

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

We have really enjoyed seeing our families in school this week at lunchtime. I hope all parents and grandparents that have visited enjoyed their lunch with us. A huge thank you once again to everyone for your patience and understanding. As I explained during your visits, although the lunch hall has been noisier than usual this week, you have seen us in 'normal service'. I'm sure you will join me in extending thanks to Mrs T for all her additional work this week. We all love Mrs T's cooking, I'm sure you can see why now!

We have also welcomed our Reception Grandparents into school this afternoon which I know our children have been very excited about. I hope all our Grandparents enjoyed their visit. The wet weather hasn't put us off

using our outside space this week. Yesterday First Steps children went on a jungle expedition to see what animals they could see through their binoculars. Today Rising Reception donned their waterproof trousers and jackets to go out and look for minibeasts, Reception and Year 1 had great fun testing out the new play equipment and First Steps have also been outside in the gazebo using the large construction equipment—luckily this area is covered! The school continues to develop the outdoor spaces and the fantastic work that Mrs Bradley started. Our vegetables are growing quickly now and our apple trees are looking very happy in their new home. By the end of term we hope to be eating home grown fruit and vegetables. Yummy.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

Don't Forget!

- Please check if you have any Sainsburys vouchers at home. Stores are no longer giving them out—we are busy counting all the vouchers we have. I will share the total after half term and also what we are using them for.

Parent Questionnaire

Please remember to complete your parent questionnaire if you have not already done so. Your feedback is really important to us. A huge thank you to those parents who have already completed the questionnaire. The responses so far are overwhelmingly supportive. There are some emerging trends for action which I am already thinking about how to address. Once the survey window has closed I will share feedback, trends and patterns as well as the actions we will be taking to make improvements in the identified areas.

Y1 are learning about plants

The Year One children had a fabulous day at Wisley last Friday.

You will be proud to hear that they were a credit to you and the school.

Some quotes when asked what they enjoyed:

Tom C: "Seeing all the flowers, going into the glasshouse and having lunch."

Dollie: "Going into the playground."

Tom B: "Den making."

Alexandra: "Everything."

Ella: "Everything."

Jackson: "When the duck stole Alejandro's sandwich!"

Arha: "Lunchtime."

Alice N: "I liked looking at the flowers."

We had lots of fun and learnt a lot about plants too!

Mrs Bantock





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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
Harris C

RR SB/RP
Honey

RRCC
Jessica

Reception
Ella

Y1 PM
Thomas

Y1 CB/AB
Arha

Well Done!

Our new equipment



Thank you to DEPA for our new tunnel net and weather station. We are going to have lots of fun and learn lots!



Jungle Explorers



Snail Racing

Events Week Commencing Monday 22nd May

Lunch Menu week 3

Mon		
Tues	am 3.30—4.30 3.30—4.30	Rising Reception minibeast hunt LAST Tennis club Ready, Steady Go Kids
Wed	3.30—4.30 3.30—4.30	Arts and crafts club Forest club
Thurs	Lunchtime 3.30—4.30	Reception parents lunch LAST Gardening club
Fri	All day 3.30—4.30	Mrs Burbidge not in school Engineering club BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

Inspiring young minds