

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from the Head Teacher

As we approach the end of another term, there is much to celebrate. We have some very exciting curriculum developments planned for next year and the future, we have a waiting list for First Steps places and a lot of interest in Rising Reception and Reception places for September and finally (for now at least), and most importantly, your children have had another fantastic term and continued to impress us with their talents, abilities and full immersion in all the learning opportunities provided for them. Teachers are currently completing their end of term reports giving you detail on the progress your child is making. They will be coming home next Thursday. As always, if you have

any feedback on our reporting structure, I would be delighted to hear it as we will be reviewing the structure in the Summer term to see if it has met all the needs of its original design —to provide more regular, detailed information about each child's progress, as identified as a next step for us, by parents, in the 2017 parents survey.

Plans for expansion and further development of our school continue and I am delighted that it is now confirmed our First Steps outdoor area will be covered as soon as planning permission can be obtained. This will enable Mrs Carruthers and her team to set up and utilise the outdoor area in any type of weather!  
**Mrs Vanessa Conlan**

### Don't Forget!

- We finish school at 2pm next Thursday. No lates and no extended day
- Summer term club forms to be returned to Mrs Tucker
- We start back on Tuesday 17th April after the Easter break

### DEPA news

#### Hop to it!

Don't forget to bring your Easter Bonnets and your completed sponsorship forms and money in on Monday so that your child can participate fully in the fun events we have planned. Keep your fingers crossed for some lovely weather so that our special fluffy-tailed visitor keeps nice and dry! We are looking forward to seeing all our lovely volunteers on the day, with Mandy Jenson and Kim Collinson leading the festivities. The team will take some lovely photos that we can share with you post event!



#### Stories through time

Year 1 had a fantastic day at Michelham Priory. They did a variety of workshops throughout their visit. They had a Tudor feast in the great hall and saw what life might have been like for a rich person. After lunch, they time travelled into the Victorian era and became servants. They learned how to pat butter and grind herbs in a Victorian kitchen, but their day wasn't over yet, they had one more set of chores to complete! The children had to do the washing; they used a dolly and a dolly tub to help get the clothes clean. "My favourite part was all of it"





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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

Tommy  
Sophia A  
Elodie

#### Hedgehogs

Peyton

#### Squirrels

Veer  
Evelyn

#### Badgers

Jessica

#### Owls

Max  
Summer

### Well Done!

### Loose parts play

We need your help! We want to further develop our investigative and explorative play opportunities through introducing more 'loose parts' play. Loose parts play does what it says on the tin! It is providing different loose parts for the children to play with however they want, hence developing imaginative, investigative and explorative play. We are collecting/purchasing different loose parts but would like your help with our collection please.

We would welcome donations of:

cardboard tubes (kitchen roll, not toilet roll), corks, jar lids, bottle tops, unwanted kitchen utensils, ice cube trays and pots and pans and bubble wrap



### Summer uniform

Rising Reception, Reception and Year 1 children are expected to be wearing Summer uniform after the Easter break. Blazers are still needed for Reception and Year 1 please. Girls should be wearing socks with their Summer uniform.



Can I please remind everyone that hats/scarves should be school ones (hopefully we won't need them next term!) and also that hair accessories should only be red or black.

### Goodbye and Good luck

Next Thursday we will be saying 'Goodbye' to Sue Goldsmith who has been the SENCo here at Pre-Prep Epsom for almost 7 years. She has done an amazing job during her time at the school, supporting children who have found aspects of their learning challenging. Sue has always been there to listen and give helpful informed advice to both parents and staff, all of which has been highly valued. I know that she will be greatly missed and I'm sure that you will join me in sending her our very best wishes in her new role at the Duke of Kent School. We are in the process of appointing to this post, but in the interim Mrs Conlan will be our acting SENCo.



### Events Week Commencing Monday 26th March

#### Lunch Menu week 3

<b>Mon</b>	am	DEPA Easter bunny hunt
<b>Tues</b>	4.00	Mrs Conlan at Downsend HT meeting
<b>Wed</b>	All day	Pupil progress meetings all day with Mrs Conlan and class teachers
<b>Thurs</b>	2.00	End of term for all children—no lates and no extended day

**Inspiring young minds**