

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

We are nearly in the last half term of the year, where has the time gone?

I need to say a HUGE thank you to all of you for your support following my email last Sunday regarding parking—both your verbal support and the very obvious support of keeping clear of Norman Avenue at the busy times of the day. This is the first week that I can remember that we have not received complaints which means the local roads have been safer but also that all of my time this week has been fully spent on our children. Please keep up your great work next half term also.

It was great to see so many Rising Reception parents at our parents lunch on Wednesday. The children really loved having you

here. We all hope you enjoyed coming in to enjoy lunch with them too.

Reception had a wonderful trip to the Natural History Museum on Thursday (see report overleaf), Rising Reception had a very exciting minibeast morning on Wednesday (see below), Year 1 wrote their own innovated version of Jack and the Beanstalk and took their own planted from bean beanstalks home this week and First Steps performed their re-telling of Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you see? to Year 1 this morning. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed the last week of their Living Things topic and we look forward to our Journeys topic after the break.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

DEPA news

First Steps Class Rep: Welcome Kim Agrawal

Please join me in welcoming Kim Agrawal (Jago's mum) to the Class Reps team as she takes over responsibility for First Steps. Kim is getting up to speed with plans for the Summer Event and beyond, and will get in touch with parents directly to introduce herself.

A massive thank you to Rachel Clowser for all her hard work, commitment and creative genius during her time as First Steps Class Rep, we will miss her but we know she will still support DEPA activities ongoing.

Father's Day surprise: All forms collected

Thanks to those who confirmed they would like to purchase the Father's Day surprise, all orders are now submitted and therefore we cannot take any additional orders. A big thank you to Emma & the team for organising this for the special men in our children's lives

Summer Event: Saturday 23 June @ 11.30am

Hopefully you all received the Luxury Bottle Tombola email earlier in the week asking for donations to be made on 11 June, Camping Day! A few parents have asked what a luxury bottle means so we thought we would give you a few examples: Champagne or prosecco, great wine, wonderful Olive oil, delightful Balsamic vinegar, amazing bubble bath

Things we are hoping to avoid: Out of date items, the bottle of bucks fizz that keeps coming back every year, the bottle of something strange your friend brought back for you from a far flung country that smells a bit odd!

Tickets will go on sale for the Summer Event when we return from the half term holidays – you can buy them from Mrs Tucker or from your class reps in advance or on the day at the gate. Listed below are the prices for awareness.

The Class Reps and Teachers are doing a brilliant job of preparing the country themes and finalising the stalls for the day – if you haven't yet volunteered for anything, please get in touch with your class rep, or with the DEPA team (epsomDEPA@gmail.com).

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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

Victoria
Elodie
Zac

Hedgehogs

Henry

Squirrels

Mariella
Amelia

Badgers

Zaria

Owls

Sofia

Well Done!

Reception visit the Natural History Museum

On Thursday the Reception children visited the Natural History Museum. The Adults were very impressed on their recall knowledge of dinosaur facts and endangered animals as we wandered around the fossils and mammals galleries. Amelia said that the rhinos are endangered because their horns are cut off, which means they are not able to defend themselves. She went on to say that some people use the horns for 'medicine!' The children were also able to recognise some of the fossils Mr Waring had shown them from the previous week.

The highlight of the visit however was seeing the huge life like mechanical Tyrannosaurs Rex. The children were mesmerised. One of them asked, 'Is it real?'

'No. If it was we wouldn't be standing here!'

The children then felt confident to ROAR back loudly to the dinosaur for every ROAR it made, to the amusement of an audience!

A lovely end to our Living things topic.

Mrs Butler



Events Week Commencing Monday 4th June

Lunch Menu week 1

Mon	3.30—4.30	Spanish club
	3.30—4.30	Poptastic dance
Tues	All day	Rising Reception to Ladyland Farm
	3.30—4.30	Ready Steady Go Kids starts
	3.30	Y1 cross Pre-Prep moderation meeting here
Wed	All day	Mrs Carruthers out at the Cognita Early Years conference. Mrs Burbidge covering.
	12.45	Reception parents lunch
	3.30—4.30	Forest club
Thurs	am	Y1 visit from Chertsey Museum
	9.30—12.00	Mrs Conlan at a Downsend H&S meeting
	3.30—4.30	Science club
Fri	3.30—4.30	Cookery club

Inspiring young minds