

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**

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### Message from the Head Teacher

What a wonderful afternoon we had last Saturday for our 'Celebration of the Year'. The school was buzzing with excited chatter and it was lovely to see so many children proudly showing off their classrooms to their parents and grandparents. The Science theme was great fun and Jack, who led the Genie Lab workshops, thought the atmosphere

was brilliant. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along.

This half term is whizzing along with our Sports events on the horizon. First Steps will start us off next week with their Jungle themed sports morning. On your marks. Get set. Go!

**Tessa Roberts**

### Teamwork



Art Attack! This week Year One were set an enormous challenge as part of their 'Treemendous' Tree topic.

The children were given access to a variety of resources and through discussion and cooperation with their peers, they produced this amazing tree design.



### Don't Forget

**Fri 26 May** - Sports Morning for Rising Reception, Reception & Year One at Downsend 11.00am  
Picnic Lunch afterwards at Pre-Prep Ashtead

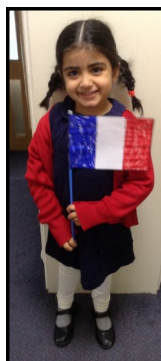
### Fabuleuse Journée Française!



Bonjour! Pre-Prep Ashtead was an array of bleu, blanc et rouge on Tuesday as we celebrated French Day. Wonderful outfits complete with berets, moustaches and even a baguette skipped in through the front door!

We started our day with a very enthusiastic, 'Bonjour Tout le Monde,' song from the children and they learnt a little bit about French culture in our assembly. Did you know that there are over 500 different types of cheese in France? The children were glad that 'les escargots' and 'les cuisses de grenouilles' were off the lunch menu but gladly tucked into croissants and pain au chocolats served by some of our Year 8s in our alfresco French café. The children showed off some of their spoken French and remembered their manners with, s'il vous plait and merci. Bravo!

We ended the morning with some games, including boules, French cricket and French versions of What's the time Mr. Wolf and Duck, Duck, Goose! Ooh la la. What fun we had! **Madame Murray**





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## Storytime

This week some of our Reception children popped into the Library at the Main Site for a 'Storytime' session with the Year 7 children. The stories that they read were from some special books which Downsend has bought for us to keep. Thank you Mrs Cresswell and Year 7. Rising Reception and First Steps are loving the stories and they keep asking for more!



## 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 &SR**  
All of the children for their participation and enthusiasm on French Day. Fantasticque!

**Reception CH**  
Dexter Wharton

**Reception MP**  
Toby Harriman

**Year One**  
Finley Moore  
Elisabeth Sachs

## Events Week Commencing Monday 15 May Lunch Menu week 2

<b>Mon</b>	15.30-16.30	Football Club
<b>Tues</b>	9.45 11.15 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune First Steps Sports Morning and Picnic Craft Club
<b>Wed</b>	9.30  15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30	Year One Forest School trip to Ashtead Common Rising Stars Club Forest School Club
<b>Thurs</b>	15.00-16.30 15.30-16.30	Uniform Shop at Downsend open for sales Science Club
<b>Fri</b>	15.30-16.30	Yoganory Club

## Year One Visit to Downsend

Mrs Kirkham was delighted to meet Year One on Tuesday for a special assembly at the Main Site. She was very impressed by the way they all listened and asked brilliant questions. Great job Year One!



## Well Done!

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Our wiggle this morning was brilliant. Watch out for news and pictures in next week's newsletter.

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