

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



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Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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Message from the Head Teacher

What fun we have had today and what a way to end a fantastic term. Everywhere you looked in school, you could see eggs, chicks and bunnies. They were either bobbing along on hats, hanging from ceilings or peeping out of Easter cards.

Today began with an Easter hat parade as all the children came into the hall to display their hats during assembly. The teachers and I loved all the amazing creativity and imagination that had been poured into the making of all the headwear. Some particularly

stunning hats were selected for a special mention :

Lily H for the hoppiest hat

Freddie W for the handiest hat

Rory for an eggcellent hat

Dexter for the chickiest hat

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Easter parade. You all looked fantastic. It just leaves me to wish everyone a safe and very happy holiday. I look forward to welcoming you back for the start of the summer term on Tuesday, 17 April.

Tessa Roberts

Sponsored Children



The children were delighted to receive letters and gifts from their friends from around the world. So, this half term they have been looking at the updates on the portal link and thinking what they would like to write and send in reply. Rediet in her letter to Year One, talked about where she lives, what she likes doing at school and also mentioned that she likes skipping. The children have composed a letter about their lives at home and at school and they decided to send Rediet a skipping rope. The other year groups have followed Year One's lead and are now looking forward to the next correspondence.

Don't Forget

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

Tues 17 April - Summer Term Starts

After School Clubs start on Wednesday 18 April





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Summer Uniform

The hint of sunshine we have had this week has given us a suggestion of the warm weather to come after Easter. When the children return to Pre-Prep Ashtead after the Easter break, I should like to remind all of our parents that their sons and daughters will need to arrive at school in their summer uniform. For further details regarding the summer uniform, please refer to the Pre-Prep Ashtead website.



Thursday Games Round-Up

WOW! Another fantastic term of PE at Ashtead Pre-Prep. Covering ball skills, SAQ (skill, agility and quickness) as well as country and contemporary dance. The weather has not been kind to us with snow, rain and wind, but the children have been marvellous and a pleasure to teach.



In Reception we have been developing our balance, co-ordination, speed and agility, through a variety of practices. The children have learnt how to control their speed so that they improve the level of skill they are able to produce. We have mastered lots of step patterns and movement control skills, which will benefit their performance in both games and creative areas of the curriculum. In addition, we have been developing our hand eye co-ordination with a view to games such as tennis and badminton. Year One have also been developing their SAQ skills, attempting more complex step patterns and sequences of movements with greater balance and control. We were amazed at their perseverance in mastery of skills and have already witnessed the positive impact that this has had on their game play. Using 'Big Hands' we practised our tennis skills. Our focus was on ball control, working together to build a rally. On occasion with the weather, we have had to come indoors and use the hall with some great sessions on country-dance. The children danced along to 'Cotton Eye Joe' and Year One created their own dance phrase in the style of the dance. We also looked at some contemporary dance, thinking about the aesthetic aspects of the activity. Mrs Fitch and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time in the Pre-Prep and are constantly amazed by the children's zest for sport and all that it offers.

Jo Hawes



Notice to Leave Reminder

We would like to remind Parents that if you are leaving Downsend at the end of the Summer Term, notice must be given before the first day of next term, i.e no later than Tuesday 17 April 2018. Where Parents have not given a term's written notice, fees in lieu of notice will be applicable. To avoid missing this deadline, you may find it more convenient to give notice by Thursday 29th March 2018, the last day of the Spring Term. Notice should be in writing and addressed to and received by the Head personally or the Business Manager on the Head's behalf. It is expected that Parents will consult with the Head before giving notice to withdraw a pupil. Full terms & Conditions are available to view on the Parent Portal section of the website.

Carole Dickie, Business Manager

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