

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



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Message from the Head Teacher

What a week! The weather could not make it's mind up and had us all really confused! However, luckily for us, two of the beautiful days were just right for a Forest School adventure and a whole school photograph. As we smiled, the sun shone and even our youngest children joined in with our photographer's amusing chants. Fingers crossed, we will all be picture perfect!

Next week, we are looking forward to one of our big school events, our Celebration of the Year Open Afternoon. This is a

wonderful opportunity for the children to show you around their classrooms and to look at all that has been happening at school throughout the year. In addition to this there will be samba drums to play, crafty things to make and best of all, Mrs McCluskey's cakes to eat. Please see the note that was sent home today with all the details. I do hope that you will be able to come along and join in with the fun.

Enjoy your extra day this weekend.

Tessa Roberts

Fluffy Chicks are Amazing!



Last week we received a very special delivery and it wasn't long before 10 little eggs won their place in many hearts. For the past two weeks, Reception have taken wonderful care of our new arrivals and now ... its time for them to fly the nest ... so to



speak! The whole school atmosphere has been buzzing with excitement and anticipation ... which egg would hatch first? what will we name them? will they be boys or girls? "They use their little beaks to help them peck out the egg!" Matilda. "The girls are brown and the boys are yellow ... we've got 5 of each ...5 and 5 makes 10!" Brennan. This excitement has

fed into all areas of learning and sparked the children's curiosity, imaginative writing, mark making and language. What a wonderful way to learn about a life cycle first hand. Thank you DAPA from all the children and staff!

Christeen Hill



Water Play



Experimenting with our new water trays. Fantastic!



Don't Forget



Thurs 17 May - Stripy Stork Donation Station - 9.30-11.30am

Fri 18 May - Royal Wedding Celebrations

Fri 18 May - DAPA Summer Social, Dell Centre, Ashtead



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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

William Zhou
Harry Gillott

Rising Reception AP

Sasha Wallis

Rising Reception SR

Emma Sweeney

Reception CH

Matilda Faure Walker

Reception MP

Frankie Lovell

Year One

Elyssa Friend
Millie Ling

Well Done!

Forest School - Grrrrreat!

"I love Forest School", said Frankie, "Jay teaches us great things". Luckily, the sun was shining for Reception when they visited Ashtead Common on Tuesday. Jay had plenty of activities in store for the children, including looking for signs of any life cycles, making a cosy habitat for a woodland creature and last of all, Reception's favourite...a bug hunt! "The spider looked really big under the telescope", said Rory. We also said "Hello", to a Park Ranger and helped her squash some new bracken shoots as she told us how they can cause forest fires. Everyone was in high spirits, even if they went 'SPLAT!' in the squelchy mud all around us. Thank you Jay, we had a wonderful time! **Melanie Piper**



Events Week Commencing Monday 7 May

Lunch Menu Week 1

Mon		Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tues	09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	Year One visit Wisley Tots in Tune STEAM Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Reception & Year One visit Evergreens at St George's Church Multi-Sports Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Musical Theatre Club
Fri		
Sat	14.00-16.00	Celebration of the Year Open Afternoon at Pre-Prep Ashtead



Stripey Stork Donation Station

On the 17 May our school charity will be setting up a donation station in our school hall. Stripey Stork supports children and parents experiencing hardship by passing on gifted items in great condition. They want the families who receive items from Stripey Stork to feel they are receiving a gift and not a handout. Below is the list of items that they are currently collecting.

Children's toys - clean and in good condition such as small cars, train sets, dollies, building blocks, role play toys, dressing up outfits. They would also appreciate children's bedding - single sheets, duvet covers, cot and cot bed sheets.

If you are having a sort out at home between now and 17 May, I know that they would be thrilled to receive the above items.

Inspiring young minds