

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

As the temperature dips there is a definite feel of autumn and all things Harvesty in school. Staff in First Steps are planning their autumn walk in the park with children and parents in a couple of weeks time. Rising Reception have been singing their hearts out in the classrooms, practising their songs to sing to you at their class Harvest Breakfasts. I hear them every morning and they sound adorable. Reception are so excited about their upcoming tractor and trailer ride around the pumpkin fields at Garsons Farm. Every child will be picking a pumpkin to bring

home and parents might like to research some recipes in advance! Year 1 are going to be writing some poems about autumn over the next few weeks. The children will be focusing on gathering imaginative, descriptive words and inspiration when out walking with their teachers next week.

The children's photographs that were taken this week should be ready to view on the Ward Hendry website sometime next week. We shall keep parents informed.

Kay Barrett

Open Morning at Downsend Prep School

Downsend is holding an Open Morning tomorrow. Mr Thorpe will begin his welcome at 9.30. The Open Morning will provide an ideal opportunity for Pre-Prep parents to see the school in action and talk to pupils about life at Downsend School. It will also give parents an indication of the progress children make when they move on from Epsom. Pre-Pre parents are always welcome to attend Open Mornings at Downsend and we look forward to welcoming you there. Do try to join us, especially if you haven't visited before.

News from the children in Year 1

We are learning about ourselves and other animals in Year 1 this term. In science this week we focused on our 5 senses and carried out lots of different experiments using our senses of touch, smell and taste. We smelt garlic, cinnamon and oranges and ate gherkins, lemons and strawberry laces! We recorded our results in tables.

Polly McIntyre



Don't Forget!

- Family Fun Day at Downsend School this Sun 2-4pm. Pre-Prep families welcome too
- Revised date for Reception's Harvest Breakfast Wed 5 Oct 09.10
- Hard copies of information sent home electronically are stored in reception area
- Class registers are taken at 08.55. Thank you for arriving punctually
- FS autumn walk and Harvest Breakfast reply slips must be returned by Fri 30 Sept please



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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
Daniel Wilson

Rising Reception CC
Imogen Bone
Jessica Jensen

Rising Reception SB/RP
Anna Pal

Reception
Harry Collinson

Year One PM
Alice Nicol

Year One AB/JW
Arha Deshpande

Well Done!

Staff News

Sarah Murray has joined us this term to teach French and is in school every Wednesday morning. Even our youngest children in First Steps have a weekly lesson with Madame Murray. Sarah's lessons are carefully planned and differentiated for the variation in ages and abilities. First Steps were responding to *écoutez* and *regardez* this week while children in Year 1 were counting to 10, introducing themselves and replying to *ca va? Fantastique!*

Events Week Commencing Monday 26 September 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	Gardening Club
Fri	15.30-16.15	Young Engineers Club
Sat	09.30-11.30	Open Morning at Downsend Pre-Prep Epsom. If parents know of anyone currently researching schools for children aged 2-13, please tell them to come along and find out what Downsend has to offer.



Senses

Children in Year 1 recorded things they saw, smelt and heard in the playground this week.



Gentle Reminder

As Downsend is holding an Open Morning tomorrow, we ask that parents attending Saturday Morning Sports events park in the lower car park to help ease congestion. Thank you for your assistance.

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