

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



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

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Message from the Head Teacher

The new school year has begun in glorious sunshine and the children have returned to school energised and ready for learning. We are delighted to welcome our new families to Pre-Prep Ashtead and hope that they have enjoyed their first few days with us.

Over the summer our Rising Reception classrooms have had a complete makeover; new furniture, new carpets and a fresh lick of paint, all ready for their brand new occupants. The children were very excited when they saw what had been done. Our reading scheme has been refreshed and extended during the holidays and the children now have a wonderful variety of new

books to share at school and at home. In addition to these changes we have continued to expand our range of activities for outdoor learning which the children have already taken great pleasure in exploring.

This term promises to be action-packed with a wide range of events planned. It will culminate with one of the year's highlights, the Christmas Nativity. This year it will take place on Wednesday 14 December. Please save the date!

We've had a great start to this new school year, I now can't wait to see what happens next!

Tessa Roberts

Hope you are able to come along?

Reading and Read Write Inc. Information



Thursday 15 September
Pre-Prep Ashtead School
Hall 7.00pm

Don't Forget

- **Tues 20 Sept** - DAPA AGM - 7.30pm
- **Thurs 22 Sept** - Individual Photographs
- **Sat 24 Sept** - Downsend Prep School Open Morning 9.00-11.30
- **Sun 25 Sept** - DPA Fun Day - 2.00- 4.00pm
- **Tues 27 Sept** - Reception visit Pizza Express

What a Smart Start!

Buzzing with excitement and beaming with pride, the children in Reception bounced into their new classrooms looking exceptionally smart in their red blazers on the first day of term. I'm sure you'll agree that they all looked very grown up and ready for the great year ahead.

Here is what the children thought

Lottie: "My blazer is very smart! It's not itchy, even when I have my cardigan on too!"

Millie: "I like Reception! I have some new sparkly shoes to wear outside when we go and play!"

Christeen Hill /Melanie Piper



Change of Date
The uniform sale on 17 November has been moved to the following week 24 November.



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Golden Board

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

We are really looking forward to seeing who's wonderful contributions will be on our board this term.

Golden Board celebrations will begin next week.



We would however, like to say a big **WELL DONE** to all the children for such a happy positive and enthusiastic start to the new school year.



Well Done!

Events Week Commencing Monday 12 September Lunch Menu week 2

Mon		Swimming Lessons begin for Year One and Reception
Tues	9.45-11.15	Tots in Tune begins
Wed		
Thurs	19.00 - 20.00	Reading and Read, Write, Inc. Information Evening
Fri	15.30-16.30	Yoganory begins

Saturday Morning Sports Club

We hope you have enjoyed the Summer holidays, and that your child settles back into the new term quickly. For those existing parents who enjoyed the 'Downsend Sports Club' last year, it will recommence this Saturday 10 September at the same times:

Reception and Year One: 9am-10am

Year 2: 9am – 10.30am

For those new parents, a little additional information about this activity: The Saturday morning 'Sports Club' is run by Downsend staff at the Main Site as a method of providing additional sports coaching to all those girls and boys who are keen to participate. This club is solely for Downsend pupils at no expense and will continue to operate as a drop-in service. If you wish your child to attend, simply turn up.

We look forward to seeing you this Saturday 10 September.

Jon Albert



Ballet lessons at Downsend School resume this Saturday 10 September.

9am – 9.45am FS and RR

10am–10.45am Reception and Year 1

Please email jenni@jhballer.co.uk for all details.

**Reminder
DAPA AGM**

Tuesday 20 September - 7.30



**DPA Family Fun Day
Sunday 25 September, 2 - 4pm**

Price – Adults £3.00 Children – FREE!!

All LOWER SCHOOL and PRE-PREP SCHOOL children and families are invited to join us for a fun filled afternoon. For the children we have numerous activities whilst the grown ups can relax, drink tea and eat cake!

This years Family Fun day has moved to the new time of 2 - 4 pm and will be hosted at the main school site, on the school fields with refreshments in the new school Pavilion.

In addition, we are hosting 3 competitions on the day - something for everyone to enjoy!

*There is no obligation for children to wear Fancy Dress on the day

**All cakes should be NUT FREE. Those entered will be sold to raise funds for school projects



Bouncing Castle
How high can you jump?



Football Shoot Out
How many points can you score by hitting the targets?



Super Slide
Are you brave enough? Its a long way up!

1

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION*

Anything goes! Prize for the best outfit.

2

CAKE COMPETITION**

Adult and children's competitions with prizes

3

TUG-OF-WAR COMPETITION

Success Team Captains - Which team will you be on?

PLUS
Cactus Challenge
Tag of War
Face Painting
& MORE.....

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