

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**

**SIS Inspection 2014-2015**

Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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### Message from the Head Teacher

Our first full week back and the classrooms have been buzzing with activity. When you arrive at school on Monday morning, you will see the wonderful displays in the hall and on the stairs. Each Year group chose a story book which is linked to food. From their pictures, see if you can guess their special stories?

Yesterday, the children surprised us all with their response to the first fire practice of the year. They stopped and listened carefully to their teachers when they heard the sound of the bell. I watched as all the classes left the building efficiently, calmly and without a sound! It was very impressive for

a first practice in their new classes and their new rooms. The big round of applause we gave ourselves at the end was truly well deserved!

Last night, at the DAPA AGM we thanked Victoria Driscoll for the enthusiasm and energy she applied to her role as Chair of DAPA last year. Victoria and her superb team have organised and led many great events, creating wonderful lasting memories for both children and parents. A new committee has now been elected. Please look out for details in next week's newsletter.

**Tessa Roberts**

### What can you see?

Reception were in full swing with their new topic this week, 'Our 5 Senses'. The first sense we have been learning about is sight. We started the week off by talking about how we use our eyes to see and what people do if they can't see very well. Reception also learnt some interesting vocabulary like 'iris' and 'pupil'. In our Maths lesson, together we created a pictogram showing what colour eyes the children in Reception have. We finished the week off with an art activity, where the children made their very own, funky glasses to wear. They noticed that with the coloured lenses it made the classroom turn a different colour. Well done for all your hard work this week Reception. We can't wait to learn about our next sense...touch!

**Melanie Piper**



### Teamwork



This week, the parachute was out at playtime. After the children had put themselves in place around the edge, they tried to bounce a ball out from the middle of the parachute. Surprisingly, it's harder than you think but brilliant fun!

### Don't Forget



#### DPA FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 24 September

2pm - 4pm

Price - Adults £3 Children - Free!!

Open to All of Lower School and preschool Downsend Children and their parents

This fun afternoon is a great way to meet your new class mates, teachers and the DPA. There are various fun activities for the children, whilst the parents can enjoy tea and cake.

Following on from last year's success, we will again be holding the event from 2-4pm at the main site on the sports field with refreshments being served in our wonderful pavilion.

In addition we are holding 4 fun competitions something for everyone to enjoy on the day.

\*There is no obligation for children to wear fancy dress on the day

\*\* All cases MUST be NOT FREE. Those entries will be sold on the day to raise funds for school projects. Deadline for entries is 3pm on the day.

- FANCY DRESS COMPETITION - LOTS OF PRIZES
- CAKE COMPETITION - OPEN TO ADULTS & CHILDREN
- TUG OF WAR - PARENTS / TEACHERS / CHILDREN - PRIZES
- EGG & SPOON RACE - CHILDREN / PARENTS

#### Amazing



**Tues 26 Sept - Science Day**  
- 'Animazing' visiting school

**Thurs 28 Sept - Coffee**  
morning for parents with children in First Steps

**Thurs 28 Sept - Reception**  
visit Pizza Express



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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**

Weitong Feng  
Theo Simmons

**Rising Reception AP**

Freddie Lind

**Rising Reception SR**

Archie Joy

**Reception**

All of Reception for a great first full week of school and their wonderful family trees.

**Year One**

Elyssa Friend  
Jake Hannah

**Well Done!**

## Leading the Way

The children in Year One have responded really well to their role as the "Top of the school". They ensure that Mrs McCluskey cooks the correct number of lunches each day and that Mrs McIntosh knows who is in school. They have also been thinking about which additional responsibility they would like to take on, either as a Charity Friend, a Playground Friend, a Gardening Friend, a Tidy-up



Friend or as a member of the School Council. We talked about the qualities that were needed for each role and the children then chose what they would like to do. They received their special badges in our Celebrations Assembly this morning and a full list of

Friends is on display outside the Year One classroom. The children cannot wait to get started on their new duties.

**Janet Catlow**

### Events Week Commencing Monday 18 September

#### Lunch Menu week 3

<b>Mon</b>	15.30-16.30	Zumba Club
<b>Tues</b>	9.45 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune Genie Lab Club
<b>Wed</b>	14.15 15.30-16.30	Read, Write, Inc. update for Rising Reception & Reception Parents Multi Sports Club
<b>Thurs</b>	15.30-16.30	Individual School Photographs Craft-tastic Club
<b>Fri</b>	15.30-16.30	Yoganory Club
<b>Sun</b>	14.00-16.00	DPA Family Fun Day at Downsend School - all welcome

### Saturday Sports Club

It was great to see over 70 pupils from Reception to Year 2 attend the Sports Club last weekend. This Saturday we will be based on the tennis courts and field as the Astroturf is being used for hockey matches. We hope the children enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to coming again.



**Mr Albert & Mrs Hawes**

**Inspiring young minds**