

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

What better way to start the day than to be entertained by children singing followed by a little breakfast. It got us all off to a perfect start. I was very proud of both year groups, Rising Reception and Reception this week. They sang beautifully and said their words clearly. The children didn't appear phased in the least when they stood up before a sea of unfamiliar faces. I feel sure that parents felt the same. Both year

groups have certainly grown in confidence since the beginning of term and all were simply delightful. Year 1 will bring our Harvest Assemblies to a close when they celebrate with their parents next Thursday morning. We have been inundated with goods donated for the Epsom Food Bank and I would like to thank parents for your generosity on their behalf.
Kay Barrett

News from First Steps

Armed with clip boards and big smiley faces we set off for the park to look for signs of autumn. Our walk made us very hungry and ready for those yummy warm croissants and juicy fresh fruit on our return! **Caroline Pain**



Christmas Concert

Children in Rising Reception, Reception and Yr1 will be taking part in a Christmas Concert on Thursday 8 December at 10.45, St George's Church, Ashted. The church can accommodate large numbers comfortably so please invite extended family members and friends too. School and Extended Day will resume as usual that afternoon, however, if parents wish to take their children home directly after the concert they may. A form will be coming home after half term for parents to indicate their intentions. This will assist school with catering for lunch and tea that day.

Don't Forget!

- The children in Reception need to arrive promptly next Wednesday. They are due to leave school at 09.00 for their outing to Garson's Farm.
- Parents with children in FS & RR to return additional session request forms by Fri 14 Oct.
- To return reply slips to DEPA's welcome drinks evening Thurs 20 Oct 18.30-20.00 by Fri 14 Oct.
- To book half term holiday provision at Downsend+ and Downsend Pre-Prep+.



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Charity Day

For the benefit of new parents, school's chosen charity is Rianna's Fund. In January 2003 Rianna, just eight years old, died tragically when a tree fell at her school in Surrey. Belief and hope followed and a charity was formed in Rianna's memory. Determined that one life could make many changes, the charity set out to help and support underprivileged children around the world. Next Friday we're holding a little book sale to raise money for Rianna's Fund. Every child is invited to bring £1 to school in a named envelope and the class teachers will help them to buy a book. We already have a small selection but we're hoping that parents might kindly donate some more. The books need to be appropriate for early years and in fair condition. Thanking you all in advance.

Absence Reminder

When a child is absent from school due to illness, school should be informed by telephone or email on the first morning of absence, followed by a letter or email of explanation on return. Thank You.

Events Week Commencing Monday 10 October 2016 Lunch Menu week 3

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| Mon | 15.30-16.30 | Cookery Club |
| Tues | 15.30-16.30 | Football Club |
| Wed | 09.00 15.30- 16.30 | Reception Pumpkin Picking at Garson's Farm Forest Club |
| Thurs | 09.10 15.30-16.30 | Year 1 Harvest Breakfast with parents Gardening Club |
| Fri | 15.30-16.15 | Charity Day 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
Aiden Kim

Rising Reception CC
The whole class for super singing at our Harvest Assembly

Rising Reception SB/RP
The whole class for super singing at our Harvest Assembly

Reception
Sophia Smith

Year One PM
Aydin Meghani

Year One AB/JW
Jackson Comley

First Steps Hunted for Signs of Autumn

We collected leaves, conkers, feathers and anything else we could squeeze into our bags! We loved being out with our family and our teachers.



Well Done!

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