

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



'OUTSTANDING'
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Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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Message from the Head Teacher

This week has been great fun here at school with our spotty themed playtimes. We've jumped on spots, counted spots, spotted spotty letters and joined up spotty dots. I have to say, it's left me seeing spots all week! All around school I have heard songs about pumpkins, tractors, autumn leaves and scarecrows and harvest displays have popped up overnight. The children have really been enjoying all the preparations for our Harvest Breakfasts next week. The times for each year group are listed on the next page of this newsletter.

Last week I attended a Cognita Heads Conference and was thrilled to find out that Pre-Prep Ashtead is one of the top Cognita schools for academic achievement. This is based on the average scores of children in their last year at the school. The learning required to achieve these great results is a culmination of the wonderful teaching the children receive throughout their time at our school. I should like to personally thank all the staff for their dedication and hard work towards this achievement. **Tessa Roberts**

Don't Forget

Half Term
Mon 24 Oct - Fri 4 Nov

- **Thurs 10 Nov** - Second-hand Uniform Shop open to receive stock at Downsend 8.30-9.30
- **Thurs 10 Nov** - Chertsey Toy Museum visits Year One
- **Mon 14 Nov** - Rising Reception - Autumn Walk
- **Tues 15 Nov** - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Thurs 17 Nov** - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Afternoons are Brilliant in First Steps and Rising Reception

Afternoons at Pre-Prep Ashtead are a great place to be for First Steps and Rising Reception. Mrs Michael-Stratton and Mrs Ito organise a wide range of activities both in and outside the classroom to compliment the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. The children have access to all these activities throughout the session. In addition to this, specialists join the children each afternoon to further enrich the curriculum.



Monday - Ball Skills with Martin Firmo - Martin's games with the children challenge their coordination and control. Here you can see the kicker-flicker in action. Good hand-eye coordination is a must with this activity.

Tuesday - Tuesday Tunes with Rachel Shaw - Rachel uses songs, actions and musical instruments to develop a love of music. The topical song they were singing here was all about autumn leaves falling on the ground.

Wednesday - Forest School with Jay Bristow - Jay brings a love of the natural environment to his Wednesday sessions. The children can't wait to get outside to explore and create. Threading leaves on sticks and counting to see who had the most was this week's task.

Thursday - Pyjama Drama with Phylly Jones - Phylly captures the children's imagination and whisks them off on a role play adventure. The picture you can see here is what happened when the children visited the hairdressers. Shampooing, washing and blow-drying were all on offer at the salon.

Friday - Cooking with Mrs Michael-Stratton and Mrs Ito - All we can say is 'Mmmmmm. Delicious!'



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Forest School Fun for Reception

Wednesday was a great day for foraging as Reception explored the woods of Ashtead Common. Photos have now been posted in a new Gallery on the Downsend website. Please take a look to see how the children enjoyed their morning.



Events Week Commencing Monday 17 October

Lunch Menu week 1

Mon	9.00 15.30-16.30	Harvest Breakfast and Autumn Walk - First Steps Football Club
Tues	9.00 9.45-11.15 15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30	Harvest Breakfast - Rising Reception Tots in Tune Hockey Club Rising Stars
Wed	9.00 15.30-16.30	Harvest Breakfast - Reception Rising Stars
Thurs	9.00 15.30-16.30	Harvest Breakfast - Year One Construction Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Charity Day DAPA Pumpkin Party

Golden Board

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

First Steps

Hensen De Souza Bridges

Rising Reception AP

Isabella Ventris

Rising Reception SR

Jacob Nendick

Reception CH

All the children for an excellent Forest School trip

Reception MP

All the children for an excellent Forest School trip

Year One

Finley Moore
Adeline Truong

Charity Pumpkin Day for Woofability

Next Friday is our first Charity Day of the year. Our Charity this year will continue to be 'Woofability'. This wonderful charity raises money to train dogs to support children with Downs Syndrome and Autism, enabling them to integrate more easily and help with everyday life. One of their wonderful dogs will be coming to visit us in November and we can't wait!

Next Friday is a pumpkin/spooky mufti day for the children and there will be pumpkin games and pumpkin cakes to nibble. If each child could donate £1 for wearing mufti and £1 for three counters, this will give them all a go at each of our pumpkin themed games.

DAPA Race Night - Friday 11 November
Please don't forget to get your ticket requests in as soon as possible. Deadline is 19 October. Remember to fill out your food choice/if you want to sponsor a race and your names! It promises to be a great night out at Ashtead Cricket Club - Starters orders at 7.30pm!

Christmas Gifts - Deadline 19 October to complete your forms! £4 for one bag or £10 for three! A lovely memento for all the family! **Victoria Driscoll (DAPA Chair)**



DAPA Pumpkin tea is only a week away! Fun starts Friday 21st October at 3.30pm - entrance via the side gate by the hall!
Spooktastic!

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds