

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**

**SIS Inspection 2014-2015**

Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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### Message from the Head Teacher

The words 'Exploration' and 'Discovery' have been on the tip of everyone's tongue this week as the children plunged themselves into a wonderful array of different activities. The challenges took them into outer space and to countries affected by drought but the children were amazed to find that some really interesting discoveries can be found much closer to home. Look out for all the details below.

Music and enthusiastic singing has also been prominent this week around school. Our very special week of Harvest Breakfasts is nearly upon us and the children can't wait! They are all looking forward to entertaining their guests with some harvest songs and then joining them afterwards for breakfast. Dates and times for each year group are on the next page of the newsletter.

**Tessa Roberts**

### Forest School, Fantastic!

Muddy wellies, BIG smiles and hot chocolate stained faces returned to school after Reception and Year One had a wonderful time at Forest School. The children had great fun exploring Ashtead Common, with the main focus of identifying the many colours and signs of autumn. The children were challenged to collect these signs, creating an 'Autumnal Walking Wand'. The children decorated their wands with all they could find, high and low, displaying rich colours of gold, red, orange and brown! We were even lucky enough to see the cows grazing in a nearby field. What an adventure! Thank you Jay for a lovely day!

**Christeen Hill**



### To Infinity.....and Beyond!!!



Playtime has been 'out of this world' this week as the children entered into the spirit of World Space Week. Rockets zoomed to Mars and aliens were found in a newly discovered universe. Thank you to everyone who donated boxes for our space travellers to design their futuristic vehicles.



**Don't Forget**

**Half Term 23 Oct - 3 Nov**



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## Charity Day



"Have a shower not a bath!" "Turn the tap off when you brush your teeth" "Don't leave the tap running!" These were just a few of the suggestions that the children in Year One had for saving water after hearing about the work of Water Aid. During our assembly, led by Jo Jones from St George's Church, they learnt that there are many children who do not have clean water to drink or proper toilets to use. Everyone was keen to be a "Water Warrior" for the day. Thank you for your support for Water Aid. The money raised will help provide clean water for children around the world.

**Janet Catlow**



### Events Week Commencing Monday 16 October

#### Lunch Menu week 1

<b>Mon</b>	9.00	First Steps Harvest Breakfast and Autumn Walk
	12.00	Parent/Teacher Interview Appointments available online
	15.30-16.30	Zumba Club
<b>Tues</b>	08.45-9.30	Rising Reception Harvest Breakfast
	09.45	Tots in Tune
	14.00	Year One visit The Red House
<b>Wed</b>	08.45-9.30	Reception Harvest Breakfast
<b>Thurs</b>	08.45-9.30	Year One Harvest Breakfast
	15.30-16.30	Rising Reception Autumn Walk Craft-tastic Club
<b>Fri</b>	15.30-16.30	Yoganory Club

## 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**  
Jack Parkin

**Rising Reception AP**  
Sarah Prior

**Rising Reception SR**  
Emma Sweeney

**Reception CH**  
Matilda Faure Walker

**Reception MP**  
Brennan Langley

**Year One**  
Alice Simmons  
Lottie Driscoll

## Christmas Cards

The children have been busy this week putting the final touches on their personalised Christmas card designs. After the Harvest Breakfast, you will be able to see the original artwork in their classrooms and place orders ready for the festive season. A pack of 12 cards will cost £5.50, £4.50 for each additional pack and £2.50 for a pack of gift tags. Orders can only be accepted with full payment. Don't forget to bring along cash or a cheque made payable to school, with your child's name on the reverse of the cheque.



## Well Done!

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