

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



'OUTSTANDING'
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Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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Message from the Head Teacher

Last Friday I was thrilled to be able to shake the hands of the Year One children as they received their responsibility badges. Now that they are at the top of the school and have chosen to join one of the following groups - School Council, Playground Friends, Charity Friends, Tidy Friends or Gardening Friends, Year One are leading the way. We are keen for the children to share the thoughts of all the pupils and these areas of responsibility offer them the

opportunity to make a difference to the school experience of all the children at Pre-Prep Ashtead. Congratulations to Year One and good luck in fulfilling your new roles. This weekend sees our first Family Activity Open Morning of the year. The 'Winnie the Pooh' theme promises to delight our First Steps and Rising Reception children who we are looking forward to seeing on Saturday.

Tessa Roberts

What a Project!



Collaboration has been the name of the game this week in the Playground. The 'Box Project' has really fired up the children's imagination, ingenuity and team work. We have seen explorations under the sea, rockets orbiting the Earth, magical machines and many more captivating ventures. Thank you very much to everyone who provided us with boxes. Who knew that boxes could be so brilliant?



Perfect Pizzas!



This week the children in Reception became Pizza Chefs, as they continued to explore their topic 'The 5 Senses'. The day was filled with numerous opportunities to excite the senses, all whilst getting messy with a hands-on approach. Accidentally, a few of the delicious ingredients were eaten along the way..... who knew learning could be so appetising!

The children first kneaded the dough to make it lovely and smooth. Then a few of them were brave

enough to toss their dough into the air, creating the perfect base. Next, they explored the fresh toppings, passata, mozzarella and basil.

We learnt just how important it is to use fresh ingredients to create the perfect flavour. The smell from the children's creations filled the restaurant as the pizzas cooked in the oven. On Wednesday morning we were told that the pizzas tasted delicious.

Our Reception children not only had a fantastic time but represented our school beautifully.

Max said, "My Pizza was yummy! Can we go back to Pizza Express again today?"

Thank you Pizza Express, Dorking for a fun morning of learning.

Christeen Hill and Melanie Piper



Don't Forget

- **Mon 10 Oct** - Parent/Teacher Interview Appointments available online
- **Wed 12 Oct** - Reception Forest School trip to Ashtead Common



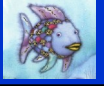
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The Rainbow Fish



Rising Reception have been very busy settling into their new classes.

We have been talking about our summer holidays and reading 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. The story is all about sharing and making friends, just as we have been doing in Rising Reception.

We have also been creating various sea creatures with which to decorate our classrooms. The children had fun curling paper for the octopus' legs, so do come and see our wonderful under the sea displays.

Andrea Powney and Kuni Ito



Golden Board

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

First Steps
Sarah Prior

Rising Reception AP
Ethan Jackson

Rising Reception SR
Tate Bishop

Reception CH
Sofia Fineren

Reception MP
Austin White

Year One
Aliyah Khan
Elisabeth Sachs

Events Week Commencing Monday 3 October Lunch Menu week 2

Mon	15.30-16.30	Football Club
Tues	9.45-11.15 15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune Hockey Club Rising Stars
Wed	15.30-16.30	Year One Forest School trip to Ashtead Common Rising Stars
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Construction Club
Fri	08.45-10.30 15.30-16.30	Welcome Morning at Downsend for Parents with children in Rising Reception. 8.45 for coffee. Yoganory

DAPA - Change of Date

DAPA Race Night has been moved from Friday 7 October to **Friday 11 November** 19.30 - Ashtead Cricket Club

Save the date for some Winning Fun!



Well Done!

Inspiring young minds