

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from the Head Teacher

What a week it's been with the weather. We are all so proud of how well your children continued through the heat, and I would like to extend a special thank you to all the staff who ensured even more than usual (if that is possible!) that your children were healthy and safe in the conditions. After the lovely weather this week we all now have our fingers crossed for Monday and the weather for sports day!

On Monday at our staff meeting we completed the first draft of our new curriculum for next year. We have written a 'community curriculum'; one that will inspire, enthuse and challenge with the children at the heart of it, but also one that will unite us as a school community further. Each half term there will be a whole school

focus, such as 'All About Me' in the first half of the Autumn term, with each year group working on their own learning related to the topic. For example with All About Me, First Steps will be focusing on their family and naming body parts and clothes, Rising Reception will be starting to look at healthy living, Rising Reception will be developing a broader understanding of healthy living and looking in detail at our 5 senses and Year 1 will be looking at where we live (Epsom) and answering the questions, 'Are we animals?' and 'What other animals are like us?' Everyone in the school will complete a self portrait to go on display and we will end the half term with a teddybears picnic together. Exciting times!

**Mrs Vanessa Conlan**

#### Head for the day

Well done to Max who won the children's raffle at the Summer party and became 'Head for the day' yesterday. He welcomed children in with me at the start of the day, led assembly, signed this weeks celebration certificates, made up some of his own rules for the day (extra playtime, ice lollies even if it isn't hot and no homework), chose the special helpers at lunchtime, signed the celebration Certificates, chose pudding and even found time to spend some time up in my office with me just chatting! He did a super job. Well done Max.



### Don't Forget!

- Children can come to school on Monday in their PE kit ready for sports day
- Summer concert Thursday 6th July at 9.15am. All welcome.

### Information for September

- The registers are taken at 8.55. Any child arriving late after that time will need to sign in the late book from September and parents will be unable to go up to the classroom with the children.
- We will still be on Summer uniform in September (until October half term). Girls from Rising Reception to Y1 should be in summer dresses with white socks and red/black shoes and boys should be in grey school shorts with grey knee length socks with a trim, a white shirt, tie and grey V-neck pullover with trim and black shoes. Reception and Y1 should have their blazer in school every day.



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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

Max, Avirat and Sophie

#### RR SB/RP

Lavannah

#### RRCC

Rebecca and Annie

#### Reception

Dianna

#### Y1 PM

Dollie

#### Y1 CB/AB

Alejandro

**Well Done!**

### Fathers reading day

We hope all our dads (and granddads) had a lovely fathers day last Sunday. A huge thank you to all our dads who have been in to read, or who are coming in to read with the children. I know it is has been a real highlight for them.



### Experimenting with ink and quills

Reception are learning about how writing has developed through history this half term. This week they have had a great time experimenting with ink and quills.



### Events Week Commencing Monday 26th June

#### Lunch Menu Week 1

<b>Mon</b>	am	Sports day
	pm	No Mrs Bantock—all Y1 with Miss McIntyre
<b>Tues</b>	All day	No Mrs Bantock—all Y1 with Miss McIntyre
	3.30—4.30	LAST Ready Steady Go Kids
<b>Wed</b>	am	No Mrs Bantock—all Y1 with Miss McIntyre
	3.30—4.30	LAST Forest club
	3.30—4.30	LAST Arts and crafts club
<b>Thurs</b>	9.00	Celebration assembly
	3.30—4.30	LAST Cooking Club
<b>Fri</b>	3.30—4.30	LAST Engineering Club

**Inspiring young minds**