

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



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Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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Message from the Head Teacher

This week the children have really taken on board our theme of independent learning. The arrival of some new playground equipment has fired them up with new challenges to stretch their physical capabilities. It is wonderful to see those children who are determined to conquer these skills and are persistent in their endeavours.

Over the course of this year I have also challenged Mrs McCluskey. I set her the challenge of reducing the sugar content of her wonderful lunches.

Main courses were easily achieved. However, creating delicious puddings has presented her with more of a problem. During the last two terms Mrs McCluskey has tried a variety of sugar free recipes that the children have loved, (Who'd have believed it?), and as a result, we are proud to say that our lunches are now 95% sugar free. Thank you so much Mrs McCluskey for helping us to keep our children happy, healthy and well fed.

Tessa Roberts

Superstar!



We were bowled over this week when we found out that Alice had decided to have her long locks cut and that she wanted to donate her hair to charity. A wonderful idea Alice, we are all so proud of you. The lucky charity was 'The Little Princess Trust'.



Don't Forget

Mon 7 May - School Closed: Bank Holiday

Tues 8 May - Year One trip to Wisley

Wed 9 May - Reception and Year One singing to Evergreens at St George's Church

Fabuleuse Journée Française!

Bonjour! Pre-Prep Ashtead was an array of bleu, blanc et rouge on Tuesday as we celebrated French Day. Wonderful outfits complete with berets and even a baguette, skipped in through the front door!

We started our day with an assembly; a very enthusiastic, 'Bonjour Tout le Monde,' song and some interesting facts about France. Did you know that the Eiffel Tower grows around 6 inches taller in the Summer? Year One sang one of their favourite French songs and some of the children asked questions and responded to each other in French.

The children were glad that 'les escargots' and 'les cuisses de grenouilles' were off the lunch menu, but gladly tucked into croissants and pain au chocolats served by some of the Year 8s in our alfresco French café. The children tried out some of the French phrases they have learnt and remembered their manners with, S'il vous plaît and Merci. Bravo! **Madame Murray**





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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
Matthew Auer
Jennifer Roets

Rising Reception AP
Chessie Ling

Rising Reception SR
Archie Joy

Reception CH
Amelia Howey

Reception MP
Arlo Hunt

Year One
Oscar Bell
Theodor Sachs

Well Done!

Community Celebrations

Last week, some of the Year One children were lucky enough to be invited to join The Red House Nursing home in their anniversary celebrations. The children joined the residents and their visitors in the beautiful gardens and entertained them all by reading from their reading books. Everyone was amazed at how confidently and fluently they read. Afterwards we were able to share in some clay modelling activities which the young and not so young all enjoyed. We were particularly interested to meet one man who was visiting his mother, who had himself been a pupil at Downsend many years ago. He told us that the boy's uniform was just the same and he was telling us about swimming in the outdoor pool whatever the weather! The afternoon was a lovely way of developing our links with our local community and of course, the children all behaved wonderfully.



Janet Catlow

Events Week Commencing Monday 30 April

Lunch Menu Week 3

Mon	15.30-16.30	Around the World Art Club
Tues	09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	Reception - Forest School trip to Ashtead Common Tots in Tune STEAM Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Multi-Sports Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Class & Whole School Photographs - Non-Thursday attendees in First Steps invited Musical Theatre Club
Fri		

School Photographs Thursday

Please remember to wear smart school uniform next Thursday.
Reception & Year One - Summer Uniform and Blazers
RR - cardigans/grey sweaters
FS - red sweatshirts

Latest News

All ten chicks have hatched, 5 girls and 5 boys.



Inspiring young minds