

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

This week has simply flown by with either visitors or events in school every day. I would like start my message by saying thank you to parents for sharing your appreciation with us at the parent teacher interviews this week. The staff worked hard to provide detailed progress summaries and next steps guidance for learning and it was rewarding for them to hear your appreciation. It was also good to meet those parents, who for whatever reason, are unable to come to school at drop off or pick up times.

'Tis the season to be absent and we've certainly encountered our fair share of illness this week. Various viruses have struck children and staff alike. May we just remind parents that if your child has a fever or vomiting attack, they must not return to school until 24 or 48 hours has elapsed respectively. We have been focussing on the importance of thorough hand washing, particularly before eating. We would be grateful if parents would reinforce this at home too and thank you for your support.

Kay Barrett

Open Dance Lessons

We delighted our parents as we swayed, twirled and worked our way around the Hall in our Open Dance Lessons this morning. Thank you Miss Vicky for making our lesson such fun and a joy for our parents today.



Don't Forget!

- Mufti Day Thurs 24 Nov in exchange for a luxury bottle for the adult tombola at the Christmas Fair
- 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
- DEPA Christmas Fair Sat 3 Dec 11.00-2.00
- Christmas Concert for children in RR, R & Yr1, St George's Church, Asstead Thurs 8 Dec 10.45
- Christmas Parties Wed 14 Dec. Non-Wed attendees in FS included 9.00-10.00. All parties for children only

Welcome

We welcome Mrs Sarah Shickle to the team. Sarah has joined staff in Extended Day where she assists several afternoons a week. Welcome Sarah! We would like to take this opportunity to confirm that school's complimentary Lates facility is extended to 4.15 each day to help those parents with older siblings at Downsend to manage the journey.



Downsend School

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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
Haris

Rising Reception CC
Rebecca

Rising Reception SB/RP
Stanley

Reception
Leo

Year One PM
Alice N.

Year One AB/JW
Ethan

Well Done!

Events Week Commencing Monday 21 November 2016

Lunch Menu week 1

Mon	15.30-16.30	Mrs Conlan in school today Cookery Club
Tues	15.30-16.15	Football Club
Wed	15.30- 16.15	Forest Club
Thurs		
Fri	15.30-16.15	Young Engineers Club

Monitors in Year One

We encourage all children to be independent in school according to their age and individual ability. When children reach year One, they are grouped and given extra special tasks:

School Council

Alice
Alexandra
Arha
Ethan

Library Monitors

Byron
Dhiren
Dollie
Jackson
Tom

Lunch Monitors

Amber
Amy
Ella
Rayhan

Friendship Monitors

Alejandro
Alice N
Annabel
Aydin
Thomas
Zacharia
Meghani

First School Council Meeting

Last Friday we had our first school council meeting of the year. We started our meeting by talking about all the good things happening in our school. There are lots! We then had a think about any improvements we might like to see. We made a list of things we would like to buy and now have to find out if we can afford them. We met in Mrs Barrett's room, drank sparkling water and ate biscuits. Mrs Barrett took notes and if anyone would like to read the minutes, please ask our teachers.

Lost

Sofia in Reception has lost her black Downsend fleece. Would everyone have a look for it at home over the weekend please? It's named.

First Names Only

During our recent Safeguarding Compliance Meeting, it was recommended that school uses children's first names only on literature posted on the website and in the press. Hence the adjustment when naming children celebrated in our special assembly each week. Do please visit our board with your child to discuss the items on display there.