

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**

**SIS Inspection 2014-2015**

Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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### Message from the Head Teacher

Downsend has had a very exciting week with the announcement that we will be taking children through to 16 years old from 2020. The expansion of the school will see the creation of a new Creative Arts Centre at the Main Site along with a range of refurbishment projects and new classrooms to accommodate the Senior School children.

Those of you who were able to attend the meeting on Wednesday will have heard Mr Thorpe outline the plans for the expansion. They will have seen images and heard details of the new buildings that will be based at the Main Site. Some restructuring is required as part

of the expansion plan and this will include Year Two children joining the Pre-Preps. Educationally, this is a wonderful move as the continuity for children in Key Stage One will be able to be delivered more effectively in one setting. However, these children will still continue to take advantage of all the specialist facilities at the Main Site in a programme designed specifically for Key Stage One pupils.

The question on everyone's lips is 'How will the children at Pre-Prep Ashtead be accommodated on an already small site?' I am currently in discussion with Andy

Moorhouse, Cognita's head of Operations, and his team who have been looking at Ashtead. They have three interesting proposals and over the course of the next few months we will be exploring these options to find the best possible outcome for Ashtead. I feel that this is a fantastic opportunity for us to not only be able to offer our current outstanding education up to Year Two, but also to add a brand new look to our internal spaces.

We have three years to plan and prepare for this change which will ensure that we can secure the best possible outcome for our children.

**Tessa Roberts**

### Back in Time

The children in Year One thoroughly enjoyed their 'Toys' workshop with Chertsey Museum yesterday. We were able to see some toys from long ago and learnt how toys were made. Some of the toys were too old and precious to be played with but the children were able to explore spinning tops, Jacob ladders and zoetropes. We were also able to play outside with hoops, skittles and diabolos.

This was a fantastic way to start our history topic and we are keen to find out more about old toys over the coming weeks.

**Janet Catlow**



### Don't Forget

**Wed 22 Nov** - Reception Forest School Visit

**Sat 25 Nov** - DPA Christmas Fair at Downsend School - All welcome

**Tues 28 Nov** - Last Tots in Tune

**Thurs 30 Nov** - St Andrew's Day Scottish Lunch

**Open Morning  
Pre-Prep Ashtead  
Thursday 16 November  
9.30-11.30**



# Downsend School

### Useful Contacts:

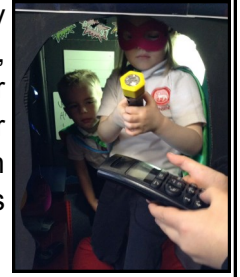
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# Superheroes



The Reception classrooms have been transformed into a dark Bat Cave and an important Headquarters over half term. This is because our new topic, chosen by the children, is 'Superheroes'! Everyone has completed several tricky missions so far, including, designing and labelling their own superpowers and splatting villains in our addition lesson. I think it's safe to say nothing can go wrong with our Reception superheroes around!

**Mel Piper**



## 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**  
Matthew Auer

**Rising Reception AP**  
Sarah Prior

**Rising Reception SR**  
Max Charalambous

**Reception CH**  
Amelia Howey

**Reception MP**  
Summar Khan

**Year One**  
Emily Elliott  
Niamh Price

## Events Week Commencing Monday 13 November Lunch Menu week 3

<b>Mon</b>	15.30-16.30	Zumba Club
<b>Tues</b>	09.45 15.30-16.30 18.30	Tots in Tune Genie Lab Club Parent/Teacher Interviews for Year One, Reception CH, Rising Reception SR and First Steps
<b>Wed</b>	15.30-16.30	Year One Forest School trip to Ashtead Common Multi Sports Club
<b>Thurs</b>	9.30-11.30 15.30-16.30 18.30	Open Day at Ashtead Pre-Prep Craft-tastic Club Parent/Teacher Interviews for Year One, Reception MP, Rising Reception AP and First Steps
<b>Fri</b>	9.15 - 11.30 15.30-16.30	Open Morning at Downsend School Yoganory Club

## Thank You

When the children returned back to school after half term, they were thrilled to find a beautiful set of chimes and drums in the playground. These have been bought with a very generous donation by an ex-pupil. We are really hoping that he will come and visit us to hear our music-making in action.



## Well Done!

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