

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



'OUTSTANDING'
SIS Inspection 2014-2015
Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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Message from the Head Teacher

The school was buzzing with a hive of activity last Saturday as families joined us for a morning of fun with Winnie the Pooh. The visiting families thoroughly enjoyed taking part in all the 'goings-on' and the children loved having delicious honey biscuits to nibble on the way home.

This term we introduced a new class activity - 'poem of the week'. The children are enjoying the poems and take a great sense of pride in reciting them to their teachers and other

classes. Rhymes are an excellent way for our youngest children to develop an awareness of language, phonic patterns and rhythms. Poetry can also be used to focus on sentence level skills. This form of writing uses a purposeful selection of verbs, adjectives and adverbs all of which helps promote the developing literacy skills of our older children. Do you have a favourite childhood poem? We'd love to hear it!

Tessa Roberts

Star Writers



This week has been exciting in Reception. Several of the children are beginning to use their RWI work in their everyday play. The children have been writing their sounds and beginning to form short words on anything they can lay their hands on - even on our interactive paint programme. Super sound making Reception!

Don't Forget

- **Mon 17 Oct** - First Steps Harvest Breakfast 9.00 followed by autumn walk in the park. All children & parents invited to attend
- **Tues 18 Oct** - Rising Reception Harvest Breakfast 8.45-9.30
- **Wed 19 Oct** - Reception Harvest Breakfast 8.45-9.30
- **Thurs 20 Oct** - Year One Harvest Breakfast 8.45-9.30
- **Fri 21 Oct** - Charity Day
- **Fri 21 Oct** - DAPA Pumpkin Party 15.30 (No Yoganory)

Forest School Adventures

Year One had a fantastic time with Forest School at Ashtead Common this week. We began by hunting for bugs and then we looked for signs of autumn as we made our way across the common. The children found lots of acorns and yellow, golden, red and brown leaves. They also saw the berries on the hawthorn bushes and holly trees and there was even a sighting of a fairy house! Of course, Forest School is never complete without a drink of hot chocolate!



We cannot wait to go back and see how different the common looks in winter. Thank you to Jay, our Forest School leader and Martin, the Ranger from the common for leading us on such a great adventure.





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Golden Board

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

First Steps
Sasha Wallis

Rising Reception AP
Ariane Morris

Rising Reception SR
Isla Smith

Reception CH
George Murray

Reception MP
Emily Elliott

Year One
Rory Stinton
Edward Ventris

Well Done!

Christmas Cards

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The children have been busy this week putting the final touches on their personalised Christmas card designs. After the Harvest Breakfast you will be able to see the original artwork in their classrooms and place orders ready for the festive season. A pack of 12 cards will cost £5.50, £4.50 for each additional pack and £2.50 for a pack of gift tags. Orders can only be accepted with full payment. Don't forget to bring along cash or your cheque books.

Events Week Commencing Monday 10 October

Lunch Menu week 3

Mon	From 12.00 15.30-16.30	Parent/Teacher Interview Appointments available online Football Club
Tues	9.45-11.15 15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune Hockey Club Rising Stars
Wed	9.30-11.30 15.30-16.30	Reception Forest School trip to Ashtead Common Rising Stars
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Construction Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Yoganory

DAPA

Many thanks to all who came to the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September. Special thanks to Chantal Hannah for hosting us all - great coffee, great pastries and great company! We hope you would all agree it really was a great success! We are very pleased to say we managed to raise £168.48 for Macmillan - which is fantastic news!



The winners of the games, were Cindy Ling (R/FS) and Sharon Thomas & Amelia Rusbridge (Yr 2).

Victoria Driscoll (DAPA Chair)



DAPA Christmas Fundraising Gift

All the children have been busy making handprints and drawing self-portraits for the DAPA canvas bags available at £4 each or 3 for £10. Deadline for orders is 19th October.



DAPA
PUMPKIN TEA
Deadline for tickets
14th October