

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



'OUTSTANDING'

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Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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Message from the Head Teacher

As I opened the school door for the start of the school year, I saw a sea of smiling children all chatting with their friends and keen to see what their new teachers had in store. It was a wonderful sight which I'm sure was a great sign of things to come for the year ahead. Everyone here would like to offer a very warm welcome to our new children and their families and hope that they have enjoyed their first few days with us.

Thank you very much for all the compliments we have received

about the refurbishment of the porch, hallway and stairs. We are delighted with the changes and now feel very smart.

During the holidays the teachers have been busily preparing for the term. Today you will receive a welcome letter, a timetable and an overview of the topic that your child will be learning about this term. We hope that this information will help to compliment the wonderful job you already do, supporting your children with their learning.

This term promises to be action-packed with a wide range of events planned. It will culminate with one of the year's highlights, the Christmas Concert. This year it will take place at St George's Church on Wednesday 13 December. Please save the date!

We've had a fantastic start to this new school year, I now can't wait to see what happens next!

Tessa Roberts

Good Friends

This half term our Golden Stars will be for those children who demonstrate how to be a good friend. During assembly today, we thought about what makes a good friend; why they are important and what we can do to make new friends. The children were full of great ideas and were set the challenge of talking to someone they didn't know very well. Keep your eyes out in the hallway during the following weeks to spot all the 'Good Friend' stars.



Back at school with our friends.

Don't Forget

Clubs start during the week beginning Mon 18 Sept

**Wednesday 20 September
School Hall 2.15pm**



**Read Write Inc. update for
Rising Reception &
Reception Parents**

**Thurs 21 Sept - Individual
School Photographs**

**Sun 24 Sept - DPA Family
Fun Day at Downsend**



Downsend School

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Golden Board

Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special assembly every week.

We are really looking forward to seeing who's wonderful contributions will be on our board this term.



Golden Board celebrations will begin next week. We would however, like to say a big 'WELL DONE' to all the children for such a happy, positive and enthusiastic start to the new school year.



Well Done!

Events Week Commencing Monday 11 September Lunch Menu week 2

Mon		Swimming Lessons start
Tues	9.45	Tots in Tune begins
Wed		
Thurs	19.30	DAPA AGM School Hall
Fri		

Saturday Morning Sports Club

We hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays and that your child settles back into the new term quickly. For those existing parents who enjoyed the 'Downsend Sports Club' last year, it will recommence this Saturday, 9 September at the same times:

Reception and Year One: 9am-10am

Year 2: 9am – 10.30am

For new parents, here is a little additional information about this activity - The Saturday morning 'Sports Club' is run by Downsend staff at the Main Site as a method of providing additional sports coaching to all those girls and boys who are keen to participate. This club is solely for Downsend pupils at no expense and will continue to operate as a drop-in service. If you wish your child to attend, simply turn up.

We look forward to seeing you this Saturday, 9 September.

Jon Albert and Jo Hawes



Ballet

Ballet lessons at Downsend School resume on Saturday 16 September.

9am – 9.45am FS and RR

10am–10.45am Reception and Year 1

Please email jenni@jhballet.co.uk for all details



First Steps



Reminder

DAPA AGM

Thursday 14 September - 7.30

School Hall

Inspiring young minds