

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from the Head Teacher

I can't believe we are at half term. We have had such a busy time this half term that the time has flown. Our new curriculum has started well this half term; it has been great to walk through the school and see displays and lessons all focused on a similar theme but appropriate to that year group. Our teddybears picnic today was a wonderful example of how our new curriculum is bringing the whole school together. We had all the children together at snack time with their special friends from home, talking in small, mixed age groups about what they were proud of and what they had achieved this half term. I was able to talk to all the children together to explain how proud we are of them and to remind them all that they are amazing and can achieve anything they want to. They all

wore very proud smiles which I will remember for a long to come.

Next half term we are focusing on 'Our Wonderful World'. A huge range of exciting activities and learning opportunities are planned across year groups. It will be another fantastic half term.

Today you will have received (or been sent in the post) your child's half term target review. This reviews the targets set within the annual report in the Summer term. These reviews are new and in response to parent feedback requesting more regular information about pupil progress. Please let me know your thoughts about them and if you have found them informative. I want to ensure the changes we are making are achieving the outcomes we want for them.

**Mrs Vanessa Conlan**

### Don't Forget!

Have a happy, healthy break over half term! We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 6th November at the usual time.

### DEPA news

Thanks to parents for supporting the DEPA Halloween Mufti day on Wednesday, it was wonderful to see the children in their spooky costumes. We hope you enjoyed their Halloween Lanterns or Bags and that the children loved their treats! Thanks to the parents involved in organising the event, we appreciate your time & commitment.



Planning for the Parents Evening drinks on 08 November is coming on well, and we have some awesome prizes up for grabs at the Auction – truly, the DEPA team have gone flat out and secured a range of very desirable auction lots. More info to follow on that one. Although the deadline for responses has passed, you can still confirm attendance by emailing:

[EpsomDEPA@gmail.com](mailto:EpsomDEPA@gmail.com)

over the next week or so. Whilst we are seeing encouraging signs in terms of numbers, we would very much like to see more parents confirming attendance. Without your attendance, these events cannot be successful, so let's all try our best to support.

### Pumpkin picking

The Reception children had a fun morning at Garsons farm picking pumpkins. They were very excited when they found a pumpkin with a smiley face!





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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**

Ethan, Sophie J and Aniya

**Hedgehogs**

Henry

**Squirrels**

William K

**Badgers**

Anna

**Owls**

Robin

**Well Done!**

### We are proud of our achievements

At our teddybears picnic today, children shared with the teachers what they were proud of. The thoughts have been recorded and will be used to create a whole school proud cloud. Here are a few of the children's thoughts and ideas about what makes them proud.



I am good at running.

Tommy

I am good at building.

Bolu

I am proud of being able to count beyond 10.

Manya

I'm very proud I can ride my balance bike and my scooter.

Bethany

I'm good at exercising. I like running.

Maxi

I am fantastic at handwriting. I had to practise to get better at it. I know Summer is fantastic at writing too.

Ella

### Events Week Commencing Monday 6th November

#### Lunch Menu week 2

<b>Mon</b>	3.30—4.30	Spanish club for Reception and Year 1 Poptastic dance for Rising Reception and Reception
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<b>Tues</b>	3.30—4.30	Ready Steady Go Kids for Rising Reception
<b>Wed</b>	am	Mr Thorpe in school
	3.30—4.30	Forest club for Reception and Year 1
<b>Thurs</b>	All day	Mrs Conlan out all day on a data protection course—Mrs Carruthers in charge
	3.30—4.30	Gardening club for Reception and Year 1
<b>Fri</b>	2.00	FS new starters tea for January starters
	3.30—4.30	Cookery club for Reception and Year 1
	3.30—4.30	Science club for Reception and Year 1

**Inspiring young minds**