

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from the Head Teacher

The magical month has arrived at last! Excitement has been building this week as decorations appeared, seasonal baking smells wafted through the buildings and music filled the air as children practised their lines and songs in readiness for their parts in our Christmas celebrations. Children in Rising Reception gave Mrs Albert a lovely surprise yesterday. They waited for her to pop out and then moved in to decorate the tree in her office. Christmas is the season for surprises and we hope that parents will be both enchanted and surprised when

you come to see your children perform in their Concert next Thursday. Please allow sufficient time to park and get to the Church in time for the start at 10.45. The doors will open at 10.15. There is parking in the surrounding roads but may I ask everyone to park with consideration for others, residents in particular. There will be surprises galore at DEPA's Christmas Fair tomorrow too! Golden Carrots, Hook a Festive Duck and Raffle Prizes to name but a few. We look forward to seeing you there.  
**Kay Barrett**

### Don't Forget!

- Christmas Concert for children in RR, R & Yr1, St George's Church, Asstead Thurs 8 Dec 10.45
- To look out for the children's decorated stars and angels in the Church on Thursday
- To return After-School Club reply slips by Fri 9 Dec
- Christmas Parties Wed 14 Dec. Non-Wed attendees in FS included 9.00-10.00. All parties are for children only
- School Christmas Lunch Wed 14 Dec
- Term Ends Fri 16 Dec. Please note, no Extended Day
- To book your holiday places at Downsend+ and Downsend Pre-Prep+

### Nothing Short of Adorable

The children in First Steps delighted their families yesterday when they gave their first ever performance. All the children looked fabulous in their festive finery. After lots of singing and actions, the children surprised their mummies and daddies by giving them a very special present; a Christmas cake handmade by the children themselves.  
**Caroline Pain**



### Gentle Reminder

We are conscious that many children have been quite poorly recently with viruses of one kind or another. Staff have had their fair share too. May we just remind parents that before returning to school, children must be 48 hours clear from their last bout of vomiting and 24 hours from a raised temperature. Thank you.



## Downsend School

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### 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. Please see our Celebration Board for details.

**First Steps**  
Madeleine

**Rising Reception CC**  
Annie  
Zareef

**Rising Reception SB/RP**  
Lavannah  
**Reception**  
Dianna

**Year One PM**  
Dhiren

**Year One AB/JW**  
Alexandra

### Well Done!

### Congratulations to the Winners!

Parents will remember that the children were asked to enter DEPA's Christmas Fair colouring competition. Congratulations to the following two children; Jackson's entry was chosen for the front cover of the Fair's programme and Jessica's picture for the back cover. Congratulations and well done to everyone who took part.

### Events Week Commencing Monday 5 December 2016

#### Lunch Menu week 3

#### Last Week for After-School Clubs

Mon	15.30-16.30	Cookery Club
Tues	15.30-16.15	Football Club
Wed	9.00 15.30-16.30	RR, R & Yr1 leave school for St George's Ashtead for Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal Forest Club
Thurs	9.00 10.45	RR, R & Yr1 leave school for St George's Ashtead Christmas Concert
Fri	15.30-16.15	Young Engineers Club

### Christmas Cake Baking in First Steps



We stirred, whipped and beat all the ingredients together in a great big mixing bowl. It was hard work but we enjoyed smelling the spices and had fun making a wish. Our cakes went into the oven to bake and the smell was delicious. Several days later, we iced and decorated them with edible glitter and silver balls.

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