

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from the Head Teacher

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our curriculum meetings this week. We hope you have found them informative and useful. The First Steps meeting will be on Monday at 11.15am and there will be a 'catch up' meeting on Wednesday at 7pm for any parents who have been unable to attend during the day. The curriculum meetings are held to give you specific information about the teaching and learning in your child's year group. We also have new curriculum packs for each year group this year to support this information (huge apologies for the error in the Rising Reception pack). We

would welcome feedback from parents regarding the information shared in the meetings and in the curriculum packs as we are keen to make improvements to parent communication following on from the parent survey results last term. Was the information the information you wanted/needed? Is there any other information you were expecting to find out about that you didn't? Is there anything else you would still like to know? Please either catch up with me in the mornings at drop off, or send the school an email with your feedback. Thank you for your support.

**Mrs Vanessa Conlan**

### Don't Forget!

- All clubs start next week— see the calendar on the back of the newsletter for days. All clubs finish at 4.30
- Uniform with the black/ white dog logo is no longer allowed. Only uniform with the circular logo should be worn
- Saturday sports from 9.00—10.00 at main site is provided free of charge to all Reception and Year 1 children
- Please ensure all uniform, water bottles and snack boxes are named.
- Rising Reception need to come into school in their PE kit on a Monday.
- Reception need their PE kit in school on a Wednesday and Thursday. Year 1 need their PE kit in school on a Thursday.

### All About Me



First Steps are learning the names of different parts of their body and the similarities and differences between each other.



Year 1 are asking the question, 'Are we an animal?' and learning about how we are similar and different to other animals.



Rising Reception have been talking about past experiences they have had using their holiday books—thank you for making them!

Reception are learning about the 5 senses and how to keep healthy.





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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

Ellie, Jack and Sophie

#### Hedgehogs

Isabel

#### Squirrels

Veer and Max

#### Badgers

Rebecca

#### Owls

Millie

**Well Done!**

### Problem solving and reasoning in maths

We are focusing on asking higher order questions this year to develop the children's reasoning and critical thinking skills.

This week Year 1 have been thinking about different ways they could show less than a given number.



### Safeguarding Information

Mrs Conlan is our Designated Safeguarding Leader (DSL) and Mrs Butler is our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leader (DDSL). They deal with any Child Protection concerns raised by teachers making decisions about the best course of action to take.

Ms Clayton and Miss Bowles are currently undertaking the training required to fulfil the DSL role which is why they have been out of school for a day this week and will be out for a further day next week. They will attend a third day of training in November. From January, Ms Clayton will be our DSL and Miss Bowles will be our DDSL. This should not impact on their classroom roles.

### **Events Week Commencing Monday 18th September**

#### **Lunch Menu week 3**

<b>Mon</b>	11.15 3.30—4.30 3.30—4.30	First Steps parents curriculum meeting Spanish club for Reception and Year 1 Poptastic dance for Rising Reception and Reception
<b>Tues</b>	3.30—4.30 3.30 - 4.30	Ready Steady Go Kids for Rising Reception Football club for Reception and Year 1
<b>Wed</b>	All day pm 3.30—4.30 7pm	Individual school photos Seeability visiting Reception Forest club for Reception and Year 1 Curriculum 'catch up' meetings
<b>Thurs</b>	All day  3.30—4.30	Ms Clayton and Miss Bowles out of school all day at a safeguarding course—Mrs Burbidge will be teaching in Ms Clayton's class Gardening club for Reception and Year 1
<b>Fri</b>	3.30—4.30 3.30—4.30	Cookery club for Reception and Year 1 Science club for Reception and Year 1
<b>Sat</b>	2-4pm	DPA family funday @ main site Adults—£3, children—free

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