

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



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Message from the Head Teacher

What a brilliant way to end a wonderful half term! I thought I'd seen some crazy hair styles but today I was blown away by all your creativity. Thank you so much for entering into the spirit of our charity day and for raising £125 for 'Woofability'.

Over the last few weeks the classrooms have been humming with industrious endeavour and we have seen the children tackle their learning with enthusiasm and determination. Last Friday, we had a visit from our Assistant Director of Education, James Carroll, who spent

time in each of the classrooms and outside watching the children at work. He was amazed at the breadth and quality of language he heard both in First Steps and Rising Reception. Mr Carroll also found the Numeracy lessons in Reception and Year One really engaging and he was delighted to see the children tackling their learning independently and with such confidence. We were all thrilled with this wonderful feedback. On this positive note, I'd like to wish everyone a very happy and fun filled half term break.

Tessa Roberts

Forest School



Year One had a ball at the Main Site yesterday with Jay Bristow. They hunted for a variety of natural objects and then had great fun making a home for their rock buddy. The children were bursting to tell us their adventures on their return to school.

Fabulous Fun in First Steps

In First Steps this half term we have enjoyed looking at a mixture of colours and numbers. We started the term off with number 1 and the colour red, then 2 and blue, finishing this week with No 5 and looking at how we can mix colours to make new ones.

The highlights of our 5 weeks have been our rainbow fish and rainbow scarves, now hanging around our classroom and making everything look really colourful. The speckled frog puppets all jumped into the cool pool in week 3 and our sausages sizzled in the pans during week 4.

We have delved into and explored jelly, straw and yellow gloop as well as sampling tasty kiwi cup-cakes.

The finale of the week has been those naughty monkeys jumping on our beds, each child making their own bouncing model to keep them busy over half term.

Julie James



Don't Forget

Mon 27 Feb - Year One visit Ashtead Library

Tues 28 Feb - Pancake Day

Thurs 2 March - World Book Day. Children and staff dress as book characters

Fairy Tales and Fables drama workshop for Reception and Year One.

Fri 3 March - Open Morning at Downsend Prep School - 9.15

Sat 4 March - Open Morning at Pre-Prep Ashtead - 9.30



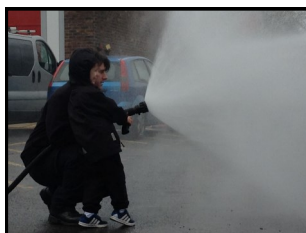
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Fire Fighting Fun

Look out Ashtead! There are some new fire-fighters on the watch...our Reception class of Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead! Please don't let their size fool you. They may be small but they showed that they were tough, demonstrating their fantastic fire fighting knowledge and rescue skills with a hose. What a fun way to bring our 'people who help us' topic to a close. Thank you Leatherhead Fire station for having us! **Christeen Hill and Melanie Piper**



Events Week Commencing Monday 20 February

Lunch Menu week 1

Mon	12.00 15.30-16.30	Parent/Teacher Interviews - bookings available online from midday Football Club
Tues	9.45 15.40-16.10	Tots in Tune Spanish Club
Wed	15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30	Rising Stars Club Science Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30	DAPA 'Phil' the Bag collection Storyworld Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Reception visit Polka Theatre - The Giant Jam Sandwich Yoganory Club



Please bring your textiles for recycling to school on Thursday 23 February at drop off. The class that collects the most may have a treat in store!

Golden Board

Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special Assembly every week. We congratulated the following children today:

First Steps
Freddie Watson

Rising Reception AP
Robert Pugh

Rising Reception SR
Jacob Nendick

Reception CH
Alexa Charalambous

Reception MP
Toby Harriman

Year One
Minky Suh
Edward Ventris

Active Kids Vouchers

You may have noticed a collecting box which has appeared in the porch for Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. In previous years we have supported this scheme and the vouchers collected have enabled the school to purchase new bikes and play equipment for our outdoor area. The scheme runs until 2 May. If you collect these vouchers when shopping, please don't forget to pop them in our box. Thank you.



Well Done!

Inspiring young minds