

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

What an exciting week it has been! The promise of snow, a very rainy day and then the thick flurry of snow as promised that caused gridlock on the roads. I hope everyone received my severe weather update on Thursday sent via Schoolcomms. In situations such as the one this week I will always try and stay ahead of the game and make 'just in case' plans so that everyone is organised and knows what is happening. I work very closely with Mr Thorpe the Head at Main Site, and Mrs Roberts and Mrs Brooks the Ashted and Leatherhead Pre-Prep Heads to

ensure all our parents are receiving consistent information and also so that we can all support each other. The snow is not due to continue into next week, and in fact the weather is showing as sunny and cloudy next week but still with low temperatures. Unless dangerous, we will always try and get the children outside during the day so please make sure they have (named) hats, scarves and gloves to keep them warm with their lovely cosy Downsend coats. I hope everyone has a safe Friday and a lovely weekend. **Mrs Vanessa Conlan**

Don't Forget!

- First Steps and Rising Reception parents—if you need to add/change any sessions, please speak to Mrs Albert. Our afternoon sessions are very full and unfortunately, some afternoons we are unable to take additional children
- Mother's Day assemblies on Tuesday 21st March

CALENDAR DATES

CHANGE OF DATE

French day will now NOT take place on Wednesday 15th March as this is Science Week. French day will be rearranged for a date in the summer term.

CHANGE TO TAPESTRY

You may have noticed that there is no longer the information about the age and stage that an individual activity has been assessed at on Tapestry. This is down to me! This information should be shared summaratively and therefore will be shared at end of term meetings.



On Wednesday Year one and Reception went to the Polka theatre to watch, 'How to Hide a Lion.' The children were absolutely engaged with the performance, especially when the big puppet lion was introduced. There was lots of laughter, excitement and anticipation as the children were waiting to see which puppets were going to be introduced next.

Dianna said, 'That was really good!'

Mrs Butler



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Fun in the snow

Celebration Board

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

We congratulated the following children this week:

First Steps
Peyton

Rising Reception CC
Rebecca

Rising Reception SB/RP
Grace

Reception
Alaina

Year 1 AB/CB
Jackson

Year 1 PM
Dollie

Well Done!

Events Week Commencing Monday 16th January Lunch Menu week 3

Mon	3.30—4.30	Performing arts club
Tues	9.30am 3.30—4.30	Reception visit to Epsom fire station Football club
Wed	3.30—4.30	Forest club
Thurs	12.45 3.30—4.30	Rising Reception visit to the Polka Theatre Cookery club
Fri	3.30—4.30	Engineering club

Are we inspiring young minds?

Here at Pre-Prep Epsom we are keen to ensure our school is the best it can be. In school this half term we are evaluating our curriculum, really reflecting on whether or not we are actually inspiring young minds. I will be talking to the children, talking to the staff and looking carefully at the curriculum planning in place in school and I would love your help with this too. Please have a think about these questions and let me know either when you see me, via an email to the office or on paper what you think. Thank you for your help.

What do you think is great about our curriculum?

What topic has your child/children been most excited and motivated by?

How would you like to see us improve our curriculum?

Thank you to those parents who have already provided feedback. You have raised some really interesting points for me to consider alongside the staff and pupil feedback I am gathering. I will feedback my findings after half term.

Inspiring young minds to create a lifelong passion for learning and discovery