

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

I can't believe we are moving into the last 3 weeks of the year. Time is flying and next week I will start reflecting on the successes of the year as well as starting to let you know about any changes or new initiatives ready for next year.

I have been trying to find out more about our phone system recently following some parent feedback regarding difficulty getting hold of the school at different times of the day. There are times of the day such as the morning before Mrs Albert gets in and the end of the day once she has gone which are hard to manage. I try to answer the phone before the answer phone kicks in at these times when I can but it is not always possible. We have a network of phones across the 4 Downsend schools that use a variety of lines so when we dial out, any phone line could be used. If you see a number that you think is our school number but isn't our 01372 385438

number, please do not call back on that number as it will not get through to us is to call the actual school number as we do only have one line coming in directly to us. After 4pm the number to use is the extended day mobile which is 07913 586967. The extended day teachers always have this phone. I have been made aware this week that this phone hasn't been working though. I am hoping that this will be resolved by next week. I do apologise for any frustrations or anxiety that our phones have caused.

A huge thank you to all our dads who came into school today to read with the children. I know all the children who had their dads in, or were read to by one of our dads really enjoyed having you in school. We hope all our dads have a very enjoyable and relaxing Fathers Day on Sunday.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

Don't Forget!

- The Summer party is from 12.00 until 2.30pm tomorrow
- Sports day is on Monday 26th June—please remember to reply to the Sports day letter by TUESDAY if your child will need a packed lunch from us on that day

DEPA news

- It's our Summer party tomorrow! A huge thank you from the staff and children to DEPA and all the volunteers who have already worked hard and will work hard tomorrow to make the event a success.
- Ms Clayton and Miss McIntyre went to Heaths bookshop with some DEPA representatives this morning to buy some new books for our classrooms from DEPA—thank you to you all.

Downsend Prep School results day

Results day is always an important one for Prep Schools and today's has been a really positive one for Downsend. Headline figures are as follows:

1. Academic CE Awards to 2 pupils, who were amongst the highest CE performers from any school to St John's & Epsom College;
2. Academic Awards gained this year now totals 15;
3. 56 Scholarships have now been gained by Downsend pupils this year, a new high by some way;
4. For the first time, A*-B grades awarded exceeded 85%, with a new all-time high of 88.7%.



It is exciting to think what our children could be achieving in the future!



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Useful Contacts:

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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

Henry, Lara and Tahira

RR SB/RP

Amelia and Anna P

RRCC

Manya

Reception

Max

Y1 PM

Alice N

Y1 CB/AB

Ethan

Well Done!

Chertsey Museum Visit

Year 1 went back in time to spend a morning finding out what it was like to go to the seaside 100 years ago. Chertsey Museum provided hands on resources for the children to dress up, make puppets, write postcards and sort photographs.



KEY DATES THIS HALF TERM

Monday 26th June—sports day (all morning)

Thursday 29th June—reserve sports day

Wednesday 5th July—Moving up evening for parents 6.30pm

Thursday 6th July—9.15am Whole school end of year celebration assembly

Events Week Commencing Monday 19th June

Lunch Menu Week 3

Mon	2.00—3.30	Year 1 new pupil afternoon @ main site
Tues	3.30—4.30 3.30	Ready Steady Go Kids Mrs Conlan at a Surrey safeguarding network meeting
Wed	A L L DAY 3.30—4.30 3.30—4.30	Mrs Carruthers out of school—Early Years leader conference (Mrs Simpson leading First Steps) Forest club Arts and crafts club
Thurs	9.00 3.30—4.30	Celebration assembly Cooking Club
Fri	A L L DAY 3.30—4.30	Mrs Carruthers out of school—Teaching and Learning conference (Mrs Simpson leading FS) Engineering Club

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