

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

I am continuing to collect information about all elements of life at Downsend Pre-Prep Epsom and look forward to sharing my plans to move the school forward on Thursday 23rd February at 7pm or Monday 27th February at 9am. I have been fortunate to talk to, and receive information from many parents regarding their ideas. If you would like to share any ideas with me, please do so either when you see me at the start or end of the day, or please make an appointment via the office with Mrs Albert to come and meet with me.

Mrs Albert and I are currently researching the options for after school clubs for Rising Reception in the Summer term. It is our intention that we will have 2 clubs for Rising Reception in the summer term, and then increase our club offering from September to 2 clubs a day including all years from Rising Reception to Y1. We will have confirmed clubs for the Autumn term by the time we give out September session requests for First Steps children moving up to Rising Reception as this may influence the days/sessions you would like.

Don't Forget!

- Please keep on sending in your Sainsbury's vouchers
- After 4pm if you are trying to contact the school, please call the extended day mobile (number on the back of the newsletter)
- We break up for half term on Friday 10th February—extended day continues as usual
- Y1 parents open evening at the Prep School next Wednesday at 6.30pm



Rianna's Fund
One life, many changes

Thank you for all your support and generous donations. We raised £101 on Mufti Day last Friday which brings our total this year to £483.07. This includes the Charity Christmas stall, Christmas Concert, book fair and mufti day.

Rianna's fund is a local charity supporting schools in Kenya, Uganda and India. Our money is much appreciated to enable them to build and fund schools.

Clare Bantock & Imogen Bowles

Parent

Will we be supporting the governments move to provide 30 hours of funded childcare a week?

I attended a heads meeting yesterday where this was discussed. Cognita will give guidance, to schools on this soon but it will be up to headteachers to make the final decision for their school taking into consideration lo-



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Celebration

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

Isabel

RRCC

Sara

RR SB/RP

Lavinia

Reception

Ayaan

Y1 PM

Alice N

Well Done!



Administration of medication in school

As the result of our new 'Administration of Medication' policy in school, we are now able to administer Calpol/ infant liquid paracetamol to children in school under parent direction in exactly the same way we administer prescribed medication. We understand that sometimes children may be slightly under the weather, or have a slightly raised temperature but they are still well enough to be in school. If you have given a dose of Calpol in the morning and would like a second one administered in the afternoon while they are in school, as long as a form is completed with a time and dose clearly stated and the medicine

Events Week Commencing Monday 6th February

Lunch Menu week 3

Mon	3.30—4.30	Performing arts club
Tues	3.30—4.30	SAFER INTERNET DAY Football club
Wed	All day 3.30—4.30 6.30pm	Mrs Butler out of school on a safeguarding course Forest club Y1 parents open evening at the Prep School
Thurs	9.30—11.45 3.30—4.30	Y1 to the Prep School for forest schools Cookery club
Fri		Rising Reception pyjama and torch day
	3.30—4.30	Engineering club Y1 houses and homes FINISH FOR HALF TERM



Following Y1's visit to St Martin's church this week, they have been making their own stained glass windows. They explained to me that the windows had different pictures to tell stories and different symbols such as candles and doves to represent different parts of the Christian religion. They had clearly enjoyed their visit and learnt a great deal.