



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

A belated welcome back to the last term of this school year!

It's always a busy one and we usually expect it to be a warmer one...I'm not quite sure what's happened there! The weather is not bringing us down though, with the term getting off to a flying start with Year 4 off on their residential trip to High Ashurst last week. The children were amazing, with the High Ashurst staff commenting on how incredibly polite they all were. Thank you to the children for making the trip so enjoyable and to all of the staff who accompanied them - we couldn't do it without you! The next event is on Monday evening, when the Choir perform at the Mole Valley Music Festival at Dorking Halls - I am sure all of their hard work and practising with Mrs Deeks will pay off - it's always such a fabulous evening for those attending and participating.

We have other exciting events, trip and visits, coming up over the next few weeks, some of which we just want to remind you of:

- Maypole Dancing on The Green on Thursday 23rd May, when all the children will spend the day at the Brockham site. For those parents who are new to the school, you are all very welcome to join us at 1.30pm for an afternoon of music, dancing...and some first class entertainment!
- Our Junior and Infant Sports Mornings on Tues 11th June for Year 3 - 6 and Thurs 13th June for Reception, Years 1 and 2. These will each be starting round about 9.30am. Mrs Stowell will be sending out more information later on this half term.
- Tuesday 2nd July is when we have our 'Move Up Day' - the day when all of the children visit their new classes - look out for further details and information coming out over the next few weeks.



Surrey
Wildlife Trust

Wilder Schools Action for Nature Competition 2024

SWT have extended the deadline for the actions for nature to the end of May **End date: Friday 31st May**. So, this is your final call to get those actions logged - hopefully lots of your families have been busy over the Easter holidays doing lots of wonderful actions for nature....but you may still need to plot them on the interactive map. Remember complete one or more Actions for Nature at home or in your community, and North Downs will be in with a chance of winning a £500 grant towards outdoor learning equipment or tools for school grounds improvement. It isn't hard or expensive to help our wildlife, your action could be as simple as a litter pick! If you're lucky enough to have a garden, you could feed the birds, plant pollinator-friendly plants or go chemical-free.

How to take part:

Explore your possible Actions for Nature: www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions

Once you've completed your Action for Nature, record your actions, upload a photo and view our actions map at: www.surreywildlifetrust.org/nature-actions-map

Record your Action for Nature to claim half-price membership with Surrey Wildlife Trust, and to be entered into a free prize draw to win a wildlife tech prize!"

<https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/nature-actions-map>

If you need some further ideas....there are lots of actions on their website [link below]. A great one to do this coming month is NO MOW MAY [link below] - so many benefits for so little action!

<https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions>

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

Rethink Waste

Help our school win funding for our eco-project

Rethink Waste have invited our community to join in their school donations scheme. Schools across Surrey County are taking part in this great opportunity, so we're inviting you to help us in this **quest for funding!**

Taking part in the fun activities will help you reduce waste but by completing them, you'll also earn points which can be donated to our school. The more points we receive, the higher our chances of winning funding for our new eco-project!

We're passionate about more greener learning opportunities for our children, will you help us by registering today? Visit the link below!



Simply scan the QR code to register and donate points to our school

rethinkwaste.co.uk/schools



FONDS NEWS...

Thank you to everybody who entered our Easter egg decorating competition over the Easter holidays! Amanda from the Brockham Arts club judged this year's entries and we are pleased to announce that Ella in Year 1 was the overall winner.

Amanda chose Ella's entry because of the vibrant colours & lovely Easter bunny with its heart shaped nose! Ella's design was creative and original! Well done to you Ella!

BAG2SCHOOL

Don't forget to bring your bags to the Brockham site on Wednesday 22nd May!

The Dogs Trust



Diary Dates

Summer Term

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

Tuesday 2nd July - 'Move Up' Day

Saturday 6th July - FONDS Fest

Thursday 18th July - Year 6 Leavers Disco

Friday 19th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 19th July - Children break up - Infants at 1.00pm & Juniors 1.15pm

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July - INSET Days

We have been fortunate enough to have been visited by The Dogs Trust this week. Years 1 to 6 have had a class workshop (all sites) and a whole school assembly with the wonderful Jo Furlano, by which the children have been enthralled. We have all learnt lots about how to behave safely around dogs and the children have been exceptionally well behaved during these workshops.

Here are some of their thoughts after their workshops.

"Never touch a dog while it is eating" Year 1

"Children that didn't know how to behave around dogs, do now" Year 4

"I learnt dogs have feelings and we should treat them kindly" Year 5

If you wish to know more, please do visit their website <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/>

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.