



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

A very warm welcome to you all. Our Newsletters come home every other Friday and, in between, teachers send home year group Learning Letters. During next week, we are holding our 'Meet the Teacher Sessions' for parents (*more information below*) and at the end of that week you will also receive the first of the year group learning updates...hopefully you should by then have all the information you need. However, if at any time you do have any questions or queries please email us: info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk
You will also find use information and updates on our school website: www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

Meet the Teacher

A reminder for our Meet the Teacher Sessions next week:

DATE	YEAR	CLASS	VENUE	TIME
Monday 9 th September	Year 4	Parrots	Macaws Classroom	3.15pm
		Macaws		
Tuesday 10 th September	Year 5	Skylarks	Skylarks Classroom	3.15pm
		Nightingales		
Wednesday 11 th September	Year 1	Puffins	Puffins Classroom	3.00pm
		Penguins	Penguins Classroom	
Thursday 12 th September	Year 6	Eagles	Eagles Classroom	3.15pm
		Kestrels		
Friday 13 th September	Year 3	Toucans	Flamingos Classroom	3.15pm
		Flamingos		
Monday 16 th September	Year 2	Kingfishers	Kingfishers Classroom	3.00pm
		Woodpeckers	Woodpeckers Classroom	

As you can see the sessions are being held straight after school. At the Brockham site, adults will be on duty in the playground to supervise children while parents attend the sessions. At Leigh, teachers have made arrangements to provide supervision for their classes also.

Relational and Restorative Practice

At our INSET Day on Tuesday, all staff participated in the first of our **Relational and Restorative** training sessions, delivered by the Local Authority Specialist Teachers for Inclusive Practice Team. North Downs was fortunate enough to be one of fourteen schools participating in a Surrey wide project last year, to support schools in developing inclusive and effective approaches to transform and manage a range of behaviours. We are rolling this out across the school this year.

I will share more details with you as we move through the term, including an information session for parents, but in the meantime do watch the short video via the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJJxnb1VjYo>

Dates for the Diary

Monday 9th September - Monday 16th September - Meet the Teacher Sessions
(Please see further information on Page 1 of this Newsletter).

Monday 30th September - FONDS AGM

Monday 14th October - Individual Photos at Brockham

Tuesday 15th October - Individual Photos Leigh and Betchworth

Tuesday 15th October - Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 17th October - Parent Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 23rd October - Year 4 Residential to High Ashurst

Friday 25th October - Year 4 Return from High Ashurst

Friday 25th October - Break up for Half Term

Monday 4th November - INSET Day

Tuesday 5th November - Children return to school

Monday 11th November - Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 3rd December - Year 2 Nativity

Wednesday 4th December - Junior Christmas Carol Evening

Thursday 5th December - Year 1 Nativity

Friday 6th December - Year R Nativity

Wednesday 18th December - School Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December - Break up for Christmas

Monday 6th January - Children return to school

Friday 14th February - Break up for Half Term

Monday 24th February - Children return to school

Friday 4th April - Children break up for Easter

Tuesday 22nd April - Children return to school

Friday 23rd May - Children break up for Half Term

Monday 2nd June - Children return to school

Friday 18th July - Children break up

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July - INSET Days

Year 6 Stationery Shop

The Year 6 Stationery Shop opens its doors for trading next week. On Monday goods will be available for pupils from Year 5 and 6 to purchase at morning break. Year 3 and 4 pupils will have the opportunity on Wednesday morning.

As well as individual items for purchase, we do supply a complete pencil case. It is classroom user friendly, as it will fit into the school trays provided to each child, and contains all of your child's daily needed stationery.

These cost £9.50, payable on Scopay.

Many thanks to Mrs Clark and the Stationery Shop Team for organising.



Message FONDS...

A huge welcome back from FONDS! We hope you all had a fantastic summer.

Last year was another impressive year of fundraising with FONDS raising over £11,700, raising just over £2,200 at FONDSFEST alone! A huge thank you to everybody who got involved to make it happen.

We are kick starting this new academic year off with our AGM meeting on Monday 30th September from 7pm (location to follow). We hope to see as many of you as possible to begin planning the events for the year ahead.

TEAM FONDS

Wishing you an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

JL Douglas