

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back to school everybody. We hope you all enjoyed a super half term. We've heard some lovely holiday tales from the children who seem to have returned rested and ready for the next stage of the term. Two years ago we introduced the Voice of the Parent programme as a more structured way of collecting feedback on your experience of Downsend School. Thank you again to those of you who took the time to complete the surveys. The findings are invaluable and we continue to make improvements based on your comments. This year's programme

will start on Tuesday 15 November with a short survey about key areas of school. We'd be most grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete it so we are fully aware of your views. Capturing your responses will ensure we make the right progress over time. For parents who joined us this term, it does not make sense for us to send you the survey so soon, but you will get the opportunity to give us your feedback later in the school year when you have had a chance to experience all aspects of the school.

Kay Barrett

First Steps Fly to the Moon!

First Steps have been listening to the story Whatever Next by Jill Murphy where a bear and his picnic fly to the moon. Our 2 and 3 year olds decided to follow suit in their very own space ship! And while First Steps were flying, children in Yr1 went back in time! Please see over to read more...



Don't Forget!

- To make a cracker for the Christmas Fair. Please see DEPA's Countdown to the Fair letter for details
- Festive Fun in First Steps Thurs 1 Dec 9.15. Non-Thursday attendees and parents invited too
- Yr1 to Downsend to see Yr2 Christmas Play Fri 2 Dec 9.30
- Christmas Concert dress rehearsal at St. George's Church for RR, R & Yr1 Wed 7 Dec
- Christmas Concert, St George's Church, Ashted Thurs 8 Dec 10.45

Open Dance Lessons

Parents are welcome to pop in to watch their child's dance lesson on Friday morning. Please arrive a few minutes before the lesson is due to start so that we keep to time, thank you.

- 9.00-9.25 RRSB/RP
- 9.25-9.50 RRCC
- 9.50-10.20 RSB
- 10.30-10.50 FS
- 10.55-11.20 YIAB/JW
- 11.20-11.45 YIPMc



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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. Please see our Celebration Board for details.

First Steps
Evelyn

Rising Reception CC
Anna

Rising Reception SB/RP
Reggie

Reception
Ayaan

Year One PM
Tom

Year One AB/JW
Ella

Well Done!

Welcome!

We are delighted to announce that we have a new Music Teacher. Miss Naomi Wyatt joined us on Monday and we wonder if the children have been talking about their lessons. They were certainly great fun! As our Christmas Concert is now only 4 weeks away, Naomi wasted no time in introducing Christmas Carols and we suspect you'll be hearing them at home too as the children will want to practise their words.

Events Week Commencing Monday 14 November 2016

Lunch Menu week 3

Mon	15.30-16.30	Cookery Club
Tues	14.30-16.30 15.30-16.30	First Steps Parent/Teacher Interviews Football Club
Wed	15.30- 16.30	Forest Club
Thurs	09.30-11.30 18.30-20.30	Open Morning at Pre-Prep Epsom Parent/ Teacher Interviews for all year groups
Fri	09.30-12.00 15.30-16.15	Open Morning at Downsend School Dance Open Lessons (timetable overleaf) Young Engineers Club



Yr I go back in time!

Year I had a visit from Chertsey Museum where they were shown a variety of Victorian and replica toys as part of their topic. The children enjoyed a carousel of activities which included drawing toys, making a thermatrope, sorting toys into various categories and playing with replica Victorian artefacts. The children learnt a lot about the materials used to make toys and were fascinated by the different toys used by both rich and poor children.

A little Reminder from First Steps

Please ensure your child has a named pair of wellington boots and a pair of navy blue or dark waterproof trousers in school. The trousers should be large enough to fit over the school uniform comfortably. We want to maximise time in the outdoor areas and woodland garden and need to be dressed accordingly. Thank you.

Inspiring young minds to create a lifelong passion for learning and discovery