

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



'OUTSTANDING'

SIS Inspection 2014-2015

Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

Friday 23 March 2018

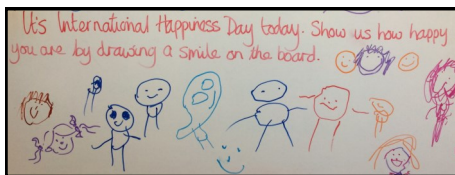
Tel: 01372 385439

www.downsend.co.uk

ashteadpre-prep@downsend.co.uk

Message from the Head Teacher

International Happiness Day on Tuesday set the tone for the whole week. The children arrived



at school with a wonderful smile and giggles were soon heard as they spotted the crazy animal smiles dotted around the school. Each child was issued with six smile tokens which they then handed out with care to someone who needed a cheery friend. I was

thrilled to see the children being so thoughtful and caring towards each other.

Next week is the last week of the Spring term and Easter is nearly upon us. I think that there could be some crafting creativity on the cards this weekend as we look forward to our annual Easter Hat competition. This will take place next Thursday morning. If we are really lucky a bouncy visitor may have time to pop in and say 'Hello'. Let's hope so!

Tessa Roberts

Pre-Preps Sports Afternoon

Year One had a fantastic afternoon of sport in the sunshine at Downsend yesterday. Not only were they able to show off the fundamental skills that they have been learning in their P.E. lessons but they also had the opportunity to make new friends from the other Pre-Preps. It was lovely to see so many smiles as the children ran, threw, dribbled and kicked their way around the activities. We must say a huge 'Thank you' to Mrs Hawes and Mrs Fitch for organising the afternoon and for all their hard work in teaching our children the skills. Thank you also to the Year Eight pupils who helped out - it seems that



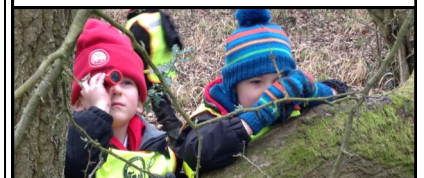
it was only yesterday that some of them were themselves in Year One at Ashtead Pre-Prep.

Janet Catlow

A Muddy Mission



On Tuesday, Reception thoroughly enjoyed a very muddy adventure to Ashtead Common. Everyone was eager to splash in all the puddles they could find along the way. Once we arrived, the children looked for signs of Spring (even though there was still some lingering snow). The children used magnifying glasses and telescopes to explore objects both close up and far away. The squelchy mud was brilliant and a great outing was had by all!



Don't Forget

Downsend Pre-Prep+ & Downsend+ Holiday Schemes run from Tuesday 3 April-Friday 13 April

Tues 17 April - Summer Term Starts



Downsend School

Useful Contacts:

Pre-Prep Ashtead	01372 385439
Pre-Prep Epsom	01372 385438
Pre-Prep L/head	01372 385437
Prep School Office	01372 372197
Admissions	01372 372311
School Nurse	01372 385409
Finance Department	01372 374842
Marketing	01372 385402
Downsend PP+	07899 011275
Mobile	07899 011275
Downsend +	01372 385403
Mobile	07909 861280

Staff News

Next Thursday we will be saying 'Goodbye' to Sue Goldsmith who has been the SENCO here at Pre-Prep Ashtead for seven 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.



I am also pleased to announce that this week, we have appointed Katherine Gray as a new member of staff for the First Steps team. She will be joining us after Easter and we are delighted to have her on board.

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 Gillott
Lily Hopwood

Rising Reception AP

Blake Wright

Rising Reception SR

Matilda Wilson

Reception

For being fantastic detectives, good listeners and beautifully behaved on their Forest School trip to Ashtead Common.

Year One

Theodor Sachs
Niamh Price

Events Week Commencing Monday 26 March

Lunch Menu Week 3

Mon		Last Swim of the term
Tues	09.45-11.15	Last Tots in Tune
Wed		
Thurs	14.00	Easter Hat Competition Easter Egg Hunt Term Ends - No Extended Day

Quiztastic!

Thanks to everyone who came along and supported our annual DAPA quiz night. It was a great night, brilliantly hosted by Mark Ayling - Thanks Mark! Congratulations to Reception, who knocked the Teachers off the top spot (the less said about lobsters the better!) Thanks also to those who bought raffle tickets. The event raised over £500, proving to be a great success.



SAVE THE DATE!

We're going to be holding an informal summer social on the evening of Friday 18th May at the Dell Centre in Ashtead. I must also mention the Summer Fair at 10.30am on Saturday 23rd June. We'd love to see you all there! Have a great Easter.

Lynsay Haque

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds