

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from the Head Teacher

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire for us last half term. We had 33 responses in total. This is the highest response to surveys over the last 2 years, so although I would have liked more responses, this level of response is positive for the school. There was a very obvious pattern within the responses from parents across all year groups regarding the regularity and type of information we are sharing with parents about children's progress, attainment and next steps. Currently there are 3 written reports a year, 2 of which tie in with parents evening. In school, we are discussing possibly changing this system to one where we report back half termly to parents about children's targets and their progress towards them so you are kept more regularly updated on progress in specific areas and also have a clearer picture of how you can support your children at home. From the

report at the end of this term, parents will also start receiving summative assessment information against National expectations for their children, i.e. whether they are emerging into age related expectations, achieving age related expectations or exceeding age related expectations. The age related expectation for the end of the Summer term for your child is detailed on the curriculum information that has come home to you this half term. These are the standards that the teachers have been assessing your children against all term, and the ones they will report against in the reports.

Your feedback is very important to us, and helps us to shape our School Improvement Priorities moving forward. We are a school that wants to continually develop and improve and knowing how parents would like to see us improve is key to that.

**Mrs Vanessa Conlan**

### Don't Forget!

- Next Friday is fathers reading day, an opportunity to get our dads (or granddads) into school to read with the children. Please speak to your child's class teacher to confirm times if you would like to come in.
- There are open sports lessons for RR parents on Monday morning. Please see the timings overleaf.

### DEPA news

Saturday 17th June is the Summer party!

- Tuesday is mufti (come in your own clothes—no dressing up costumes) day. Please bring a luxury bottle for the Summer party
- Please remember to return your sock if you have not already done so
- Volunteers still needed., especially help for Mrs T! Please speak to your class/year group rep if you can help.

### Rising Reception trip to the farm

Rising Reception had a fantastic day at Ladyland Farm on Tuesday. Despite heavy rain first thing, we set off in an excited mood, lunches in back packs, wellies and waterproofs on. When we arrived we saw goats, baby kids, sheep and lambs, week old calves, two ponies, new born chicks and a few day old bunnies, which were our favourites. We also visited the owls, piglets and more. The children were able to hand feed a lot of the animals, as well as picking them up and stroking them. Our tractor ride was extremely bumpy and caused much screaming! Everyone was very hungry by lunchtime and the packed lunches were greatly enjoyed. After lunch we spent about 45 minutes playing in the fields, on hay bales and on old tractors. We were so lucky the sun was shining on us by then too. A perfect day!

Quote of the day from Stanley: "It was the best day of my whole world".





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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

Penelope, Isabella and Tahira

**RR SB/RP**  
Reggie

**RRCC**  
Dominic

**Reception**  
Leo

**Y1 PM**  
Dhiren

**Y1 CB/AB**  
Rayhan

**Well Done!**

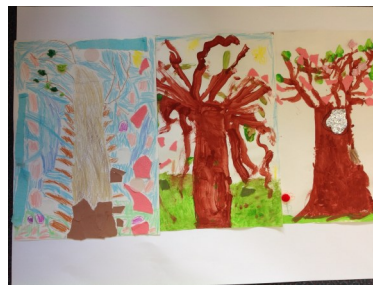
### Reception topic enrichment

Reception had a fantastic time on Wednesday when they had their cave-man day. They did lots of exciting activities including making rocky road caves, building a caveman campsite and doing their own cave paintings with sticks, feathers and dirt!



### Year 1—seasonal changes work

Year one have been learning about 'seasons' in science, on Wednesday they reflected on their learning about how trees might look in different seasons and created a piece of art with a variety of materials to design a tree of their choice. Here are some of their spring trees.



### 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 12th June

#### Lunch Menu Week 2

<b>Mon</b>	9.30—10.00	Rising Reception CC open sports lesson
	10.00—10.30	Rising Reception SB/RP open sports lesson
	3.00	Reception and Year 1 assembly
<b>Tues</b>	ALL DAY	Mufti day—bring a luxury bottle
	ALL DAY	Mrs Conlan out all day—Cognita HT meeting
	3.30—4.30	Ready Steady Go Kids
<b>Wed</b>	3.30—4.30	Forest club
	3.30—4.30	Arts and crafts club
<b>Thurs</b>	9.00	Celebration assembly
	3.30—4.30	Cooking Club
<b>Fri</b>	ALL DAY	Fathers reading day
	3.30—4.30	Engineering club

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