

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from the Head

It already feels like we've never been away! The children are so full of energy and excitement that our term has started at a rapid pace. It has been lovely to see so many parents in school this week for the curriculum meetings and our first DEPA event. For any parents who are unable to make the meetings during the day, we have a catch up meeting on Wednesday 26th September at 7.00pm. Many classes have now started on their Talk for Writing units this half term and I can see story maps in classrooms and hear children re-telling stories fantastically already. The children seem to be enjoying our 4 focus words each week focused on developing their social and emotional vocabulary and development—I hope they are sharing them with you (see the back page for next weeks words which were introduced yesterday). There are lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place now and planned for the future to keep our children motivated and excited.

An event coming up soon is European day of languages on Wednesday 26th September. Do you speak a European language at home or within your family? If so, please let us know as we would love to celebrate our community languages on this day. If you're feeling brave, we would love if it could send us a clip of yourself saying a greeting in the language. Please send any clips to Mrs Tucker at [epsompreprep@downsend.co.uk](mailto:epsompreprep@downsend.co.uk) by Friday 21st September. Thank you for your help.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

### Year 1 ukulele lessons started this week!



### DEPA news

**Children's Art Exhibition** (Drinks and canapes)

**4th October at 7:30pm in the Epsom Lodge**

Hopefully you will have all received, via book bags, your invitation to our Children's Art Exhibition on the 4th October at 7.30pm. If you have not received an invitation please can you speak with Amy Tucker or email [epsomdepa@gmail.com](mailto:epsomdepa@gmail.com).

DEPA will be providing drinks and canapes and you will have the opportunity to meet new and existing parents, teachers and the DEPA committee. Your child's artwork will be on display and available to purchase for £5. There will also be a £1 raffle on the night with the winner taking half of the funds raised. Please don't forget to complete your reply slips and hand into Amy Tucker in the office by Friday 21st September.

#### DEPA Dads / DEPA Dudes

Calling all Dads who would like to get together and meet other Dads. If any Dads would like to be added to the WhatsApp group then please drop Terri Jensen an email on [terri.depa@gmail.com](mailto:terri.depa@gmail.com) OR a text on 07768 101017 with your full name, your child's name and year group (as context for other Dads). Terri will be organising a Dads night out so don't forget to add yourself if you would like to be part of DEPA Dads.

#### Would you like to volunteer to support any DEPA activities?

DEPA (Downsend Epsom Parents Association) is an active body of Downsend Epsom Pre-Prep parents who work to enrich our children's educational experience and organise events and activities throughout the school year. Our aim is to further the relationship between home and school.



# Downsend School

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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**  
Edward  
Ryan

**Hedgehogs**  
Beatrix

**Squirrels**  
Ellie

**Badgers**  
Keira

**Owls**  
Emily

Please remember to look at the celebration board to see the photos on display

## Well Done!

## Words of the week—resilience words

This weeks words link in to last weeks words (hungry, peckish, starving, thirsty) describing how we eat and drink. Eating and drinking give us the energy to un free and tackle any problem. Resilience is about how you face challenges—you need a happy tummy to help you face challenges and be resilient!

**Eat**—we eat food

**Nibble**—when you nibble food you take small bites

**Gobble**—when you gobble up food you do it quickly and with big bites

**Gulp**—you might gulp all your drink up if you are really thirsty

## Road Dahl day 2018



Reception made George's Marvellous Medicine and Year 1 made James' peach crumble as part of our learning and celebrations for Road Dahl Day 2018.



## Events Week Commencing 17th September 2018

### Lunch Menu week 3

<b>Mon</b>	3.30—4.30	Spanish club starts
<b>Tues</b>	10.00	Mrs Conlan at a Downsend project meeting at main site
	3.30—4.30	Ready Steady Go Kids starts
<b>Wed</b>	am	Drama 4 all circus workshops for all classes
	3.30—4.30	Forest Club starts
<b>Thurs</b>	3.30—4.30	Science club starts
<b>Fri</b>	All day from 10.00	Mrs Conlan at a Downsend governance meeting
	3.30—4.30	Yoganory club starts TBC

## Inspiring young minds