

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**

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### Message from the Head Teacher

It was full STEAM ahead this week as you will see from the various articles in this newsletter. The children became totally engrossed in their exploring and investigating of different materials and enjoyed being detectives for their problem solving challenges. Each visitor was excellent and our teachers have been inspirational and creative, seeking out the children's curiosity and inventiveness, through their tasks. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a really memorable week.

Next week, Year One are continuing these areas of learning by visiting the Science Lab, the Design Technology Room and the IT suite at Downsend. A carousel of activities has been arranged for them to enjoy and experience a taste of what will be in store for them in Year Two and beyond. Just before half term, there will be a planned event for the Parents of Year One children to visit Year Two. During the evening, there will be an opportunity to meet the teachers and discover a little

more about the next stage of learning for their children.

Our spring term curriculum evening is also planned for next week and we are hoping that you will be able to join us. Invitations went out this week outlining the details. We are delighted that Jay Bristow and some of the Sports staff from Downsend are also able to join us and share their expertise. Hope to see you there. Have a great weekend!

**Tessa Roberts**

### Super Science

On Monday morning we watched as Lucy from Genie Lab arrived with an interesting concoction of bottles, boxes, beakers and something that looked like a plasma gun! We knew we were in for a treat and I think from the expressions on the children's faces, you can tell that they were amazed by her exciting experiments. The children were introduced to different chemicals, made solutions and created reactions. Real hands on fun! Then on Thursday, Tamsin Grocock - Head of Science at Downsend, came and told us all about meeting a real astronaut and wowed us with experiments about Forces. This week has certainly caught the imagination of our budding scientists.





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## Engineering Day

Today the school was a hive of industry as the children set forth on their day of designing and engineering. In different parts of the school you could find bridges being built, protective suits being created for the egg drop challenge and volcanoes being prepared ready for an eruption! We loved the way that the children worked together to develop the best designs for each task.



## Golden Board

Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special Assembly every week.

We congratulated the following children today:

### First Steps

Matilda Wilson

### Rising Reception AP

The whole class this week for being fantastic scientists and engineers

### Rising Reception SR

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### Reception CH

George Murray

### Reception MP

Grace Ayling

### Year One

Sam Hunt

Damos Pemberton

**Well Done!**

## Events Week Commencing Monday 23 January

### Lunch Menu week 1

Mon	15.30 - 16.30	Football Club
Tues	9.45 14.00 15.40-16.10	Tots in Tune Nurse Jennings visits Reception Spanish Club
Wed	15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30	Technology Morning for Year One at Downsend Rising Stars Club Science Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30 19.00	Storyworld Club Curriculum Information Evening for Parents
Fri	15.30-16.30	Chinese New Year Yoganory Club

## Parking in Oakfield Road

This term we have noticed that on certain days in Oakfield Road the amount of traffic has become higher than normal and the grass verges are bearing the brunt of this congestion. Please could I ask, that when parking or passing other vehicles in the road that you take care not to drive over the verges. Our support of this issue would be greatly appreciated by our neighbours. Thank you.

## Don't Forget

- **Wed 1 Feb** - Year One Invites a Relative to Lunch
- **Thurs 2 Feb** - Rising Reception visit Polka Theatre - 'How to Hide a Lion'
- **Fri 3 Feb** - Reception visit Leatherhead Fire Station
- **Mon 6 Feb** - Rising Reception SR visit Ashted Library
- **Wed 8 Feb** - Year One Pre-Prep Parents' Evening at Downsend

**Inspiring young minds**