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Message from the Head Teacher

This half term is filled to the brim with many exciting events. We have tea parties, outings, visitors in school, visits to new classes and..... a picnic in the park.

You can see from this newsletter that the fun has already started and today, Reception had a wonderful visit to the Brighton Sealife Centre. Watch out in next weeks newsletter for a full report. I am very excited as next week I will be joining Rising Reception on their hunt for minibeasts at Painshill Park. I can't wait!

This week during my assembly the children and I celebrated World Environment Day. Reception and Year One were very knowledgeable about looking after our world and we discussed the actions that we could all take to help preserve our natural resources. With our Golden Boot challenge coming up, we are going to try having a travel 'Green' week. Remember to put those walking shoes out for Monday. I wonder which class will receive the Golden Boot trophy this year?

Tessa Roberts

Election Day



I wonder which way you would have voted at our school election? Each Party candidate proudly presented their manifesto listing what changes they would make to the school if they were elected. All the children in Year One marked their voting paper with a X. When the papers were verified and counted, the Duck Party came out on top.

Don't Forget

Mon 19 June - New Year Two Pupil Afternoon

Wed 21 June - Children visit new classrooms 9.15 - 10.15. September 2017 Parents' Information Evening at Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

Fri 23 June - Afternoon Tea for all children and Parents in First Steps in September

Sat 24 June - DAPA Summer Fair 10.00-12.00

Down by the Seaside



Chertsey Museum came to visit us this week. The children discovered what it was like to go to the seaside 100 years ago by looking at artefacts and pictures. They were able to try on some very strange bathing costumes and learnt that children had to use metal buckets and flat wooden spades to make their sandcastles. Nobody could quite believe that you had to pay a penny to have one lick of an ice-cream! We all decided that a trip to the seaside is much more fun today than it was a long time ago.

Janet Catlow





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Reception Sports News

The boys and girls in Reception had a special treat on Thursday afternoon down at Ashtead Rec. Moving from athletics (before half term) to striking and fielding activities, special guest coach Mr Wint came along to provide some specific batting expertise. The children thoroughly enjoyed the 40 minute session



which started with a mini marathon before splitting into two groups to focus on their batting and their fielding skills. They worked hard and were all fabulous. I wonder who will be the special guest coach next week? Well done all of Reception.



Fiona Fitch

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
Mary Malcomson

Rising Reception AP
Ethan Jackson

Rising Reception SR
Matilda Faure Walker

Reception CH
Jake Hannah

Reception MP
Holly Sweeney

Year One
Thea Morris
Ava Dangerfield

Events Week Commencing Monday 12 June Lunch Menu week 2

Golden Boot Challenge Week

Mon	15.30-16.30	Football Club
Tues	9.45 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune Craft Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Forest School Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Rising Reception visit Painshill Park Science Club
Fri	14.30-15.30 15.30-16.30	Afternoon Tea for Grandparents with children in Reception Yoganory Club September 2017 Class Lists Issued

Raising Resilient Children

Julia Philpott is running a workshop for parents on how to develop positive and resilient behaviours in children. The workshop will take place on Tuesday 20 June, between 9am & 1pm. Details can be found on the table in the porch. It has been highly recommended.

How are you getting to school next week?

We rise to the challenge next week coming to school by either cycling, scooting, park and stride or walking. The teachers will ask the children each day how they arrived at school and record the results on a chart. Who will win the Golden Boot at the end of the week? Look carefully as you come to school next week to see if you can spot our special trophy.

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds