

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



'OUTSTANDING'

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Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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Message from the Head Teacher

The children are now well and truly settled into their new classes. The topics are underway and everywhere you look, the children are focused and engaged in learning. Our recent Cognita visitors were highly complimentary about all they saw and couldn't resist joining in to find out more! The four Downsend Schools have been considering their current ethos and aims. The Head teachers have been in consultation with their Senior Leadership teams and the concluding proposal is to have four key aims which serve to unify the group of schools.

These are -

1. To inspire achievement
2. To nurture individuality
3. To create opportunity
4. To look forward

We feel that these aims along with our ethos of 'Inspiring Young Minds', capture the essence of Downsend. They provide a clear framework with which we will ensure that your child has the best start in life with many wonderful opportunities. Science Day on Tuesday will be a perfect example of seeing our aims in action.

Tessa Roberts

Fizz, Bang, Fantastic!



Our clubs programme started this week offering a range of different activities to suit all tastes. Our new club 'Genie Lab' was a real hit and full of surprises!



Supersonic Shapes!



We've had 'Shape Week' in Rising Reception and it's been super. It began with a 2D shape hunt all around the classroom. Next, we tried spotting these shapes all over the school. Lots of shapes were discovered by our shape detectives. The patterns and shapes we found outside inspired us to use different sized shapes to make pictures and patterns in the playground. What do you think of our amazing supersonic rocket?



Andrea Powney



Don't Forget

Mon 2-6 Oct - Open House at Ashtead Pre-Prep

Wed 4 Oct - How to Eat Well & Keep Healthy - Thomas Franks nutritionist visiting

Thurs 5 Oct - Maths Information Evening - 19.00

Sat 7 Oct - Open Morning at Downsend School - 9.15



Downsend School

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Are you this hungry?

First Steps have been wiggling around the classroom this week. By reading the story, they found all about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.



The children have been learning all about the days of the week and all the juicy fruits consumed by this particularly hungry insect. They have enjoyed feeding the play fruit to our big class caterpillar and using balloons to paint their own curly caterpillars. Look out in First Steps to see if you can spot the children's creations.

Julie James



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
Harry Gillott

Rising Reception AP
Mary Malcomson

Rising Reception SR
Matilda Wilson

Reception CH
Amelia Howey

Reception MP
Harriet Edney

Year One
Max Ayling
Holly Sweeney

Events Week Commencing Monday 25 September

Lunch Menu week 1

Sun	14.00-16.00	DPA Family Fun Day at Downsend School - all welcome
Mon	15.30-16.30	Zumba Club
Tues	9.45 15.30-16.30	Science Day Tots in Tune Genie Lab Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Multi Sports Club
Thurs	9.00 15.30-16.30	Reception visit Pizza Express Coffee Morning for parents with children in First Steps Craft-tastic Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Yoganory Club

The new DAPA committee

DAPA held their AGM last Thursday and a new committee has been elected -
Chair: Lysay Haque,
Deputy: Kelly Clement,
Treasurer: Emma Smith,
Secretary: Kerry Lovell
We're looking forward to a successful year of fundraising and fun!
Lysay Haque



DAPA Coffee Morning
Friday 29th September
9 to 11.30am
Squirrels,
Park Drive,
Ashtead KT21 1JB
Please come along and support a great cause.

Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (241617), Scotland (SC019497) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds