

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

The children gave a fabulous performance yesterday and provided the perfect start to our day. They spoke their lines with clarity and confidence, they sang their songs beautifully and the accompanying actions and dances were simply spot on. Not at any point did the children appear phased as they delivered a most polished performance. They were all stars and we are all extremely proud. Well done everybody, children and staff alike.

I'd also like to say a very big thank you to DEPA and parent helpers who worked tirelessly to make last

Saturday's Christmas Fair such a roaring success. It was well attended and had a lovely family atmosphere. Brilliant news too that a record amount was raised.

Christmas is a magical time in schools but particularly so with little ones. Our last week of the term will be fun packed as we continue to pile on the glitter and add more tinsel! Every class will enjoy a party and we shall be treated to Mrs T's festive fair next Wednesday when we all sit down together for Christmas Lunch.

Kay Barrett

Don't Forget!

- After-School Clubs have finished for the term. Next terms Clubs start week beginning 9 Jan
- First Steps non-Wed attendees invited to Christmas Party on Wed 14 Dec. 9.00-10.00
- Term Ends Fri 16 Dec. Please note: no Extended Day
- To book your holiday places at Downsend+ and Downsend Pre-Prep+
- Spring term begins Wed 4 Jan

Born in a Barn



Please visit the Downsend website for full coverage!

Session Confirmation

Parents with children in FS & RR please note, additional sessions requested for January confirmed and staffing in place.

Party Day!

The children are invited to come to school in party clothes next Wednesday. Parents should note that coats and sturdy footwear will be needed for playtimes. Children in Reception and Yr1 will already have their trainers in school. No dressing-up or themed clothes please, thank you.



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Celebration Board

Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special Assembly every week. We congratulated the following children this week.

First Steps
James Kingsley

Rising Reception CC
Jessica Jensen
Sara Meghani

We all looked fantastic in our mummies & daddies shirts

Rising Reception SB/RP
All our donkeys were super

Reception

The whole class for beautiful singing

Year One PM

The whole class for working so hard to remember their lines

Year One AB/JW

The whole class for working so hard to remember their lines

Well Done!

Staff News

Mrs Joanna Wedlake, team teacher with Mrs Annette Burbidge in Yr1, is leaving Epsom at the end of term. Joanna has found it difficult to strike the balance between home and school life and after careful consideration, resigned. I feel sure that parents will want to join school in wishing Joanna and her family well and every happiness for the future. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Clare Bantock will be joining Yr1 in January. Clare has already spent a considerable amount of time in the classrooms with the children and the teachers in preparation for next term. Clare's teaching afternoons in Rising Reception have been taken up by existing part time staff increasing their hours, enabling continuity for the children and staff. Sadly, we also say farewell to music teacher, Miss Naomi Wyatt. We knew that when Naomi joined us in November, it was short term and just to get us through our Concert. We all wish you well for the future Naomi. We welcome Jonathan Bayley, violin specialist and music teacher at Downsend to the team in January. Jonathan has also expressed an interest in running a Music Club at Epsom in September.

Events Week Commencing Monday 12 December 2016

Lunch Menu week 1

Mon		Mrs Conlan in School
Tues		
Wed		Christmas Party Day Christmas Lunch
Thurs		
Fri	3.30	Term Ends. (Late Club as usual)

DEPA's Christmas Fair raised a staggering...



Charity Update

Two collections, one at the Fair and a second at the Church, have amassed a whopping total of £276.21! Thank you everyone for your generosity.
Clare Bantock & Imogen Bowles

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