

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

What an egg-citing week it's been! On Monday we took delivery of an incubator containing 10 warm eggs, already 19 days into their incubation period. On Wednesday we arrived into school to find our first egg had hatched! Great excitement continued throughout the rest of the week as 8 other eggs hatched—some during the quiet of the night, but some during the day so the children could them hatching. The eggs/chicks are based in the Reception classroom but all the children have had the opportunity to visit them as the week has progressed. The chicks will be staying with us in school next week, but after that will be going home for some peace and quiet!

Our after school clubs have all started this week. Rising Reception now have a choice of Ready Steady Go Kids and arts and crafts as after school clubs and seemed to really enjoy themselves. We also had a new tennis club start for Reception and Year 1 this week, and Mrs Bullock restarted gardening club also, with all children at these clubs thoroughly enjoying the experiences the clubs offered as well. It was a shame that ballet, cooking and mini crickets needed to be cancelled this term due to low numbers, but we will keep on looking for new clubs that excite the children and continue to develop their talents and interests ready for September.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

Don't Forget!

- Please check you have the right uniform at home. A coat has gone missing and we think it may have been taken home by someone else by mistake
- Children who are extending the morning session by staying for lunch should be picked up at 1.30pm please. Staff will bring the children to the front door at 1.30pm to meet you.

Fun in First Steps!

We have been having so much fun in First Steps learning about our new topic, Under the Sea. We have enjoyed taking part in lots of craft activities such as making jelly fish using paper plates and painting puffer fish with forks. We have spent a lot of time outside, exploring and planting in our woodland garden and taking part in messy play! In music, the children have been relating musical sounds to different animals and exploring how to move around like under the sea creatures.



DEPA news

Next coffee morning
Friday 12th May 9am

Please see DEPA noticeboard at the bottom of the stairs for more info

Curriculum feedback

What are your thoughts on the new format for curriculum information that has been shared with you? We would love your feedback so we can make improvements for the future.



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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
Sophia

RR SB/RP
Freddie

RRCC
Amy

Reception
Summer

Y1 PM
Alice F

Y1 CB/AB
Ella

Well Done!

Class photos on TUESDAY

Everyone in First Steps is invited in on Tuesday morning at 9am for the class photo. Children should be in full uniform and parents need to stay with children who do not usually attend on a Tuesday. There is no capacity for additional children for the full morning/day on Tuesday.



Rising Reception should be in full summer uniform.

Reception and Year 1 children need to come to school on Tuesday in full summer uniform including blazers—NOT PE KIT as usual for a Tuesday. They will still be swimming on Tuesday afternoon so need swimming kit but for this week will get changed for swimming from their uniform.

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Events Week Commencing Monday 1st May Lunch Menu week 3

Mon	ALL DAY	BANK HOLIDAY (no school!)
Tues	ALL DAY 3.30—4.30 3.30—4.30	Ward Hendry class photos and Y1 Celebrity Square photos Ready Steady Go Kids club Tennis club
Wed	3.30—4.30 3.30—4.30	Arts and crafts club Forest schools club
Thurs	ALL DAY	Mrs Conlan out of school—HT meeting
Fri	ALL DAY	Mrs Conlan out of school—HT meeting

Inspiring young minds