

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

You'll see from the articles in the newsletter that it's been an action packed week. It's so lovely to see the children feeling secure and confident in their school surroundings and happily tackling new tasks and learning new skills with such determination.

I had a very proud moment this week when all the children responded, without exception, in a calm and measured way to gather in their hiding place for our Shelter Drill. Unbelievably, the school was locked, windows were shut with blinds down, lights off and all the children were sitting in silence in their designated hiding place, all in the space of three minutes. This showed fantastic

cooperation, trust and respect from all involved and was a really valuable opportunity to help our children understand how to react and behave in an emergency. Great job everyone, you were amazing!

I received a lovely invitation this week from Rosie who runs the café at St George's Church, inviting us to come and sing next Friday. Mrs Shaw was very keen to go along, so if you are free and would like to join us for a coffee and a song, we'd love to see you. Details of the event are opposite.

Good luck to all of tonight's quizzers. I look forward to seeing you there. **Tessa Roberts**

Don't Forget

Mon 26 March - Last swim of the term

Tues 27 March - Last Tots in Tune

Thurs 29 March - Easter Hat Competition
Easter Egg Hunt

14.00- Term Ends - No Extended Day

New Event

Reception and Year One have been invited to sing at St George's Café next **Friday at 11.15am**. Please come along and join us if you are free.

Ready, Steady.....Let's Get Messy!

Our 'Get Messy' day was a real hit on Tuesday. This was a new venture for Pre-Prep Ashtead but the children have already told us that they are looking forward to having it again next year! The teachers prepared their lessons as normal but made sure that there was some form of gooey, sticky, slimy or foamy element to the learning. If that wasn't enough, playtime was even better! I think you can see from these photos how much the children enjoyed the day.





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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

Harry Watson

Rising Reception AP

Edward Truong

Rising Reception SR

Archie Joy

Reception CH

Robert Pugh

Reception MP

Isabella Ventris

Year One

Oscar Bell

Millie Ling

Well Done!



Maths Magicians!



Maths has been 'firing on all cylinders' in Reception this week. Each pupil has been challenged with recalling and using new concepts that have been taught throughout this term. The children have been on the hunt for shapes, testing their understanding of halving objects and telling the time. Every hands-on problem was tackled with enthusiasm, with



some being solved through games and others requiring detective skills, both in and outside the classroom. Phew! Success and what fun!



Events Week Commencing Monday 19 March

Lunch Menu Week 2

Mon	15.30-16.30	No Swimming Lessons Last Storymakers Club
Tues	09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	Reception Forest School - Ashtead Common Tots in Tune Last Engineering Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Last Multi Sports Club
Thurs	14.00 15.30-16.30	Year One Pre-Prep Sports Afternoon - Downsend School Last Genie Lab Club
Fri	11.15	Year One and Reception Singing at St George's Church cafe

Year One Forest School Fun

Yesterday Year One had a fantastic time exploring the Forest School area at Downsend. First they were given the challenge of finding natural materials and were able to put the knowledge they have gained in their current Science topic of 'Materials' to good use. The children then began to dig and turn over rocks and logs to



see how many different creatures they could find. Their problem solving skills and teamwork were put to the test during the next task as they created a shelter for themselves. Forest School is never complete without a hot chocolate to round things off. Thank you Jay for giving us such a wonderful opportunity to take our learning outdoors.



Inspiring young minds