

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

Not much from me today! It's been such a busy week, there isn't much space left.

Every 3 weeks I meet with Mr Thorpe, Mrs Brooks and Mrs Roberts, the other 3 Downsend Headteachers, to discuss consistency across our schools. This week we spent a lot of time talking about uniform and the need to smarten up in some year groups across all 4 schools. We also discussed uniform with the old black dog logo and agreed that from September, this will no longer be acceptable as

current uniform. We also discussed the possibility of Reception and Year 1 boys having black blazers from September as they do from Year 2 at the Prep School. If we moved forwards with this, there would be a grace year as families currently in reception moving to Year 1 would not be expected to buy a new black blazer until Year 2. All boys in Reception would be expected to have a black blazer. What are your thoughts on this? Let me know and I will feed back.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

Don't Forget!

- We are still collecting Sainsburys vouchers, thank you for your contributions so far
- Parents evening is on Thursday for RR, R and Y1
- Please bring your child into Early Birds and sign them in, don't just drop them at the door. Thank you.

Michelham Priory

Last Friday, the Year one children became time travellers and were transported through the Tudor and Victorian times. The children became rich Tudors and experienced a feast and then poor servants who had to grind spices. After lunch the children became Victorians and were dressed as servants and maids. The children participated in a variety of hands on activities including washing clothes with a 'dolly' and 'posser', grinding spices with a pestle and mortar, using butter pats to shape butter into cubes and exploring toys from the past. The children visited various rooms of the house and they even discovered a secret door in the medieval dining room! They also explored a variety of artefacts such as chamber pots, bed heaters, butter churns and irons. The trip provided an excellent end to our learning about homes in the past and it was a thoroughly enjoyable and educational outing. The staff at Michelham Priory were very impressed with the children's behaviour and their level of questioning and understanding.

Mrs Burbidge



Clubs

Clubs letters for the Summer term should come home next week. We have 3 additional clubs starting next term, including 2 clubs for Rising Reception.

30 hours?

I wrote in the newsletter a few weeks ago about the Government scheme to provide 30 hours of free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds from September and the 3 options we had as a school/group of schools. A decision has now been reached and the Downsend Pre-Preps will be maintaining their current offering of 15 hours a week rather than increasing to 30.



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A fun packed week

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
Alexia

RR SB/RP
Whole class

RR CC
Anna R

Reception
Harry

Y1 CB/AB
Ethan

Y1 PM
Dhiren



Events Week Commencing Monday 6th March

Lunch Menu week 3

Mon 6th	3.30pm	Performing arts club
Tues 7th	3.30pm	Football club
Wed 8th	3.30	Forest club
Thurs 9th	Morning	Planetarium in school to launch science week
	3.30	Cookery club
	7.00pm	Parents evening for RR, R and Y1
Fri 10th	3.30	Engineering club

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds