

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at  
Pre-Prep Ashtead

Well, the 'Wriggly Nativity' did not disappoint. It was a triumph! I even caught a few Mums and Dads wriggling in their seats as they enjoyed the show. The children have had such a wonderful time preparing their play and I think we could tell from their faces how much they loved performing for us all. Great job everyone! You have made us all so proud!

This week has been such fun with many Christmas activities taking place in all the classrooms. There are specks of glitter twinkling in every nook and cranny! Mrs McCluskey's Christmas lunch yesterday was

absolutely delicious and nearly everyone tried a brussel sprout! Today Phylly entertained us with the tale of 'Jack Frost and the Spider's Web' and Father Christmas paid us a very special visit. What a brilliant last week of term.

I'd like to say a big THANK YOU to all the staff here at Pre-Prep Ashtead. Their dedication, brilliant enthusiasm and wonderful care has given all the children a fabulous term of learning.

Have a great Christmas everyone and we look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Tessa Roberts

### Don't Forget

- **Mon 19 - Fri 23 Dec** - Downsend + and Pre-Prep + are in action for lots of Festive fun
- **Wed 4 Jan** - Start of the Spring Term
- **Mon 9 Jan** - Clubs start
- **Tues 10 Jan** - Tots in Tune starts back for the Spring Term





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## Golden Board

Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special Assembly every week.

We congratulated the following children today:

### First Steps

All of First Steps for their amazing singing at their 'Jolly Holly Christmas' celebration

**Rising Reception AP**

**Rising Reception SR**

**Reception CH**

**Reception JW**

**Year One**

All of Rising Reception, Reception and Year One for an exceptional Christmas Nativity

## Well Done!

### Spring Term

Please look out in your inbox for your spring term calendar and lunch menus.

## Sports Update

What a super half term of sport at Ashtead Pre-Prep, with fabulous football skills on display from both Reception and Year One classes. We have developed the close control skills of dribbling and passing as well as playing many conditioned games to advance these skills under pressure.



In Reception we have been practising

keeping the ball close to our feet and under control. This involves the children developing their understanding of using different parts of their foot to control the ball. Great concentration skills have been seen from everyone and there has been excellent progress.

In Year One, again we have been looking at close ball control with secure passing to a team mate. We have played lots of conditioned games including 'Wembley' and 'Golden Gates', where the children have worked in teams to score goals.

Alongside the physical skills, we have also developed the attributes of sharing space and equipment, taking our turn, communicating with others and working together. All in all the pupils have had fun and been active whilst learning new skills.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.  
**Jo Hawes (PE Teacher - Downsend Prep)**

## What a Wonderful Winter Surprise!

There were squeals of delight when the children ventured into the playground on Monday morning. Some secret DAPA elves had been to school at the weekend and transformed our outdoor area into a 'Winter Wonderland'. Playtime has been 'the best ever' this week. Thank you to DAPA for arranging this terrific surprise. Santa also says a big 'thank you' to DAPA for helping to fill his sack to the brim with surprises.



Inspiring young minds