

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from the Head Teacher

Our Harvest Breakfasts begin next week and we start our celebrations with the children in First Steps on Tuesday. The morning will begin with a walk in the park followed by breakfast together in the school's Hall. Would parents please arrive at the normal time and wait in the Hall until everyone is suitably dressed and ready to go. We shall aim to leave for the park at 09.10. Traditionally, families have contributed a

non-perishable food item during Harvest Week and school donates these to a worthy cause on your behalf. This year we would like to take any goods donated to Epsom Food Bank.

Reminder, we are holding an Open Morning tomorrow 09.30-11.30. If parents know of anyone currently researching schools, suggest they come along to hear about Downsend, thank you.

### Christmas Concert

Children in Rising Reception, Reception and Yr1 will be taking part in our Christmas Concert on Thursday 8 December in St George's Church, Ashted. Please note the following revised time of 10.45, rather than 10.15. School has booked a coach to transport the children to and from Ashted. Parents with children in Rising Reception who don't normally have a school lunch on Thursdays may take their children home directly from the church following the Concert. Further details regarding arrangements will be issued next week.

### News from Rising Reception

We have been reading the book Handa's Surprise. The children have talked about the story, painted the animals in it and this week, we looked at all the fruits Handa enjoyed sharing. We tried tasting the more unusual fruits such as guava and passion fruit and then made a fruit salad to take home. We had some wonderful chefs who chopped very carefully. Comments the following day included, "Yummy" and "My Daddy ate mine for his pudding!"

Sandra Bullock



### Don't Forget!

- Reception visit Garson's Farm Wed 12 Oct
- Year 1 Harvest Breakfast Thurs 13 Oct 09.10
- Charity Day Fri 14 Oct. More details next week
- To book half term holiday provision at Downsend+ and Downsend Pre-Prep+
- Half Term Mon 24 Oct-Fri 4 Nov
- Children should wear winter uniform following the half term break



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## 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**  
Maxi Benton

**Rising Reception CC**  
Manya Davis

**Rising Reception SB/RP**  
Grace Zhang

**Reception**  
Ella Waring

**Year One PM**  
Alice Fry

**Year One AB/JW**  
Zacharia Shafique

## Well Done!

## Assistant Director of Education

It was wonderful to join the children and teachers at Pre-Prep Epsom yesterday. I am in a very privileged position to be able to visit schools on a regular basis and see all the great things that happen within their walls. Yesterday was no exception. I was lucky enough to greet children and parents on their way into school with Mrs Barrett. The number of beaming smiles and energetic waves that we both received set the day up wonderfully. Throughout the day, I was able to visit various classes and hear about all the wonderful learning that had been taking place during the day. One of the highlights I will be taking away will undoubtedly be Max's (in Reception class) detailed description of a Spinosaurus. As promised, I did go away and Google the said dinosaur in preparation for my next visit. Many thanks to all the children for sharing their fabulous learning examples with me.

James Carroll, ADE, Cognita Schools

## Events Week Commencing Monday 3 October 2016 Lunch Menu week 2

Mon	15.30-16.30	Cookery Club
Tues	From 08.00 09.10  15.30-16.30	Mr Thorpe in School Children & Parents in FS leave for the park followed by Harvest Breakfast in the Hall Football Club
Wed	09.10 15.30- 16.30	Reception-Harvest Breakfast with parents Forest Club
Thurs	09.10 15.30-16.30	Rising Reception-Harvest Breakfast with parents Gardening Club
Fri	From 08.45  15.30-16.15	Open Morning for parents with children in Rising Reception at Downsend School Young Engineers Club



### Pet Week in First Steps

'Touch' has been the focus in First Steps this week and Harley the rabbit came to school. He was cuddled and squeezed and made a lot of children very happy! The children also handled small dogs and a guinea pig.

Caroline Pain

### School Photographs

Parents should have received their children's photograph order forms this week via the red book bags. We were delighted with the proofs and hope you are too. Please place your orders online with Ward Hendry but do research their latest offers and deals on their website beforehand.

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