

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**

**SIS Inspection 2014-2015**

Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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### Message from the Head Teacher

Phew! What a hot week! I have to say that the children's enthusiasm for learning has equalled the temperature outside. This week I have read some wonderful creative writing in Reception, seen fascinating critical thinking taking place in Year One and Rising Reception were positively blazing a trail with their word building. However, the best place to be was First Steps' Ice Cream Parlour where there was always somebody on hand to sell me a cool strawberry ice cream cone. Delicious!

Yesterday Mrs Catlow and I were invited by Cognita to attend 'The

Telegraph Festival of Education' at Wellington College. At this prestigious event, we were able to attend talks by eminent educationalists on the latest research and developments in Education. It was a wonderful thought provoking experience which we are now looking forward to sharing with the rest of our teaching team.

Thank you to everyone for joining us on Wednesday evening and I hope that you are enjoying browsing through our new curriculum packs. Tomorrow it's the DAPA Summer Fair. Hope to see you there? **Tessa Roberts**

### Memories



We have a memories box especially for parents who are leaving us this year and we would love you to leave your comments about your experience here at Pre-Prep Ashtead. A note will be sent home for your comments and the box will be placed on the table in the porch. We would love you to share some of your Ashtead memories with all our staff.

### Anyone for tea?

Last Friday, the Reception children had a very special afternoon when they invited their grandparents to school. The children proudly entertained their visitors with singing and poetry before they took them outside into the garden for afternoon tea. One of the grandpas said, 'The jam tarts are the best that I have tasted!' which made all of the children beam as they had made them especially for the event. After the tea was over, the children took their grandparents to their classrooms and looked at



all the wonderful photos that had been sent in. There was much chatter about school now and in days gone by. The smiles on the children's and grandparent's faces at the end of the afternoon, proved that this afternoon would become a treasured memory for them all.

### Don't Forget

**Tues 4 July** - Rising Reception visit Nower Wood, First Steps DAPA treat in school

**Wed 5 July** - Reception and Year One visit Nower Wood

**Fri 7 July** - Picnic in the Park

**Fri 7 July** - End of Term 15.30 (Little Lates until 16.00 but No Extended Day)

### Autumn Term Dates

Wed 6 Sept - Fri 15 Dec

Half Term - 23 Oct - 3 Nov



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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**  
Matilda Wilson

**Rising Reception AP**  
Rupert Purrington

**Rising Reception SR**  
William Nelson-Bowling  
Brennan Langley

**Reception CH**  
Sofia Fineren

**Reception MP**  
Austin White

**Year One**  
Niamh Brember  
George Gale  
Calista James

**Well Done!**

## Staff News

A warm welcome back to Stephanie Michael Stratton who is now the proud Mummy of a gorgeous little boy called Jonathan. You will see her in school from next week and she will be supporting different classes until the end of term. In September, Stephanie will be reducing her teaching hours and will be in school each day for the First Steps and Rising Reception's afternoon sessions.



I am also delighted to announce that Julie James, who has been covering Stephanie's maternity leave, has taken on the permanent role of Early Years Leader in First Steps. She will be teaching the class during the morning sessions. Congratulations Julie!

On a final note, at the end of this term we will be sorry to say goodbye to Laura Forsyth. She has been a fantastic member of the First Steps' team this year and I would like to thank her for her enthusiasm, energy and commitment. We are really going to miss Laura, but hope that she will be popping back occasionally to see us.



## Events Week Commencing Monday 26 June Lunch Menu week 1

<b>Mon</b>	15.30-16.30	Children's End of Year Reports issued Football Club
<b>Tues</b>	9.45 14.30 15.30-16.30	Last Tots in Tune Reception Visit Red House Care Home Craft Club
<b>Wed</b>	15.30-16.30	Forest School Club
<b>Thurs</b>	15.30-16.30	Last Science Club
<b>Fri</b>	14.45 15.30-16.30	Year One Leavers' Assembly Last Yoganory Club

## Fun on the hottest, longest day of 2017



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