

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

It has been an exciting week for Downsend school this week. On Wednesday Mr Thorpe announced the expansion of Downsend from 2020 to include a GCSE programme enabling children to stay at Downsend until the age of 16. He explained the addition of a new creative arts centre at the main site and also the refurbishment of the Treganna building to support the expansion project. Mr Thorpe also announced that from 2020, the 3 Pre-Preps would welcome their first Year 2 cohort (the current Rising Reception children), with the transition to main site changing from the end of Year 1 to the end of Year 2. I think this is a huge positive for our school. I look forward to having a full Key

Stage 1 cohort in school and the flexibility that will give us around the curriculum for both Year 1 and Year 2. Planning for the addition of a year group at Pre-Prep Epsom is in its infancy and I have 3 meetings next week where plans will be discussed. As soon as I know more about any building development plans, numbers of classes or the bigger picture of where we will be housing Year 2 I will let you know.

Attached with this newsletter is a letter regarding the safeguarding team at Downsend Pre-Prep Epsom and some digital safety resources I hope you will find useful.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

Don't Forget!

- The extended day mobile phone is no longer in use. Please leave a message on the school phone during extended day. We check the messages regularly.

DEPA news

DEPA Coffee Morning: Tues 14 November @ 9am

Please join us in the School Hall on Tuesday for our coffee morning, where we will be also joined by Mrs Conlan. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible for a cuppa and a chat, no jobs will be handed out we promise.... Please drop us a note at epsomdepa@gmail.com if you can come so we can cater appropriately.

DEPA Drinks evening: Weds 29 November @ 7pm

Thank you again for being so understanding about our rescheduled drinks evening. Thanks to those of you who have confirmed attendance, if you haven't reached out to us yet, please send us confirmation to epsomdepa@gmail.com. Deadline for responses is **Friday 17 November**. The team are currently working on developing a brochure outlining our auction lots to whet your appetite and we will share this with you soon! This event is one of our key fundraisers of the year, so we very much appreciate your participation. Let us know if you have any questions.

Our Wonderful World

Our theme this half term is Our Wonderful World. Each year group is learning about something related to the World.

First Steps are learning about

- How to look after our World
- Where our families come from
- Where we live

Year 1 are learning about the United Kingdom, including learning the National Anthem.



We will also be learning about the lives of children who live in different countries around the World.

Rising Reception are learning about festivals and celebrations around the World.



Reception are learning about the environment and will be making Pre-Prep Epsom a more environmentally friendly school this term. Hopefully achieving the Bronze eco-school award too!



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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

Timothy, Elodie and Sophie P

RR SB/RP

Leo

RRCC

Evelyn

Badgers

Archie

Owls

Sofia

Well Done!

Open dance lessons

We are looking forward to parents coming to watch our dance lessons with Miss Vicky next week. The lesson times are:

- 9.00—9.30 Hedgehogs (Mrs Bullock and Mrs Par-mar's class)
- 9.30—10.00 Squirrels (Ms Clayton's class)
- 10.00—10.30 Badgers (Reception)
- 10.45—11.15 First Steps
- 11.15—11.45 Owls (Year 1)



Mrs T

Mrs T is currently absent from school following a planned foot operation earlier in the week. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. We are hoping she will be back in school for the last week of term. Our cook for the next 5 weeks is Dougie (from the main site) who has made a really positive impact already with both staff and pupils working really hard to maintain Mrs T's high standards.

Downsend winter hats and scarves can be purchased from the office. Hats are £8 and scarves are £10. The purchase will be added to next terms bill.

Events Week Commencing Monday 13th November

Lunch Menu week 2

Mon	3.30—4.30	Spanish club for Reception and Year 1 Poptastic dance for Rising Reception and Reception
	3.30—4.30	
Tues	9.00	DEPA coffee morning in the school hall First Steps parents afternoon Ready Steady Go Kids for Rising Reception
	pm	
	3.30—4.30	
Wed	3.30—4.30	Forest club for Reception and Year 1 Parents evening
	5.00—7.00	
Thurs	9.30—11.30	School open morning for prospective parents
Fri	am	Open dance lessons for parents to watch James Carroll in school with Mrs Conlan for the termly governance meeting Cookery club for Reception and Year 1 Science club for Reception and Year 1
	am	
	3.30—4.30	
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Inspiring young minds