought tickets go to:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fonds/?event=event&eventId=75147>

Look out for a few staff cameos...

Breakfast Club and Moles After School Club - Easter Break

Please be advised that **Breakfast Club** will run until the last day of term, **Thursday 28th March**.
The last **Moles** session will be **Wednesday 27th March** as school closes at lunchtime on the Thursday.

On our return after the Easter Break
both clubs will begin on **Monday 15th April**.

We wish you all a lovely Easter
The Wraparound Care Team

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.