

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

Over the last 2 weeks Reception and Year 1 have been trialling an online Maths programme called Mathletics to see if this is something we would like to move forward with. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive (although I do have some points to raise with the suppliers from your feedback) and as a result we have subscribed to this programme now for Reception and Year 1. The programme will support practise of key skills at home and also give an additional homework opportunity for children and families.

You will have noticed my sign in the road and the messages on the board by the front door over the last 2 weeks regarding parking. We know our road is a tricky one but I have received a

number of very valid complaints from our residents over the last 2 weeks regarding dangerous, fast driving particularly around the corner from Denham Road into Norman Avenue and also parents parking over residents drives, neither of which are acceptable. Our children's safety and welfare is our paramount concern and I know the vast majority of parents do park elsewhere and walk the short distance into school which is greatly appreciated. However, a small minority are making it dangerous for the children who do walk in and are also not helping neighbourhood harmony. Please park considerately and away from Norman Avenue at busy times.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

DEPA news

Parents Informal Wine Evening: Wed 07 Feb @ 07.30pm

Fancy catching up for a sneaky weekday drink and a chat? We hope so – please come and join us on **Wed 07 Feb at 7.30pm** at school.

Don't worry, you don't need to bring anything except yourselves and some thoughts on what you would like to see at the Summer Fair this year. We are hoping to generate some good ideas to take forward into our planning meetings, so would very much value your support! We hope to see you there...

Bag for Schools clothes collection: Wednesday 21 Feb – morning drop off

If like us, you are starting to think about clearing out your cupboards ready for Spring, what better way to help the DEPA fundraising efforts than to pop all your old clothes into a bag and **drop them off at school on the morning of Wednesday 21 Feb**? Donations will be collected by Bag for Schools who will weigh them and send DEPA a cheque to support our fundraising efforts.

You will find a Bag for Schools donation bag in your child's book bag and if you fill it but have more to donate, please feel free to use as many bin bags as you like!

Would you like to volunteer to support any DEPA activities?

Do you have a little spare time and would like to get involved in DEPA activities? Do let us know, it can be anything from designing an event poster, or helping stuff goody bags for Easter, right through to helping to run an event – depending on how much time you have. Any support is gratefully received! Get in touch with your Class Rep or drop the DEPA team a line at ep-somdepa@gmail.com.

Year 1 creative arts morning at main site

On Tuesday Year 1 took part in a creative arts morning with Year 1 children from Ashted and Leatherhead Pre-Preps also. The event was held at main site. The children were split into different groups and worked alongside children from the other pre-preps to enable them to start building friendships for their transition together to Year 2. The children built an imaginary house in drama, sang and played the chime bars in music, took part in a mark making activity focused on the story Where the Wild Things Are and also made a melting snowman biscuit. Great fun was had by all.





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Keeping Children Safe

From Monday 29th January Ms Clayton will be our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Miss Bowles will be our Deputy (DDSL). They take over from myself and Mrs Butler who previously held the roles.

Their role in school is to manage referrals (and associated paperwork) to our Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub, to work with staff and other services, to maintain a higher level of training, to raise awareness of the schools Child Protection policy, to ensure consistency of practice and also to ensure records are transferred between settings.

The role of DSL is a crucial one within our, and any school and as such Ms Clayton is given additional time to fulfil her role and will also become a member of the school leadership team with myself and Mrs Carruthers.

It is our intention over the next few weeks to give you an update on safeguarding practice through the newsletter to enable you to further understand the role of DSL, the processes and procedures should we have a concern about a child or if a child makes a disclosure to us and also the different training that staff undertake to ensure we are keeping our children safe.



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

Sophia A, Anisha and Ethan

Hedgehogs

Madeleine

Squirrels

Jasmyn

Badgers

Honey

Owls

Ayaan

Well done to Ayaan, Rebecca and Jessica who all achieved Mathematics Bronze certificates this week

Well Done!

Events Week Commencing Monday 29th January

Lunch Menu week 2

Mon	3.30—4.30	Spanish club
	3.30—4.00 and 4.00— 4.30	Poptastic dance
Tues	All day	Ms Clayton out at Cognita safeguarding conference—Mrs Burbidge covering
	3.30—4.30	Ready Steady Go Kids
Wed	All day	Mrs Carruthers and Ms Clayton out at Cognita leadership conference—Mrs Simpson covering FS am and Mrs Burbidge covering RR am and FS pm.
	3.30—4.30	Forest club
Thurs	All day	Mrs Conlan out at Cognita School Improvement Network meeting (I have been asked to present on teaching and learning!)
	3.30—4.30	
Fri	All day	Reception 'People Who Help Us' dress up day
	All day	Mrs Parmar and Mrs Bullock out—Mrs Burbidge covering

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