



Newsletter

Respect, Compassion, Responsibility, Courage

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

It has been a wonderful start to the term, with children across all three sites settling quickly into their learning and school life. We are looking forward to welcoming many of you to our upcoming Parent Teacher Consultations, which provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's successes and discuss their progress so far. **Please note that all consultation appointments will take place in the school hall at our Brockham site, regardless of which site your child attends.**

This week also marked the start of our swimming programme. It has been especially exciting for Year 3 pupils, many of whom experienced their very first school swimming lessons, making full use of our lovely new changing rooms. Finally, thank you for your support with attendance. As shared in our last newsletter, attendance is a key whole-school focus this year, and we have been delighted with the strong start pupils have made. Every day in school matters, and together we can ensure every child has the very best opportunity to thrive.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Just a reminder that our Parent Teacher Consultations take place on:

Tuesday 6th October from 4.30pm - 7.00pm

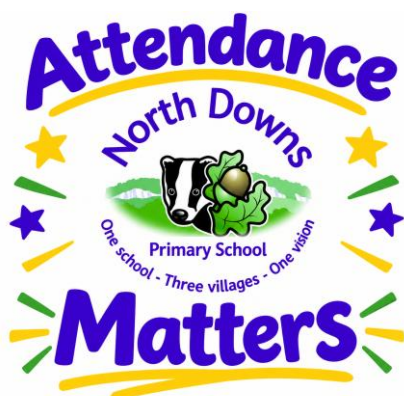
Thursday 8th October from 3.30pm - 6.00pm.

- Parents are asked to arrive before their appointment time and enter by the main gate (near the Brockham Office).
- Teachers will be available to meet with parents in the school hall at the designated appointment time.
- A bell will ring every 10 minutes to mark the end of one appointment and the start of the next. ***Please keep to your allocated times and be kind to the next set of parents by leaving promptly when the bell rings for the next appointment.***
- Please note these meetings are **for parents only**.

Appointments will be bookable online, via Scopay, **from 8.00pm on 25th September until 12.00 midday on Friday 2nd October.**

Attendance Matters

Our attendance figures below reflect attendance **since the start of term**, and I would like to give a special mention to **Penguins Class**, who have achieved an outstanding **99.4% attendance**. This is a fantastic accomplishment and demonstrates an excellent commitment to learning. Well done to all of the children and families in Penguins for making every day count! For all of our other classes, keep aiming high. Every day in school is an opportunity to learn, build friendships and be part of the life of our school. Even small improvements in attendance can make a big difference over the course of the year, so let's all challenge ourselves to be here, on time, and ready to learn every day we can. Together, we can make this our best-attending year yet! ★



Year Group	Class	Class Attendance	Class	Class Attendance
Year R	Owls	97.2%	Robins	96.7%
Year 1	Puffins	96.7%	Penguins	99.4%
Year 2	Woodpeckers	91.5%	Kingfishers	96%
Year 3	Toucans	98.1%	Flamingos	95.5%
Year 4	Macaws	98.5%	Parrots	96.8%
Year 5	Nightingales	97.1%	Skylarks	93.9%
Year 6	Eagles	98.2%	Kestrels	96.7%

Polite Reminders Regarding Parking

The safety of our children, families and local residents remains a priority at both our Leigh and Brockham sites. We ask all parents and carers to park thoughtfully and responsibly, particularly during busy drop-off and collection times.

At Leigh, we have received concerns regarding vehicles parking close to **Dawes Green House**, especially around the bend on **Tapners Road**. Parking in this area can reduce visibility for pedestrians and drivers, creating an unnecessary safety risk.

Please help us by following these important reminders:

- Do not park or stop on the school zigzag markings at any time, including for quick drop-offs.
- Be respectful of our neighbours and ensure that driveways, access points and entrances are kept clear at all times.
- The parking spaces on **The Smithers**, off **Wheelers Lane**, are for residents only.
- The Smithers is also a busy route for families walking to school. Please do not park on pavements or block pedestrian access.
- Where possible, consider parking a little further away and walking the remaining distance to school.

We are grateful for your support in helping to keep our school communities safe and maintaining positive relationships with our neighbours. Small changes in parking behaviour can make a significant difference to the safety of all our children.

Message From Your New FONDS Team!

We're delighted to introduce the new FONDS team, led by Sarah White (Chair) and Laura Harding (Vice Chair). FONDS exists to bring our school community together through fundraising, events and activities that enrich our children's experiences. We also work closely with the school to help share reminders and information with families when requested, supporting communication between home and school.

You may have seen some recent reminders shared via the FONDS WhatsApp groups. These have often been shared on behalf of the school to help keep parents informed, while important school updates will continue to come directly from the school through the usual channels. As a volunteer team, we're proud to work in partnership with the school and look forward to supporting our wonderful community throughout the year.

Thank you for your support, and we hope to see you at our upcoming events! ☺

Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th October - Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 8th October - Parent Teacher Consultations
Friday 9th October - Year 5 trip to Wisley
Monday 12th October - Individual Photos at Brockham
Tuesday 13th October - Individual Photos Leigh & Betchworth
Wednesday 14th October - Year 4 Residential to High Ashurst
Friday 16th October - Year 4 Return from High Ashurst
Friday 16th October - Break up for Half Term
Monday 2nd November - Children return to school
Monday 16th November - National Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 8th December - Year 2 Nativity
Wednesday 9th December - Junior Christmas Carol Evening
Thursday 10th December - Year 1 Nativity
Friday 11th December - Year R Nativity
Tuesday 15th December - School Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th December - Break up for Christmas
Monday 4th January - INSET Day
Tuesday 5th January - Children return to school
Friday 12th February - Break up for Half Term
Monday 22nd February - Children return to school
Thursday 25th March - Children break up for Easter

Fidget Toys and Trading Cards

We have noticed an increase in children bringing fidget-type toys, particularly squishy toys, and trading cards into school. While we understand that these items can be enjoyable for children, they can often become a distraction to learning, lead to disagreements, or get lost or damaged. Unless a fidget item has been specifically agreed with your child's teacher or a member of the Inclusion Team to support an identified need, we ask that these toys remain at home.

We also ask that trading cards are not brought into school. Trading and swapping can sometimes result in upset between children and can be difficult for staff to monitor fairly.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a calm, focused learning environment for all children.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

J. Douglas