

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



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Message from the Head Teacher

This week we have had a really busy Open House Week and the families that we have shown around school have loved seeing the children happily engaged in both work and play. The children loved showing off their classrooms and the comments we received were incredibly complimentary.

Yesterday, our Maths Information Evening was really well received by all who came along and I'd like to say a big 'Thank you' to all the parents who were able to attend. We are very proud of the fact that the Maths curriculum at Ashtead Pre-Prep is a real strength of the school.

At the beginning of this term I set Mrs McCluskey a challenge as latest research shows that children are eating too much sugar in their diet. I wanted to see if she could go even further in reducing the sugar content of our already healthy meals, particularly with the baked items on the menu. Luckily, Mrs McCluskey loves a challenge and has been experimenting this term with some sugar free recipes. Her date and cinnamon loaf cake, which had no added sugar, was a real triumph. The children can't wait until it is on the menu again! Grrreat job Mrs McCluskey! **Tessa Roberts**

Wow!

Look at these amazing portraits drawn by Year One. The children were guided through the process as they talked about shape, proportion and the placement of facial features. The results are very impressive for children so young. Maybe we should set up our own Ashtead portrait gallery. I'm sure it would rival our national equivalent!



Fruitilicious

This week there was much excitement in school as we welcomed a very special visitor. Julia, a nutritionist from Thomas Franks, came to talk to us about healthy foods. She told us about the many different food groups and why they are so important to our diet. With this knowledge, the children visited our 'Classroom Supermarkets' to select foods and discover how they keep us healthy. The children had so much fun, rushing about with their baskets and even got the chance to try some unusual fruits such as dragon fruit, papaya, star fruit, pomegranate and many more. What a fun day!



Matilda - "The dragon fruit looks like a dalmatian inside!"

Jack - "Milk makes bones ...STRONG!"

Christeen Hill

Don't Forget

Mon 16 Oct - First Steps Harvest Breakfast at 9.00am followed by an Autumn Walk in the Park. All children & parents are invited to attend

Tues 17 Oct - Rising Reception Harvest Breakfast 8.45 - 9.30am followed by visits to classrooms

Tues 17 Oct - Year One visit The Red House

Wed 18 Oct - Reception Harvest Breakfast 8.45 - 9.30am followed by visits to classrooms

Thurs 19 Oct - Year One 8.45 - 9.30am followed by visits to the classrooms



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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
Lily Hopwood

Rising Reception AP
All of Rising Reception for brilliant questions and answers during their visit from the nutritionist .

Reception CH
Sam Dolan

Reception MP
Isabella Ventris

Year One
George Murray
Arjunan Varathungan

Well Done!

Charity Day



We are delighted to be supporting St George's Church this term with their Harvest Charity, Water Aid. The children have all been asked to come to school wearing **blue** with £1 donation for the charity. During the day, the children will become 'Water Warriors' as they learn more about the value of water and why we should not waste a drop! In the afternoon Bethan Fogall, who is the Children and Families leader at St George's Church, will be joining us for our assembly. She will be talking to the children about the charity and how our contributions will help to support children in poorer areas of our world.



Events Week Commencing Monday 9 October Lunch Menu week 3

Mon	15.30-16.30	Zumba Club
Tues	09.45 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune Genie Lab Club
Wed		Year One & Reception Forest School trip to Ashtead Common
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Charity Day for Water Aid Craft-tastic Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Open Morning at Downsend School for Parents with children in Rising Reception Yoganory Club

DAPA Update

Many thanks to Chantal Hannah who hosted an extremely successful Macmillan coffee morning last week, raising an amazing £215.55 for the charity. Thanks to all of you who supported the event.

Lynsay Haque

Coming Soon



Our annual pumpkin party is fast approaching. It will be taking place on **Friday 20th October** at **St George's Church**, from **3.30pm 'til 5pm**. Look out for more information in the book bags next week.

Inspiring young minds