

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**

**SIS Inspection 2014-2015**

Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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### Message from the Head Teacher

Our Easter break is nearly here and I can hardly believe it! This term has been action packed and we have loved every minute. We have seen such a change in each child and the progress that they have made, never ceases to amaze us.

This Sunday is Mother's Day and some very special people will hopefully be spoilt all day! Visiting the different classrooms, I have seen many enthusiastic children putting together some brilliant creations. I have a feeling that Ashtead will be full of surprises this weekend!

Bethan Fogell from St George's Church visited us this week. In her wonderfully sensitive manner, she explained the meaning of the Easter celebrations. The children were captivated by her storytelling and were fascinated to hear why we associate chocolate eggs, bunnies and hot cross buns with Easter.

Next week, we are looking forward to our Easter Hat parade and the chance of an Easter egg hunt. I hope that bunny is not too busy!

**Tessa Roberts**

### Easter Songs



Thank you to St George's Church for inviting us to sing at their café this morning. It was great to see so many parents supporting the invitation and also to see the children singing their Easter songs with such enthusiasm. Thank you Mrs Shaw for all your hard work. We loved it!

### Spectacular Sports

The excitement level was high yesterday as our children in Year One joined the other Pre-Preps at the Main Site for an afternoon of Sport. The Downsend Sports Staff were out in force and ran the mini tournaments with great enthusiasm. I would like to thank Mrs Catlow for organising the whole event. The children had a great time meeting future classmates, experiencing sport at the main site and having a delicious pizza tea whilst getting to know new friends.



### Don't Forget

**Next week we will be ready for some Easter fun.**

Please remember our Easter hat competition next Wednesday.

**29 March - End of Term**

**19 April - Summer Term begins**

**Downsend Pre-Prep+ and Downsend+ will be running from March 30 - April 13**



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### 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**  
Weitong Feng

**Rising Reception AP**  
Kamran Haque

**Rising Reception SR**  
Tate Bishop

**Reception CH**  
Elyssa Friend

**Reception MP**  
Grace Ayling

**Year One**  
Rory Stinton  
Harry Lee

### Well Done!

## DAPA St Patrick's Day Quiz

From Leprechaun Lotto to Lucky potatoes - we're sure everyone who attended our St Patrick's Day Quiz Night would agree that it was a good Craic! Our crock of gold was won by the Quizzzy Rascals (aka the Teachers!) We had a fantastic turnout and managed to raise over £600 - which is brilliant news! Many thanks from your DAPA team x



### Spring has Sprung!

This week the children in Reception went on a woodland adventure with Jay Bristow. Although a little wet and windy, our spirits were high, especially with a cup of hot chocolate in hand.



We had great fun as we discovered and experienced



first-hand the many signs of spring from blooming plants to small creatures. Thank you Forest School. We can't wait for our next trip!

**Christeen Hill and Melanie Piper**

### Events Week Commencing Monday 27 March

#### Lunch Menu week 3

Mon		Last Swimming Lesson
Tues	9.45	Last Tots in Tune
Wed	15.30	Easter Hat Competition Easter Egg Hunt Term Ends - No Extended Day

### Notice to Leave Downsend

We should like to remind Parents that if you are leaving Downsend at the end of the summer term, notice must be given before the first day of next term, i.e. no later than Wednesday 19 April. Where parents have not given a term's written notice, fees in lieu of notice will be applicable. To avoid missing this deadline, you may find it more convenient to give notice by Wednesday 29 March, the last day of the spring term. Notice should be in writing and addressed to and received by the Head personally or the Business Manager, on the Head's behalf. It is expected that parents will consult with the Head before giving notice to withdraw a pupil. Full Terms & Conditions are available to view on the Parent Portal section of the website.

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