

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

Our week started beautifully this week with all our children looking incredibly smart in their full uniform. A few problems arose which we were able to remedy on the day but it has given lots of pointers to feedback to parents with regards to full compliance with our uniform expectations:

- Full summer uniform includes shorts and grey knee high socks for boys for all boys from Rising Reception to Year 1
- Full summer uniform is summer dresses with white socks for girls from Rising Reception to Year 1
- All boys from Rising Reception to Year 1 should wear black shoes (not train-

ers. Girls are able to wear red or black shoes.

- Lester Bowden is our uniform supplier and all items indicated with a star on the uniform list should be purchased from there.

I am also discussing with staff the expectations around when children come to school in their kit with trainers. I really do feel they should come to school in full uniform every day as they do look so smart. I will keep you updated on any changes we make regarding this. Any changes will be implemented from September if made.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

Don't Forget!

- Next DEPA coffee morning Friday 12th May at 9am. See DEPA noticeboard for more details

Chick news

We have said goodbye to our 5 girls and 4 boys today. 6 of them have gone off to a farm to have a lovely life and 3 of the females have gone home with Mrs Bullock as new friends to the chickens she already has.

Competition time

Our 2 Pre-Prep Epsom chickens are nameless! What should we name them? All ideas to be submitted to the office with the child's name on. We'll draw 2 names out in assembly at the end of next week.

This week in Reception.....

The Reception children have been very productive this week whilst taking part in practical maths activities. The children immersed themselves in a variety of activities using a wide range of resources in and out of the classroom. In literacy they became authors and wrote their own imaginative Dinosaur stories. The week ended with a visit from Mr Waring who is a geologist (Ella's dad) to talk about the story of fossils and how they are formed. The children enjoyed using sand to bury fossils then digging them up to show the process of what happens to animals and plants after they have been buried for millions of years. The afternoon ended with the children making their own fossils and using magnifying glasses to observe them.

A big thank you to Mr Waring for a fun afternoon.

Mrs Butler





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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
 Bailey
RR SB/RP
 Stanley
RRCC
 Cassius
Reception
 Robin
YI PM
 Amber
YI CB/AB
 Annabel

Well Done!

Next week is International Week

Every day next week the children will be learning about, and completing activities about a different country. Rising Reception, Reception and Year 1 will be working together on whole school countries and First Steps are focusing on countries that different children in the class come from.



On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday next week, Rising Reception, Reception and Year 1 will be working in 'family groups', so mixed up across all the year groups to experience working within different groups. Wednesday is our French day and so the organisation is slightly different. School will provide morning snack this week to aid organisation.

On Thursday and Friday morning next week, Mr Bayley and Miss Vicky will be tailoring their lessons to the countries we are learning about. All other specialist lessons—drama, sport, swimming and French will continue as normal on their usual day.

Gardening Club

Our Gardeners have been busy planting out our raised beds with some young vegetable plants. So far we have planted a big bed of potatoes, onions, carrots and strawberries. We are keeping a careful watch on the weather to ensure our tender plants survive the chilly evenings. The children were surprised to learn that plants also liked to be tucked in with a nice warm fleece, when the weather gets colder!



Mrs Bullock

Events Week Commencing Monday 8th May

Lunch Menu week 1

Mon	3.30—4.30	INTERNATIONAL WEEK— Performing arts club
Tues	3.30—4.30 3.30—4.30	INTERNATIONAL WEEK— Ready Steady Go Kids Tennis club
Wed	Morning 9.15—9.45 10.00—10.30 3.30—4.30 3.30—4.30	INTERNATIONAL WEEK—France. All Children to wear red, white and blue clothes to school. Y1 parents invited to our French café. Reception parents invited to our French café. Arts and crafts club Forest schools club
Thurs	3.30—4.30	INTERNATIONAL WEEK— Gardening club
Fri	All day 3.30—4.30	INTERNATIONAL WEEK—India Y1 trip to Wisley Engineering club

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