

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



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

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### Message from the Head Teacher

What a wonderful week it has been, filled with Harvest Breakfasts. First Steps started our week enjoying breakfast at school and then taking their mums and dads off to the park to collect an array of autumnal treasures. As the week progressed, each of the other year groups entertained their parents with harvest songs and poems which were beautifully performed to the delight of the whole audience. It was such a joy to watch the children participate with such confidence and pleasure. Thank you very much to Mrs Shaw and the class teachers for encouraging and supporting the

children and giving them the opportunity to feel very proud of their achievements. Performing, certainly gave everyone a good appetite and the breakfast of French bread, jam and fruit definitely hit the right spot.

Half term is now upon us and we can all enjoy a short break before the excitement builds for our favourite time of the year. Please remember to pop a very special date in your diary - Wednesday 14 December - for our Christmas Nativity. Have fun over half term and enjoy the break.

**Tessa Roberts**

### Don't Forget

**Half Term**  
**Mon 24 Oct - Fri 4 Nov**

- **Mon 14 Nov** - Rising Reception - Autumn Walk
- **Tues 15 Nov** - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Thurs 17** - PPA Open Morning
- **Thurs 17 Nov** - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Fri 18 Nov** - Open Morning - Downsend Prep School

If you haven't had a chance to visit Downsend Main Site, I would recommend popping along to see the school in action.



**Harvest Celebrations**  
**What a fabulous week!**





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## Thursday PE News

It has been a pleasure to come and teach PE to Reception and Year One on Thursday afternoons throughout the half term. We have reinforced existing fundamental skills and have learnt many new ones which the children can build upon in the future.

In Reception we have been practising sending a ball to a target using an underarm throw. The children have been very successful in building their accuracy and in gaining understanding of what makes their throw successful. They have scored lots of goals and points in game situations and have improved immensely.

In Year One we have progressed from throwing underarm to chest passing and catching. Both are difficult techniques for younger children as they require strength in their passing and fearlessness in their catching. As they have progressed we have played many games such as Cross the River and End Ball, where the objective has been to get the ball to the goal line.

We have had lots of fun and much progress has been made – Well Done to everyone.  
**Jo Hawes (Downsend Prep PE Teacher)**

## Golden Board

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

**First Steps**  
Chessie Ling

**Rising Reception AP**  
Everybody for a lovely Harvest Breakfast

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**Reception CH**  
Alexa Charalambous

**Reception MP**  
Grace Ayling

**Year One**  
George Gale  
Calista James

## Events Week Commencing Monday 7 November

### Lunch Menu week 2

<b>Mon</b>	15.30-16.30	Football Club
<b>Tues</b>	9.45-11.15 15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune Hockey Club Rising Stars
<b>Wed</b>	15.30-16.30	Rising Stars
<b>Thurs</b>	15.30-16.30	Chertsey Toy Museum visits Year One Construction Club
<b>Fri</b>	15.30-16.30 19.30	Yoganory DAPA Race Night

## Charity Pumpkin Day for Woofability

Today has been a perfect day for pumpkins as we had fun raising money for our charity 'Woofability'. The children were thrilled to be coming to school in mufti outfits and their excitement was definitely infectious. The staff joined in with the games and were delighted that there were even a few pumpkin cakes left for them to nibble. The Charity Friends were very busy all day collecting mufti money in the morning and making sure that everyone had an opportunity to play the pumpkin games. The 'Pick a Pumpkin' game was won by Arlo Hunt and Lottie Driscoll and the 'Heaviest Pumpkin' game was won by Felix Green. Congratulations to all our Charity Day winners and thank you to everyone who helped to raise £130 today for 'Woofability'.



**Well Done!**

**Inspiring young minds**