

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

We have welcomed such a lot of lovely visitors this week. Mrs Vanessa Conlan, Head Teacher from January, popped in on Wednesday afternoon. She met children in Lates and Extended Day and spoke with staff. Mrs Conlan will meet parents next week at DEPA's Welcome Evening. Miss Helen Black, Head of Lower School, also visited school this week. Miss Black was wowed by the number of happy, smiley children

greeting her as they arrived to start the day. Seeing it for the first time, Miss Black was impressed with our new look reception and First Steps classroom. Lisele Sloane, our HR Business Partner at Cognita, was also with us this week. Lisele enjoyed a tour of the school and mentioned how well mannered the children were. She loved Mrs Brigden's lunchtime soup too!

Kay Barrett

News from Reception

The children in Reception had such an exciting trip this week. We all went pumpkin picking at Garson's Farm! It was pouring with rain as we boarded our coach to leave Epsom, however, the nearer we got to those huge golden pumpkins, the dryer it became. We were driven to the fields in a trailer pulled by a big smelly tractor. The ride was bumpy and it made us giggle. We chose our pumpkins very carefully because we knew we'd have to carry them back to the tractor and then home by ourselves!

Sharon Butler



Don't Forget!

- Half Term Mon 24 Oct-Fri 4 Nov
- To book your half term holiday provision at Downsend+ and Downsend Pre-Prep+
- Children should wear winter uniform following the half term break

New, Big News!

Parents' Online Booking System

Parents will have received an email today regarding booking appointments with your child's class teacher online. Appointments times are available on Thursday 17 Nov. from 18.30-20.40. Parents with children in First Steps are also offered appointment times on Tuesday 15 Nov. 14.00-16.30. Each appointment is 10 minutes and parent/teacher discussions will take place in the Hall. The whole school will be open on the Thursday evening so please leave enough time to look around the classrooms. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate children during parent/teacher interviews. If you experience any difficulties with the booking system, please let me know.

Lauren Albert



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Charity Day Update

The children had such fun choosing their books at our sale this morning. Many children chose a book for a sibling and a friend too! We would like to thank parents for your generous donations. We raised £79 towards school's charity, Rianna's Fund, and money is still coming in. Well done everybody and thank you.

Imogen Bowles & Clare Bantock

Events Week Commencing Monday 17 October 2016 Lunch Menu week 1

Mon	15.30-16.30	Cookery Club
Tues	15.30-16.30	Football Club
Wed	15.30- 16.30	Forest Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30 18.30-20.30	Gardening Club DEPA's Welcome Evening. School Hall. All parents welcome
Fri	15.30-16.15	Young Engineers Club

Celebration Board

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

First Steps
Veer Gupta

Rising Reception CC
Amy Jiang

Rising Reception SB/RP
Amelia Yu

Reception
Robin Baban

Year One PM
Byron Miller

Year One AB/JW
Tom Brown

We are pretty sure this pumpkin is prize worthy because it's simply enormous! HUGE thanks to the Fry Family for cultivating and delivering it to our school. It has been the source of many an enquiry including, "Is it really real?" and "How did that get there?"



Well Done!

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