

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

It has been a busy, exciting week here! Monday started with the beautiful sunshine and First Steps and Rising Reception enjoying a full afternoon in the woodland garden playing in the mud pit and making the most of the new equipment in the playhouse. A fire engine visited on Thursday as part of Rising Reception's work on 'f' this week. Reception have built their own space station in their classroom and Y1 have had a fantastic trip to Michelham Priory today to experience life in Victorian times. I feel exhausted just thinking about the fun and learning that has taken place this week.

Last night I held my first parents meeting to share my vision and plans for the school moving forward and I look forward to seeing many more of you on Monday morning at 9am. I will share information from these meetings in the newsletter next week, but will also send out the slides I used via Schoolcomms on Tuesday for any parents who are unable to attend either meeting.

Parents evening is coming up on 9th March for RR, R and Y1 parents, with things being slightly different for First Steps as explained this term. All parents will receive a written progress report this term also. Busy times!
Mrs Vanessa Conlan

Don't Forget!

- Parents meeting on Monday morning at 9.00am in the school hall to hear Mrs Conlan's vision and plans for the school
- Thursday is World Book Day. Children are invited to come dressed as witches, wizards or magical creatures
- Make sure you have signed up for a parents evening appointment (RR, Reception and Y1 only)



Pyjama and torch day

What an exciting morning Rising Reception had at the end of last half term as part of their Night and Day topic.

The children arrived dressed in their pyjamas to find that it was still night time in the classrooms and they had to use torches to see! After dancing with their teddies it was time for a story and a sleep, waking in time for a delicious breakfast of toast and jam. Then the children all brushed their teeth thoroughly and then got dressed into their school uniforms.

It was a lot of fun!



Help needed from everyone...

I have received a number of complaints from our local residents recently regarding inconsiderate parking. I do understand our location is tricky, but must request that parents please take more thought over where they park. Ideally, no parents should be parking on Norman Avenue at all, and even on Denham Road need to be very aware of driveways and access. Please park in Windmill Lane and walk alongside the park to get to school to ease congestion and neighbourly relations.



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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
Harriet

RRCC
Manya

RR SB/RP
Reggie

Reception
Robin

Y1 PM
Dhiren

Y1 CB/AB
Ethan

Life in First Steps this week

We are all extremely proud of how well the First Steps children have settled this week, coming back into school after half term with no Mrs Pain. Mrs Simpson and the team have worked really hard to provide an exciting environment for the children so that the transition for them has been seamless. We have also welcomed Mrs Jackson to the First Steps team this week and the children have instantly warmed to her as we knew they would as she is another fantastic practitioner. The new home corner equipment has been extremely well received by the children. It is often a hive of activity with the cooking, washing and tea parties taking place! A wonderful start back for our youngest children.



Events Week Commencing Monday 27th February Lunch Menu week 2

Mon	All day 9.00am 3.30—4.30	Mrs Parmar out on an Educational Visits course Parents meeting to share vision and plans for the school Performing arts club
Tues	Morning Afternoon 3.30	Mr Thorpe in school Reception and Y1 open swim at the Prep School Football club
Wed	3.30	Forest club
Thurs	All day 3.30—4.30	WORLD BOOK DAY—come dressed as witches, wizards or magical creatures Cookery club
Fri	2.00 3.30—4.30	First Steps new starters tea (April starters) Engineering club
Sat	9.30—11.30	Open morning

Well Done!

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