

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from the Head Teacher

It was lovely to see so many parents, and hear such positive feedback at parents evening last night. If you were unable to attend, please talk to your class teacher to rearrange a time to hear about your child's progress and to receive their Spring term progress report. Hopefully all of our First Steps parents should now have received their child's progress report too. If you have not received this, please talk to Mrs Simpson when you are next in school.

The children are busy practising and preparing for our Mother's Day assemblies at the moment; they are going to be very special mornings for

all our children and families. Assemblies will take place on Tuesday 21st March with Rising Reception and Reception taking place at 9.10 and then Y1 at 9.35. Assemblies will be in classrooms or the hall. We will let you know where they are on the day.

Thank you to those parents who have given feedback on the proposed colour change to boys blazers for Reception next year. If anyone else has any feedback, please let me know.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

### Don't Forget!

- Term ends on Wednesday 29th March at 4.00pm.
- Get busy with your Easter bonnet making in preparation for our DEPA Easter eggstravaganza!
- Y1 sports event at main site on 23rd March. Details to follow.

### Goodbye

We will be saying goodbye to Martin Firmo, our football club coach, at the end of term. Martin has been coaching children at Pre-Prep Epsom for 17 years! He will be greatly missed.

### Performing arts club

It has been an absolute pleasure teaching Performing Arts club this term! On our first lesson we sat down and the children decided what they wanted to do. It was agreed that they wanted to learn a song and a dance from the hit musical Shrek. Since our first lesson I have seen the confidence in each and every child grow and grow! We are very nearly ready to show the school and the mummies and daddies what we have been doing and the new skills that the children have learnt. I am extremely proud of each and every one of them and what they have achieved in this term in Performing Arts Club.

Miss Amy Watson



### Uniform spares

Our spare uniform stocks are running very low. If you have had any of our spare clothes or underwear, please can you return them. If you have any spares that you are able to donate, particularly socks or tights which we are very low in, we would be very grateful. Thank you.



## 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:

**First Steps**  
Zoe

**RRCC**  
Dominic

**RRSB/RP**  
Lavannah

**Reception**  
Summer

**Y1 PM**  
Amy

**Y1 CB/AB**  
Rayhan

## Well Done!



Our school charity this year is Rianna's Fund and everyone has worked hard to raise funds for this very worthwhile charity. However, we feel we would also like to support Red Nose Day this year and would like to get the children involved in 'Doing Something Funny for Money'. Children are invited to wear a red nose to school (normal uniform for the day) and donate some money, but we would also love it they could learn a joke to tell their friends in school on Red Nose Day—Friday 24th March. Classes will be able to vote for the funniest jokes in their class and then we will have a whole school assembly to hear the funniest jokes.

### Events Week Commencing Monday 13th March

#### Lunch Menu week 1

<b>Mon</b>	3.30—4.30	Performing arts club
<b>Tues</b>	3.30—4.30	Football club
<b>Wed</b>	3.30—4.30 2.45—3.15	Forest club First Steps parents meeting Mrs Carruthers
<b>Thurs</b>	3.30—4.30 7.30	Cookery club DEPA quiz evening
<b>Fri</b>	3.30—4.30	Engineering club

#### School Uniform

I have been looking at uniform very carefully since I started and I have noticed that uniform is not always in line with Downsend expectations. Next term there will be a very high focus on uniform to ensure that expectations are being fully met.

Particular concerns I have noted are:

- Some children in our younger year groups not having a black Downsend coat
- Girls hair: hair should be tied back neatly to keep it off the face and out of the eyes.
- Boys hair: boys hair should be off the collar, out of the eyes and should not cover the ears. No pupil should wear gel in their hair.

If uniform is not correct, you can expect for a member of staff to raise it with you.