

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



'OUTSTANDING'
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Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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Message from the Head Teacher

What a scorcher it's been for our first full week back! It has meant that outdoor learning, in the shade, has been a constant sight outside.

My week started with a very exciting visit for the Reception children, as they took the bus up to Downsend Prep School for their first swimming lesson. There was an enthusiastic buzz of eager chatter as the children changed in the very smart new refurbished changing rooms. Every child took to the water under the guidance of Jo Langham our swimming teacher and didn't look back. Their smiles, as they left the pool were as big, if not bigger, than the smiles they had before the lesson started. What a fantastic start

Reception! You've made all your teachers so proud.

Yesterday evening, it was wonderful to see so many of you at our Information Evening. I hope you found it informative and were also able to go away with some useful practical ideas of things you can do to support your child at home. If you were unable to attend but would like a copy of the hand outs, please let Sue Wood know and we'll send copies home in your child's book bag.

Next week we see our clubs programme up and running and the children can't wait to try out all the exciting new activities!

Tessa Roberts

Fun in First Steps

First Steps have had a lovely week, settling in to their new surroundings beautifully. We have been reading *Owl Babies* and have already learnt our favourite line "I want my mummy!" Meeting new friends and exploring all the wonderful resources we have in First Steps has made starting school such good fun. The children have especially liked meeting all their new specialist teachers, joining in with the dancing and singing and even beginning a little bit of French!

Stephanie Michael Stratton



Scooter Boards are Grrrreat!



Wheeeeeee.....

Our new scooter boards are a real hit with Rising Reception. Balance and coordination; what a challenge!



Don't Forget

- **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
- **Thurs 29 Sept** - Coffee Morning for parents with children in First Steps 9.00-10.00
- **Fri 30 Sept** - DAPA Macmillan Coffee Morning - venue to be advised 08.45 onwards
- **Sat 1 Oct** - Open Morning at Pre-Prep Ashtead 9.30 (More details to follow next week)



Downsend School

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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

Emma Sweeney

Rising Reception AP

Kamran Haque

Rising Reception SR

Matilda Faure Walker

Reception CH

All the children for a great start in Reception

Reception MP

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Year One

Harry Lee

Minky Suh

Well Done!

Sport on Thursdays

The children in Reception and Year One love Thursday afternoons as a member of the Prep School's Sports Department visits us for a skills session. It's always action packed and keeps the children on their toes! This half term Jo Hawes is taking the lessons. Those girls who attend the Saturday morning sports sessions at the Main Site will recognise Mrs Hawes who leads the girls sport. She has a wealth of experience and this week I captured the Reception children throwing and catching on the spot and Year One practising their jumping and landing techniques.



Tessa Roberts



Events Week Commencing Monday 19 September

Lunch Menu week 3

Mon	15.30-16.30	Football Club Starts
Tues	9.45-11.15 15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30 19.30	Tots in Tune Hockey Club Starts Rising Stars Starts DAPA AGM to be held in School Hall at Ashtead
Wed	15.30-16.30	Rising Stars Starts
Thurs	From 9.00 15.30-16.30	Individual Photographs Construction Club Starts
Fri	15.30-16.30	Yoganory
Sat	9.00	Open Morning Downsend Prep School
Sun	14.00	DPA Fun Day

DAPA Don't forget there are many ways you can get involved on the Committee, and the AGM is an ideal way of meeting other parents across the school. Should you wish to get involved, in any capacity whatsoever, we would be delighted to see you on Tuesday 20th September. Any nominations for the four official functions, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer need to be emailed to Nicola Burger andre_nicola2007@yahoo.co.uk by Monday. We look forward to seeing you there.

Inspiring young minds