

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

It was lovely to have Mr Thorpe on the door with me on Wednesday this week. We are continuing to develop our collaboration and communication across all 4 Downsend sites and our success in this area was recognised recently by James Carroll, our Assistant Director of Education, who commented that he could see our hard work benefiting the school, the teachers, but most importantly, the children.

If your child comes to Early Birds, you may have noticed we have made some changes. We are trialling different ways to organise the hall to ensure all the children still have access to a wide range of activities, but also so that there is space for everyone to come

into Early Birds and say goodbye to their parents calmly. From next week, the signing in book for Early Birds will be kept on the office desk—we hope this will help to relieve some of the congestion by the door to the hall also. Signing in is an important part of our H&S procedure and therefore parents should sign their children in.

I am making a concerted effort this term to increase our social media presence and to share the exciting learning opportunities at Pre-Prep Epsom with the outside world! Please take a look at Twitter or Facebook to see what we're up to.

I hope everyone has a wonderful long weekend. **Vanessa Conlan**

DEPA news

Bollywood Bingo – RSVP by 14 May!

There is still time to book a babysitter and come out to play for an evening of Bollywood Bingo – on Wed 23 May at 7.30pm! Don't forget to send in your RSVP slip and payment by 14 May. We are counting on your support for the evening to help us fund some of the fun activities planned for the Summer Event.

DEPA Ice Lolly sale – 23 May

The next DEPA ice lolly sale is on Don't forget to bring in 50p that day if your child would like one.

Camping Day at Downsend Epsom – 11 June, 08.30-3pm

Team Camping are working on plans for the children's camping day at school on 11 June which is one of the highlights of the year. We would love to recruit some volunteers to support, no knowledge or skills of camping required - just enthusiasm!! Email us at epsomdepa@gmail.com

Summer Event planning – Your Class Rep needs YOU!!

Planning for the DEPA Summer Event is ramping up and your Class Reps need your support to deliver the class stalls. Please let them know if you can spare some time to support – and if you don't know who your class rep is, then email us at epsomdepa@gmail.com and we will introduce you!

Storyland Adventure Open Afternoon 12th May

Inspiring Young Minds, from Nursery

Come to our Storyland Adventure Afternoon and see how we inspire children to learn every day. See our school, meet our staff and visit different stories along the way.



During our Storyland Adventure, children will follow a trail through 5 different stories and then a character adventure hunt outside (weather permitting). At each story, there will be a range of fun, creative activities for the children to take part in. At the end of the adventure, children will be able to claim a goodie bag to congratulate them on completion. All families are welcome to come along.



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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
 Aaron R
 Lauren
 Sophia

Hedgehogs
 Isabel

Squirrels
 Sonia

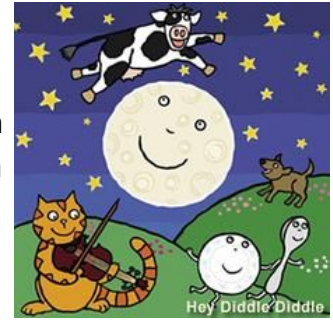
Badgers
 Manya

Owls
 Alaina

Well Done!

Do you know anyone who may be considering us as a nursery/ school for their child?

Mrs Carruthers, our First Steps teacher and Early Years leader, leads a weekly play and rhymetime session every Tuesday at 10.00am for children between 18m and 4 yrs. Places must be booked in advance. Drop in places on the day cannot be guaranteed. Please direct any interested families towards us.



General information

Please ensure all school uniform is named. We are unable to return unnamed clothing to its owner as we don't know who the owner is!

If your child is unwell with vomiting or diarrhoea, they must not come into school for 48 hours since they were last sick / had a loose bowel movement. This is to ensure the well-being of all children and to prevent illness from spreading.

Please remember to notify the school office of any absences. This can be by phone or email but must be on the morning of the absence.

Booking is now open for the Pre Prep+ half term holiday club. Early booking discount is available if booked by Friday 18th May.

Events Week Commencing Monday 7th May

Lunch Menu week 1

Mon		BANK HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL
Tues	10.00 pm 3.30—4.30	Rhymetime session for 18m to 4 yr olds Mrs Conlan interviewing SENCOs Ready Steady Go Kids
Wed	am All day 3.30—4.30	Animazing visit for all classes Mrs Conlan out at Headteacher meeting Forest club
Thurs	All day 3.30—4.30	Mrs Conlan out at Headteacher meeting Science club
Fri	3.30—4.30	Cookery club

Inspiring young minds