

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

I can't believe how quickly the first full week back has flown by. Our new children have settled brilliantly and the children have really enjoyed seeing all our specialist teachers across the week too.

Next week we have our annual Cognita safeguarding audit. This is a review conducted by two safeguarding specialists from Cognita who will take a full day to look in depth at all aspects of safeguarding within the school from our curriculum to staff training, checks on staff and visitors, first aid provision, behaviour, our records of safeguarding concerns and our Single Central Record, a record of all the adults that work in the school, the checks undertaken on them prior to starting and also the dates of ongoing checks such as the Disclosure and Barring Service checks

amongst a number of other things. It is a very thorough review and supports the school in validating our own self evaluation of safeguarding as well as supporting us in continuing to maintain up to date and best practice in line with the changing educational landscape and new duties on schools.

Finally for this week, can we ask that if your child is unwell overnight or has been a bit under the weather before school and you have administered Calpol or any other medication that morning that you let us know please. It is important for us to know everything about our children in order to support them and look after them in the best way we can. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

Rianna's Fund

On Thursday Debbie Davenport joined our celebration assembly to give the children an update on Rianna's fund. She showed pictures of how the school building was like for the children to learn in and how it has transformed through the wonderful charity work many people are doing to change lives through care and education in Africa, Kenya and India.

The schools which were built out of wood and no flooring are now built out of bricks and have cement flooring. Having no flooring caused health problems for the children who did not wear shoes. Little insects called Jiggers would get into the children's feet which caused them great pain. Debbie thanked the children for all the money that they and their parents have donated to Rianna's funds. The children all agreed that the children in Africa looked very happy with their new school. They said they will continue to raise money to help Rianna's fund.

Don't Forget!

- Children need (named) hats and scarves in the cold weather please. We want to get outside but we need to keep our children safe and warm too.

DEPA news

DON'T FORGET - Coffee morning: Tuesday 16 Jan, 9am @ School

We do hope to see as many of you as possible at the first DEPA coffee morning of 2018!

ANY TIME ON YOUR HANDS? The DEPA committee are meeting next week to start planning for our many exciting activities this year – more details to follow. If you have any spare time on your hands, or would like to be part of the team that plans and delivers the DEPA fun for our children, please let the team know by speaking to your class rep or emailing us at

epsomdepa@gmail.com.

Any time you can spare is gratefully received and makes a massive difference to our ability to run successful events – plus its actually great fun to work with the DEPA team and you never know.... you may make some new friends!



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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
Bolu, Timothy & Alan

Hedgehogs
Henry

Squirrels
Mariella

Badgers
Dominic

Owls
Sofia

Well Done!

School secretary update

On Monday, Mrs Hodge starts with us as our temporary secretary. Mrs Hodge will be with us from Monday to Wednesday and then Mrs Albert will be with us on Thursday and Friday. This arrangement will continue until we find a full-time replacement for Mrs Albert.



To enable the school office, both Mrs Hodge and Mrs Albert, to fully support you moving forward, please ensure you are using the **epsompre-prep@downsend.co.uk** email address for all email communication.

Building with different materials

This half term Rising Reception are learning about the different jobs that people do. They are looking at building and the different materials that people build with in different parts of the World. They love playing in the igloo in their role play area.



Events Week Commencing Monday 15th January

Lunch Menu week 3

Mon	3.30—4.30	Spanish club
	3.30—4.00 and 4.00— 4.30	Poptastic dance
Tues	9.00	DEPA coffee morning in the school hall
	4.00	Mrs Conlan and Mrs Carruthers to a cross pre-prep assessment meeting
	3 .30—4.30	Ready Steady Go Kids
Wed	All day	Rising Reception to the Polka Theatre
	3.30—4.30	Cognita safeguarding review Forest club
Thurs	All day	Miss McIntyre out on a 2 day First Aid course—Mrs Burbidge covering
	3.30—4.30	Science club
Fri	All day	All day
	3.30—4.30	Cookery club

Inspiring young minds