

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



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Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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Message from the Head Teacher

All around school this week there was a purposeful hum of new ideas and creative questions. Literacy and Numeracy lessons are in full swing and the chatter in the hallways is all about the sharing of new found knowledge. It's wonderful to see the children all so excited about their learning. Those of you who have been into our school hall recently will have noticed that we now have a defibrillator. I am delighted that we have been able to further

enhance our First Aid provision. The defibrillator is equipped with both a paediatric pad and an adult pad and our staff are trained in the use of this equipment in an emergency. You may have also noticed that school staff are sporting a first aid badge on their lanyards. This badge indicates that the member of staff has been Paediatric First Aid trained. The staff at Ashtead receive regular refresher training from our school nurse Helen Ferguson

to ensure that we can offer our children the best care possible.

Next week we have Open House at Ashtead Pre-Prep. We are looking forward to inviting new families to view our school. Please let me know if you have friends or family that our considering Ashtead for their child. I'd be delighted to offer them a tour of the school.

Tessa Roberts

Sensational Science!



The school was buzzing with excitement on Tuesday as the children enjoyed a range of Science activities. Year one and Reception investigated how penguins stay dry and how a tiger can disappear. First Steps and Rising Reception were finding out about floating and sinking. The highlight of the day for everyone was meeting the 'Animazing Animals'. The children had the opportunity to learn about a tarantula, a giant toad, a python, a chameleon and a pygmy hedgehog. They were much braver than the teachers when it came to handling the animals! What a fabulous day!

Janet Catlow



Don't Forget

Maths Information Evening

Thursday 5 October

Pre-Prep Ashtead 7.00pm

Come along and spend some time learning about the Mathematics Curriculum taught at Pre-Prep Ashtead.



You will have the opportunity to move between the classrooms to view the methods and resources used in each year group. There will even be the chance to try out a challenge or two! The teachers will be on hand in the classrooms to explain and discuss the teaching methods and progression that takes place at each stage.

We do hope that you will be able to join us next Thursday.

RSVP: Mary McIntosh

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Wed 11 Oct - Year One & Reception Forest School Trip to Ashtead Common

Thurs 12 Oct - Charity Day for Water Aid (Watch out for details next week)

Fri 13 Oct - Open morning at Downsend School for Parents with children in Rising Reception



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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
Josh Philip

Rising Reception AP
Chessie Ling

Rising Reception SR
Harrison Gay

Reception CH
Robert Pugh

Reception MP
William Nelson Bowling

Year One
Dexter Wharton
Millie Ling

Well Done!

Mmmmm.....Pizza!

Reception turned into chefs when they visited Pizza Express this Thursday. Luckily we have been learning all about our 5 senses so Reception made sure they used their sense of smell, touch, sight, hearing and of course TASTE to help them! We all got the chance to knead and roll the dough, slap on some juicy tomato sauce and

finally sprinkle the cheese. Later on, the children also chose what toppings they wanted to add to their pizza, from sweet corn, pepperoni, olives, pineapple and rocket. Good work Reception! I hope you enjoyed eating your delicious pizzas! **Melanie Piper**



Events Week Commencing Monday 2 October Lunch Menu week 2

Open House Week

Mon	15.30-16.30	Zumba Club
Tues	9.45 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune Genie Lab Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	How to Eat Well & Keep Healthy - Thomas Franks Nutritionist Visiting Multi Sports Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30 19.00	Craft-tastic Club Maths Information Evening
Fri	15.30-16.30	Yoganory Club
Sat	9.15	Open Morning at Downsend School

Medication in School

If your child has some form of medication that is kept in school, I should like to ask parents to check the expiry dates with class teachers.

Reminder: We do not administer medication in school unless it has been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, qualified nurse or pharmacist. Full details can be found in the First Aid policy on the website.

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