

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**

**SIS Inspection 2014-2015**

Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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### Message from the Head Teacher

Well, what an end to the week! The wintry weather came in a flurry yesterday evening and our children leaving extended day last night, walked out into a white world. Today also presented its problems with the icy roads. I'd like to send out a big 'Thank you' to everyone who helped to make our school safe and ready to open today.

This week, everyone has settled back into the school routine and the teachers and I have been spotting 'Wow' moments left, right and centre! It has given me great pleasure giving out quite a few of my special certificates and witnessing some amazing work.

During our Wednesday assembly I introduced the theme of this half term's golden stars. Some of the children showed us their skilled hopping, their developing hula-hoop talents or their questioning skills to guess an unknown object. Some of these things were quite difficult but the children didn't give up - they just kept on trying. So, this term we are looking for children who keep trying with determination when something is a little trickier than expected.



Tessa Roberts

### A Chilly Display



The wintry weather has inspired our stairs and hall displays. The children have loved creating their frosty pictures using a wide range of different media. Please take a moment to look when you are in school.

### A Visitor for Reception

This week a police car pulled up outside Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead! ... Now, now, please don't worry mums and dads, PCSO Daly only came to visit some keen police ladies and gentlemen in Reception. In keeping with Reception's current topic, 'People Who Help Us', we have been learning all about police officers and how they help the community. The children were delighted to welcome our local Police Community Support Officer Pauline Daly who spoke to them about her job. She even let the children listen to her radio and try on some of the uniform. I think you'll agree we looked the part in our police hats! We also managed to find some suspicious fingerprints to investigate. The children engaged completely and PCSO Daly was very impressed with all the thoughtful questions that the children asked. Thank you for visiting PCSO Daly. What a great day!

Christeen Hill and Melanie Piper



### Don't Forget

- **Tues 24 Jan** - Nurse Jennings visits Reception
- **Wed 25 Jan** - Year One Technology Morning at Downsend
- **Thurs 26 Jan** - Curriculum Information Evening - 19.00 Pre-Prep Ashtead
- **Fri 27 Jan** - Chinese New Year





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Friday 13th turned out to be our lucky day. Outdoor play was brilliant!

### Events Week Commencing Monday 16 January Lunch Menu week 3

Mon	15.30 - 16.30	Genie Lab Workshops Football Club
Tues	9.45 15.40-16.10	Tots in Tune Spanish Club
Wed	15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30	Rising Stars Club Science Club
Thurs	15.00-16.30 15.30-16.30	Science Workshop - Tamsin Grocock (Head of Science at Downsend) Second-hand Uniform Shop open for sales at Downsend Storyworld Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Engineering Day Yoganory Club

### 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

Harrison Gay

#### Rising Reception AP

Jack Clement

#### Rising Reception SR

Amelia Howey

#### Reception CH

All the children for thinking of thoughtful questions to ask  
PCSO Daly

#### Reception MP

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#### Year One

Aanya Ansari  
Keira Dolan

### Well Done!

### Accidents and Medication in School

This week we have introduced a new online system to record accidents that happen in school. This will help us to monitor the type, frequency and location of accidents more easily and therefore assist us in maintaining a safe environment for your child. An automatically generated email will be sent to you if your child has any kind of accident. This is a generic style letter stating the basic details about the incident. If, on receipt of a letter you would like more information, please do not hesitate to call. We will still always contact you if your child receives a bump to the head. In addition to this, there is a new form in the 'letters and forms' section of the website which will need to be completed if your child requires prescribed medication during school hours. It is always helpful if you can complete this form in advance and bring it along with the medication.

Inspiring young minds