

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



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Message from the Head Teacher

It was lovely to meet so many of you this week at our Parents Evenings. We enjoyed sharing your child's achievements and all the wonderful learning that has taken place this term. I would also like to thank you for all your positive and informative feedback. Next week, during one of our assemblies, I will be telling the children about a very special practice that will take place during the week. As with fire drills, we are required to practise a Lockdown. The school is secured and the children and staff assemble in a safe hiding place away from view. The children will be asked to think of things we do every day to keep safe. We will

explain that another way to stay safe is by planning for things that probably won't happen but which it is good to be prepared for, just in case, such as fire drills. A Shelter Drill is another practice for keeping us all safe if something we do not like is outside, such as a fierce dog. We will emphasise that preparing for these situations means that we know how to keep safe and can enjoy having fun and learning at school. Your child may come home and mention the practice. If this happens, I hope this information will help you to explain this safety drill further.

Tessa Roberts

Dddddd....dinosaurs!

The children in Reception have been learning all about Dinosaurs. This topic has given everyone a wonderful opportunity to use their imagination, especially when they created their own dinosaur. Rory said his dinosaur, "Can go in the sea and on land; it's blue and camouflaged so no sharks eat it". The classrooms have incorporated new role play areas where the children have enjoyed digging for bones and fossils or hiding in the explorer's tent from those scary dinosaurs. Throughout this topic, we have created a flying pterodactyl, made our own fossils using salt dough and we are waiting for the dinosaur egg in our classroom to hatch! I wonder what could be inside?

Melanie Piper



Arrays



Year One are busy getting to grips with multiplication and division. This week they have been using arrays (an arrangement of objects or pictures in columns and rows) to help them work out multiplication and division number sentences. They had great fun becoming an array themselves in the playground, finding arrays and then making their own array.



Don't Forget

Mon 19 March - No swimming this week

Tues 20 March - Reception Forest School trip to Ashtead Common

Thurs 22 March - Year One Pre-Prep Sports Afternoon at Downsend School 14.00



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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

Theo Simmons

Rising Reception AP

Hensen de Souza Bridges

Rising Reception SR

Isla Popham

Reception CH

William Lovell

Reception MP

Rory Anderson

Year One

Elyssa Friend

Austin White

Well Done!

Rhyme time

After a busy first half term learning about, re-telling and acting out stories, First Steps and Rising Reception have moved on to exploring the world of Rhymes. The sound of children singing these ditties can be heard everywhere - in the playground, on the stairs and even in the bathroom! First Steps started off with 'Five current buns in a bakers shop' which led to some wonderful cooking activities and counting pennies to pay for buns at the class shop. This week, Mrs James has been showing the children how to measure their feet as they played in the shoe shop and learnt the rhyme, 'There was an old woman who lived in a shoe'. 'Mary, Mary quite contrary' has been a great new rhyme for Rising Reception this week who have been planting seeds and hoping that their garden will grow. Looking at their cress seeds we think that they are in with a good chance.



Events Week Commencing Monday 12 March

Lunch Menu Week 1

Mon	15.30-16.30	Open Swimming Lessons Storymakers Club
Tues	09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	Get Messy Day! Tots in Tune Engineering Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Multi Sports Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Year One Forest School at Downsend Genie Lab Club
Fri	19.30-23.30	DAPA Quiz Night



**Thursday 22 March
8.30-9.30am - School Hall**

Save the Date



Downsend Uniform shop is coming to us.

There will be a wide selection of items both new and second-hand on sale during the morning. This is a wonderful opportunity to buy the next size of uniform ready for the summer term at a reasonable price. Please pop in and have a look on Thursday 22 March.

Inspiring young minds