

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

It has been wonderful being back at school this week. The sun has been shining, the children have come back with lots of energy and enthusiasm for learning and we have been able to make great use of our fantastic outdoor space.

Although the children were back on Tuesday, our week actually started on Monday with staff training on a teaching and learning approach called Talk for Writing. Talk for Writing is a strategy to further develop children's language, communication and writing. It develops their ability to 'read as writers' and enables them to explore the thinking and creative processes involved in generating and planning ideas and

incorporating techniques learned from other writers into their own work. It involves an imitation stage which involves oral storytelling, followed by an innovation stage where the children innovate the original story and finishes with an invention/independent planning stage where the children write/make up (according to age) their own stories based on the previous work completed. The Talk for Writing teaching and learning approach will be central to us becoming a storytelling school and we will be using our training and the ideas from it throughout the Summer term to trial different activities and to plan for the 18/19 curriculum.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

DEPA news

Coffee morning: Tuesday 24 April 20, 2018 @ 09.30am

Come and join us on Tuesday to hear how we are advancing the plans for the DEPA Summer event! The coffee morning starts at 09.30 at school

Bollywood Bingo: Wednesday 23 May @ 7.30pm

What could be better than bingo and curry on a Wednesday night? DEPA are working hard on plans for our next evening social event! Not one to be missed! More details to follow next week, but for the bargain price of £20, you can join DEPA at a secret location for a three course meal, drink on arrival, one bingo card and an all-important dobber! Don't forget to book your babysitter, and come and get your bingo-on! Feel free to bring grandparents or friends with you, we have capacity for 70 people!!!

Our school is even more amazing in the Spring sunshine!



DEPA Summer Event – All Around the World: Saturday 23 June @ 11.30am – 2.30pm

The DEPA Summer Event planning is moving at pace, and more information will come shortly. We have a whole host of fun activities planned for us all to enjoy, and this year the theme will be All Around the World! It takes an army to pull off a great Summer Event, so your class reps will be coming to you to ask for volunteers to help organise the event, and ensure it is as successful as possible. Without the support of all our parents, we won't be able to hold the event, so please let the DEPA team know if you have a little time to spare to support the delivery of this important event in the social calendar (email: epsomdepa@gmail.com).



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Saturday Sports

Saturday Sports Club will recommence this Saturday 21 April at 9am. Once again all boys and girls from Reception to Year 2 are welcome to attend, where we will be focussing on cricket and athletics. One slight change is that this session will finish at 10am for all children this term. Also that we will not be running sessions on the Saturdays below due to half term

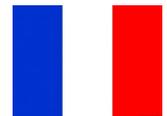
Saturday 26 May
 Saturday 2 June



We hope the sun continues to shine and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Saturday. Jon Albert & Jo Hawes

French day

French day for the children is next Wednesday. This is an in-school event only this year. We expect to run an event with parents again next year.



Children are invited to wear red, white and blue on Wednesday.

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

Lauren
 Berta
 Francesca

Hedgehogs

Athena

Squirrels

William Kirk

Badgers

Emily

Owls

Arthur

Sun Protection



Please apply factor 50 suncream to your child before they come to school each day in the hot weather. If your child has very fair or sensitive skin we will reapply suncream at lunchtime if named suncream and a medication form are provided.

Events Week Commencing Monday 23rd April

Lunch Menu week 2

Mon	3.30—4.30	Spanish and Poptastic clubs start
Tues	3.30—4.30 3.30	Ready Steady Go Kids starts Mrs Conlan and Mrs Carruthers to the Dowsend pre-prep assessment group meeting
Wed	am pm 3.30—4.30	French day (morning) Andy Perryer, Cognita digital learning adviser visiting Mrs Conlan Forest club starts
Thurs	am 3.30—4.30	James Carroll, Assistant Director of Education, school evaluation visit Science club starts
Fri	3.30—4.30	Cookery club starts

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds