

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

We have had a super British Science week in school this week. The children have been planning, predicting, observing, testing, measuring and recording. They have been looking at how colours change when they are mixed, what happens to flowers when they are put in coloured water, what the best way to clean a coin is, what is needed to make the best paper aeroplane, how a rocket launches, how ingredients change when they are mixed and cooked and how wind can move objects! These are only a few of the activities that have taken place. Everyone has had a thoroughly enjoyable week. A huge thank you to all the staff for providing such exciting experiences for our children.

From after Easter, we will only be providing alternative lunches for children who have specific medical or religious reasons for being unable to eat certain foods. We will of course continue to provide an alternative for vegetarians also. Mrs T cooks healthy, nutritionally balanced meals for our children as we need to ensure we are supporting their healthy growth and development, enabling them to learn effectively. I don't feel it is in the children's best interests in the long term to only provide them with food they like and are used to, I feel they should be exposed to and encouraged to eat a wider range of foods for their future health and well-being.

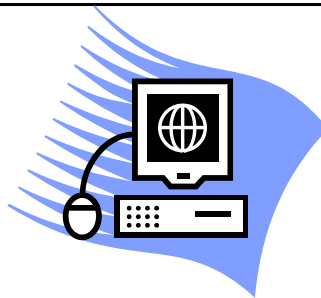
Mrs Vanessa Conlan

Don't Forget!

- Girls hair must be tied back every day please.
- The Spring term finishes on Wednesday 29th March at the usual time with lates extending until 4pm. No extended day.
- Get your Easter bonnets ready for Tuesday 28th March and the DEPA Easter Eggstravaganza!
- Practise your jokes for Red Nose Day

School website

On Monday, the new Downsend website will go live. The change has been brought about as all Cognita school websites have been moving across to a new platform, making them easy to amend and administer. We are the penultimate school to make this move, which tells you something about the fact that our current website was, in many ways, very effective. With this in mind, you will not see significant changes, although the pictures are even newer, some aspects such as Prep-Prep navigation are easier to negotiate and there is a more user-friendly set of Parent Portals. Access details for the password protected parts of the portal remain the same. Please ask Lauren if you need a reminder. We hope you like the new site.



School Uniform

As explained last week, there will be a very high focus on uniform next term to ensure that Downsend expectations are being fully met.

Among the particular concerns are:

- Children in our younger year groups not having a black Downsend coat (this will be expected for all from September, I do not expect parents to buy a new coat now)
- 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.
- Different makes of tunics and cardigans—they should all be from Lester Bowden.



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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
Max

RR SB/RP
Luca

RRCC
Imogen

Reception
Leo

Y1 PM
Dollie

Y1 CB/AB
Tom B



SCIENCE WEEK



Events Week Commencing Monday 20th March Lunch Menu week 2

Mon	3.30—4.30	Performing arts club
Tues	Morning 9.10 9.35 3.30—4.30	Mr Thorpe in school RR and R Mother's day assemblies Y1 Mother's day assemblies Last football club
Wed	3.30—4.30	Last forest club
Thurs	2.00 3.30—4.30	Y1 sports afternoon at main site Last cookery club
Fri	All day 3.30—4.30	RED NOSE DAY (uniform as usual) Last engineering club

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds