

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

We have made strides this week in moving our pupil leadership plans forward. We have our first school council and healthy schools council meetings next Wednesday. I will be leading the school council and Miss McIntyre will lead the healthy schools council. These groups consist of Year 1 children who will work with teachers and the other children in the school to improve the school as a whole following feedback from the children and the results of a Healthy School audit. We are hoping that our Healthy Schools council will support us in achieving our Bronze healthy school award by the end of the year. We are also delighted that Reception are going to become our Eco Warriors. Next half term our

whole school theme is 'Our Wonderful World'. Reception are going to focus on ecology within their unit of work, completing an environmental audit, analysing the results and then planning and implementing a project to improve the school and environment. Their aim is to achieve the Bronze Eco-school award. I have now started the training needed to support the school in becoming a UNICEF Rights Respecting School which will involve forming a Rights Committee of children across the school also. We still have some way to go to fully implement and embed these plans but we have made a start now and I look forward to reporting our progress throughout the year.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

Don't Forget!

- Reception and Year 1 harvest breakfasts next Wednesday at 9.10am. Please remember to bring in your harvest donations for this.

DEPA news

New way to get in touch with DEPA – We have made it even easier for you to share ideas, thoughts or questions with DEPA, please send them all to us at: EpsomDEPA@gmail.com

Coffee Morning – Thursday 12th October @ 9.30am – We hope you can join us for a coffee and chat at our first DEPA coffee morning. For more information & to confirm attendance so we have an idea of numbers, please email before Wednesday evening: EpsomDEPA@gmail.com

Halloween Mufti Day – Wednesday 18 October £2 per child – Halloween is coming early to Epsom! Children are invited to come to school dressed in their spookiest Halloween fancy dress. A £2 per child donation to the DEPA fund would be gratefully received.



Teaching about personal safety

We strongly believe that children are never too young to be taught about personal safety. If conversations about this area start from the very beginning, they create an open culture between children and trusted adults, and also support children in making the best choices from the start. We are talking about our pants in school at the moment! We are using NSPCC materials with a particular focus for our age of children on keeping our privates private and what we should do if we are worried about something. Please ask your children about this and keep up the conversations at home.

**OPEN MORNING AT MAIN SITE TOMORROW FROM 9.15am
UNTIL 12.00pm. All parents welcome.**



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Celebrating Autumn and the Harvest

First Steps and Rising Reception really enjoyed sharing their learning with their families this week. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who came along to share the Autumn walk and breakfast with the First Steps children and the assembly and breakfast with the Rising Reception children. We are a family focused school and we love having you here with us.



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

Beatrix
 Ralph
 Sophia

Hedgehogs

Madeleine
 Eve

Squirrels

Badgers

Pipe

Owls

Summer

Events Week Commencing Monday 9th October

Lunch Menu week 3

Mon	10.00am 3.30—4.30	Thomas Franks nutritionist in school running workshops for RR and R Spanish club for Reception and Year 1 Poptastic dance for Rising Reception and Reception
Tues	All day 3.30—4.30	Mrs Parmar out at an Educational Visits co-ordinator course (Mrs Strange covering) Ready Steady Go Kids for Rising Reception
Wed	9.10 3.30—4.30	No Madame Murray for French today—she has paediatric first aid training. Apologies. Reception and Year 1 Harvest breakfast Forest club for Reception and Year 1
Thurs	All day	No Mrs Conlan—out at a Health and Safety course. Mrs Carruthers in charge.
Fri	All day 8.45	No Mrs Conlan—out at a Health and Safety course. Mrs Carruthers in charge. Open morning at main site for RR parents

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds