

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**

**SIS Inspection 2014-2015**

Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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### Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back after a lovely sunny Easter break. Everyone returned to school on Wednesday looking refreshed and ready for the final term. I love this stage of the year as I enjoy seeing our confident children thriving in their surroundings. 'Light bulb' moments seem to occur on a daily basis, often when they are least expected! The summer term is tailor-made for some wonderful outside learning. No doubt you will spot examples in this newsletter as it has started to happen already!

In my assembly this week we went on a treasure hunt and discovered that this half-term's Golden Star awards would be for children who are 'Learning Detectives'. I've challenged the children with the task of learning something new. Many of them told me the things they would most like to achieve so the teachers are now on the look out for children who can identify something new that they have learnt. Good Luck Everyone!

**Tessa Roberts**

### What an entrance!



Over the Easter break our Buildings Team have been really busy refurbishing our entrance area. They have done a great job and I know you agree as I have received so many positive comments about the changes. I will make sure that I pass on your kind words. Thank you.



### Marvellous Minibeasts

Rising Reception have been outside exploring and on the hunt for 'Minibeasts'. They looked here and they looked there. In fact they looked EVERYWHERE!

The children started in the mud and found some interesting specimens before moving on to the logs. When the logs were turned over, the children were amazed to see lots of little creatures scuttling away looking for shelter. Suddenly they spotted a snail stuck to the log! It's one foot went all wiggly when it was picked up but with a little patience the snail popped out it's head to say 'Hello'. What a great learning adventure was had by all.



**Sally Rose and Andrea Powney**

### Don't Forget

- **Mon 1 May** - School Closed: Bank Holiday
- **Thurs 4 May** - Year One visit RHS Wisley
- **Fri 5 May** - Downsend School Open Morning 9.15
- **Sat 6 May** - Downsend School Pre-Prep Ashtead Celebration of the Year and Open Afternoon 14.00-16.00



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# It's great to be back!



## Events Week Commencing Monday 24 April Lunch Menu week 2

<b>Mon</b>	15.30 - 16.30	Living Eggs arrive in School Swimming Lessons begin Football Club begins
<b>Tues</b>	9.45 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune begins Craft Club begins
<b>Wed</b>	15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30	Reception Forest School Trip to Ashted Common Rising Stars Club begins Forest School Club begins
<b>Thurs</b>	15.30-16.30	Science Club
<b>Fri</b>	15.30-16.30	Yoganory Club

## Golden Board

Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special Assembly every week.

We are really looking forward to seeing whose wonderful contributions will be on our board this term

Golden Board celebrations will begin next week.

## Well Done!

## Lets Celebrate!

Today you will have received an invitation to our 'Celebration of the Year' which will take place on Saturday 6 May between 14.00-16.00. Our Science theme will have you all bubbling with excitement so we do hope you are able to come along and join in the fun. Please could you let Mary know if you are able to attend by emailing her at [ashtead-pre-prep@downsend.co.uk](mailto:ashtead-pre-prep@downsend.co.uk)

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Nearly New  
**SALE**

Profits go to NCT Charity

**NEARLY NEW SALE 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017 - DOWNSEND SCHOOL, LEATHERHEAD**

Come and sell your children's old (but good condition) toys and clothes and help support the NCT – tables cost £20 and you keep all your profits!

Start time 10:30am – 12:30pm.  
Volunteers and NCT members get priority entrance. Entrance costs £1 per person.

For more information and to buy a table please visit [www.nct.org.uk/branches/leatherhead-district/nearly-new-sales](http://www.nct.org.uk/branches/leatherhead-district/nearly-new-sales)

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