

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



'OUTSTANDING'

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Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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Message from the Head Teacher

This week started with a big surprise! A phone call from an ISI (*Independent School Inspectorate*) inspector, informed us that they would be joining us this week to conduct a compliance inspection. My amazing team sprang into action to ensure that the school was at its best. As Thursday morning approached, the staff were all ready to greet the inspection team with everything in place and a welcoming smile. I'd like to thank all those parents who completed the inspection survey and everyone who has

been so supportive over the past few days. This inspection has been checking that the school meets all the required regulations and you will be informed whether the standards have been met, by letter, in a couple of weeks. Tomorrow, we are looking forward to inviting many of you back to school for one of our favourite events - our Celebration of the Year and Open Afternoon. It promises to be full of fun. So, do come along and get into the samba beat. **Tessa Roberts**

Don't Forget

Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead
Celebration Open Afternoon
Come and join us for an afternoon of activity and fun.

Saturday 12 May • 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm • Please call to book

Stripey Stork Donation Station

Next Thursday
9.30-11.30
School Hall



We love Wisley!

Year One had a wonderful day at Wisley in the sunshine this week. Our focus was on trees and the children were able to see some amazing conifers. We looked at a Giant Sequoia which reached right up to the clouds but it is still only a baby at 100 years old. After collecting leaves, branches, pine needles and pine cones, the children set about building houses for the fairies as theirs had been destroyed by the wicked dragon - 'Billy'! We had our picnic lunches in the shade of some more enormous pine trees and then rounded off the afternoon with a bear hunt! The children all behaved beautifully and we were very proud of them all. Well done Year One!

Janet Catlow



Tues 22 May - Reception visit Sea Life Centre Brighton
Tues 22 May - Year One Assembly at Downsend School 9.30am
Tues 22 May - First Steps Sports Morning 11.15am
Thurs 24 May - Uniform Sale Ashtead Pre-Prep 8.30-9.30
Fri 25 May - Sports Morning for Rising Reception, Reception & Year One at Downsend School 11.00
Picnic afterwards at Pre-Prep Ashtead. - The Pavilion at Downsend School will be open for coffee between 10.00 and 11.00, before the Sports Morning commences.
Please look out in your inbox next week for Sports Morning details.



Downsend School

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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
Matheus Macieira Cabral

Rising Reception AP
Blake Wright

Rising Reception SR
Vincent Hopson

Reception CH
Kamran Haque

Reception MP
Rory Anderson

Year One
The whole class for their thoughtful questions and answers during their visit to Wisley.

Well Done!

Busy Bugs!

We're going on a bug hunt. We're going to find a big one. We're not scared! This half term the children in Rising Reception have immersed themselves in everything creepy and crawly with their Minibeast topic. They've had such a wonderful time getting up-close and personal with real mini beasts. The children have even been taking great care of some snails in the classroom, creating a beautiful 'mini-beast hotel' for them to stay in and watching the complex tunnels form in an ant farm! The Minibeast topic has been a real hit with the children experiencing a variety of learning opportunities such as role play, puzzle solving, fact finding, observing and investigating. They have discovered and explored unusual features including the slimy snail trails and seeing their tiny mouths. In addition to this, they all became dizzy, following the spiral shape of the snail shell. What fun!



Events Week Commencing Monday 14 May

Lunch Menu Week 2

Mon	15.30-16.30	Art around the World
Tues	09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune STEAM Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Multi-Sports Club
Thurs	9.30-11.30 15.30-16.30	Stripey Stork Donation Station Musical Theatre Club
Fri		Royal Wedding Celebrations

Superb Singing

Last Wednesday, the children in Reception and Year One put on a show-stopping performance when invited to perform for Evergreens at St George's Church. Evergreens is a social club for local ladies and gentlemen over the age of 75 where they can socialise, enjoy entertainment and take afternoon tea, all of course with a warm welcome. The children sang their rendition of spring songs beautifully and were very keen to chat to some of the Evergreens members. Well done children! We couldn't be more proud and the reaction from the ladies and gentleman was wonderful. It was hard to see who was enjoying it the most - the children or the audience!



Christeen Hill

Inspiring young minds