

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

We have certainly been kept on our toes this week with the Tuesday start and the chilly mornings. I do hope the weather lifts a little for our annual 'Celebration of the Year' tomorrow, when we look forward to inviting many of you into school. It promises to be an afternoon of fun for everyone.

Next week, we are really looking forward to French Day. Madame Murray has some lovely activities planned for the children and I am sure that the French café will prove to be a great hit. With

everyone dressed in red, white and blue, there will be lots to 'Ooh, la, la' about!

In addition to this next week, we need to get our wiggles wiggling! Our 'Woofability Wiggle' should be full of smiles and all for such a good cause. If you are able to join us for the event, we would love to see you and a pooch, if you are a dog owner. However, don't forget your wiggle!

A busy week ahead, just right for some exciting learning.

Tessa Roberts

Look at us now!



It's time for us to say goodbye to our gorgeous chicks. They have had a lovely week in Reception and amazed everyone with how quickly they could gobble up their food! We couldn't believe how much they have grown and First Steps loved seeing them yesterday.

Wisley was Tremendous!

Year One had a fabulous day at Wisley this week. The focus of our visit was on trees and we certainly saw some amazing trees and learnt many interesting facts about them. Did you know that a Giant Sequoia tree can live to be 2,000 years old or that there is a redwood cedar tree from China that is deciduous? The children were able to put their imaginations to good use as they built fairy houses out of items they had collected under the trees. These house included "tickle-traps" to keep the dragons out and special launch pads where young fairies could



learn to fly! The children were all extremely well behaved, as usual, and I would like to thank them all for being so enthusiastic about all the activities – including the "bear-hunt".

Janet Catlow



Don't Forget

- **Thurs 11 May** - Class Photographs
- **Fri 12 May** - Charity Day: Woofability Wiggle
- **Tues 16 May** - First Steps Sports Morning
- **Wed 17 May** - Year One Forest School trip to Ashtead Common
- **Thurs 18 May** - Uniform Shop open for sales at Downsend 15.00-16.30



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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

Aryton Friend
Matthew Auer

Rising Reception AP

Harriet Edney

Rising Reception SR

Sam Dolan

Reception CH

Sofia Fineren

Reception MP

Austin White

Year One

All of Year One for their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour at Wisley.

Well Done!

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has shopped at Sainsbury's over the past few months and popped their Active Kids vouchers in our box. The collection amounted to 1595 vouchers. We are thrilled as this will enable us to obtain some new sports equipment for our outdoor area. Wonderful news!



Events Week Commencing Monday 8 May

Lunch Menu week 1

Mon	15.30-16.30	Football Club
Tues	9.45 14.30 15.30-16.30	<div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">French Day - Red, White and Blue Mufti</div> Tots in Tune Year One Assembly with parents at Downsend School Craft Club
Wed	15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30	Rising Stars Club Forest School Club
Thurs	9.00 8.30-9.30 15.30-16.30	Class Photographs - Non Thursday attendees in First Steps invited to attend Uniform Shop at Downsend open to receive stock Science Club
Fri	9.15 15.30-16.30	Charity Day: Woofability Wiggle Yoganory Club

School Photographs Thursday

Please remember to wear smart school uniform next Thursday.

Reception & Year One - Summer Uniform and Blazers

RR - cardigans/grey sweaters

FS - red sweatshirts

Science Club- went with a bang yesterday!

George "It was awesome!"

Minky "It had a big reaction because the gas was squashed into a small bottle!"



Voice of the Parent Survey

Next Tuesday we see the launch of our end of year Voice of the Parent survey. For those of you who are new to school, this programme is a more structured way of collecting feedback about your Pre-Prep Ashtead experience. We would like to thank the parents who took part in the last survey as we appreciate and value hearing your thoughts about our school. If you could spare a few minutes to complete the questions, we would be really grateful.

Inspiring young minds