

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

It was lovely to be back in school this morning after being out at meetings over the last 2 days although I still remain disappointed to have missed out on all the fun that has happened this week—bad planning!

On Wednesday everyone had an Animazing time when Steve and his friends (see below) came to visit our children as our whole school enrichment activity for our Living Things topic. The children were so brave and so excited with lots of awe and wonder at the 'beasts' they were able to look at and handle.

Next half term the Matrix Theatre group will be bringing their History of Flight workshop into school as a whole school activity for our Journeys topic.

On Thursday, First Steps had a ROARSOME jungle dress up day as part of their own class topic enrichment work. The children looked wonderful and it brightened up my day when I was sent a video clip of all the children roaring like lions!

My week hasn't been nearly as exciting as the children's, but it has been a positive one. I have spent the last 2 days with all the UK Headteachers from Cognita schools focusing on the groups strategic priorities and how this feeds into our own individual schools. Pre-Prep Epsom continues to strive forwards and I look forward to the exciting plans and activities we have planned for the next academic year.

Vanessa Conlan

DEPA news

Bollywood Bingo – Deadline for responses is 14 May!

As we put the final touches to preps for the Bollywood Bingo event, we would like to remind you to submit your attendance forms and payments on Monday 14 May at the latest. In addition to the Bingo winner getting half of the pot raised, we also have some prizes for those who achieve a line including a bottle of Swisco. Also there is a Colin Bull Swimming voucher to be won. If that doesn't persuade you to come, nothing will! We really want this evening to be a raging success, so are counting on your support and attendance!

DPA Ball – Last call

Lou is going to book the DPA Ball tickets this weekend, so if you would like to attend and haven't already contacted her – please do so before Saturday lunchtime if you want to join the parents from Epsom Lodge for a fun evening. You can contact her on louclark75@hotmail.com

Camping Day

Thanks to all of you who offered to help Kim, Rachel and the team with the Camping Day at school – it looks like it is going to be a great experience for our children. More info will follow in a school comm but in the meantime, please can you save your kitchen roll tubes for the team and drop them with Mrs Tucker at Reception and she will hand them to the team.... They are going to get creative!

Summer Event – Calling all dads!

Dads, we need your help for the Summer Event – this is a call out for volunteers to run the drinks stand on the day. Let us know if you are available to set up, manage or staff the drinks stand by speaking to your class rep or contacting DEPA at EpsomDEPA@gmail.com. There might even be a free drink in it for you!

Animazing!

Wow, what an exciting morning the children had on Wednesday. We were visited by Steve from Animazing Animals and he introduced us to some Hissing Cockroaches, a Tarantula, a Giant Stick Insect, Rusty the Python, Jabba the African Bullfrog, Merlin a Bearded Dragon, Hettie the Albino Hedgehog and her baby Snowball. The children learnt lots of facts about these animals too like a Stick Insect's blood is green, a Bearded Dragon likes to eat 45/50 grasshoppers a day and that an African Bullfrog is so big because it's full of water which it sucks up from its bottom (a fact that the children found very funny!) The children behaved beautifully throughout Steve's visit sitting, waiting and listening carefully as well as contributing to discussions by asking lots of relevant questions.





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Reminders for this week

FS parents are welcome to join us for lunch on **Wednesday 16th May**. Places must be booked in advance, please notify Mrs Tucker if you will be attending and if you have any dietary requirements.

Class photos will be taking place for the whole school on **Thursday 17th May** in the afternoon. Children are to wear full school uniform please. FS and RR parents please refer Schoolcomms email sent today for timings and further details.

Year 1 will be visiting Wisley Gardens on Friday 18th May.

Please refer to letter sent home for details on what children need to bring for their trip. Thank you for returning all your reply slips.

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

Sophie P
Chloe
Anaelia

Hedgehogs

Peyton

Squirrels

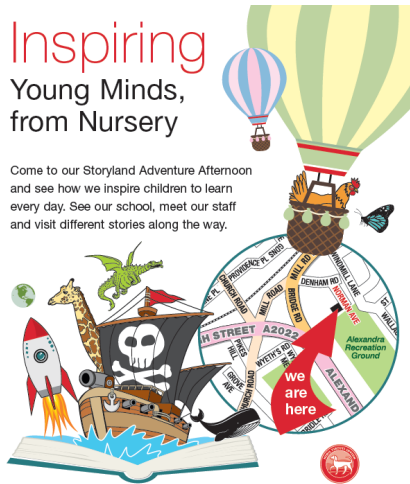
Keira

Badgers

Rebecca

Owls

Millie



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.

TOMORROW

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.

Events Week Commencing Monday 14th May 2017

Lunch Menu week 2

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| Mon | 3.30—4.30 | Poptastic club Spanish Club |
| Tues | 10.00 pm 3.30—4.30 | Rhymetime session for 18m to 4 yr olds Mrs Conlan at Cognita Pre-Prep Heads networking meeting Ready Steady Go Kids |
| Wed | All day All day 12.00 3.30—4.30 | R and Y1—Cognita Light up Learning day Mrs Conlan at HT Advanced Safeguarding course FS parents invited to lunch Forest club |
| Thurs | pm 3.30—4.30 | Class photos Science club |
| Fri | All Day 3.30—4.30 | Year 1 visit to Wisley Gardens Cookery club |

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds