

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

This week was European Day of Languages. Our morning started with an assembly from Mr Thorpe who taught us how to say hello in 5 different languages. In our classrooms, we worked with our teachers and clips that some of our parents had sent in to hear and learn even more European languages. By the end of the day, across the school, we had learnt some French, Greek, German, Italian, Spanish, Swiss German, Dutch, Slovak, Bulgarian and Hungarian, many of which are languages within our own Downsend Epsom community. Thank you to the parents who sent in clips to help teach and inspire our children.

Other than the children, parents and staff, Downsend Epsom has an additional 3 members in our chicken, Chicoletta, and our 2 guinea pigs, Elizabeth and

Charlotte. On Monday, a 4th animal will be joining the gang and next Spring, we hope to add some chicks! Watch this space to meet the new addition to the family.

Our new Storytime phonics scheme seems to be a great hit! Rising Reception have loved learning about Pete the Snake and the ssss noise he makes this week and Reception are flying through the scheme recapping and revising on the great work started in Rising Reception. The teachers report that the children are really motivated by the stories and associated activities in the scheme and that they are really enjoying teaching phonics in this new way at the same time as sharing even more high quality stories with our children.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

DEPA news

Upcoming events

Children's Art Exhibition

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

With less than a week to go, we have had a excellent response from parents and this is shaping up to be a great first DEPA social event.

Please remember that you are welcome and encouraged to just turn up if you are able, canapes and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are being provided by DEPA.

DEPA EGM and Coffee Morning

10th October at 9:00am in the Epsom Lodge

EGM agenda (pre-read circulated 21st Sept 2018):

Formal adoption of constitution.

Ratification of decision to apply for charitable status.

DEPA Dads / DEPA Dudes

To join please drop Terri Jensen an email on depa.terri.jensen@gmail.com OR a text/WhatsApp on 07768 101017

Include your full name, your child's name and year group (as context for other Dads).

Teaching about personal safety



We strongly believe that children are never too young to be taught about personal safety. If conversations about this area start from the very beginning, they create an open culture between children and trusted adults, and also support children in making the best choices from the start. We are talking about our pants in school at the moment! We are using NSPCC materials with a particular focus for our age of children on keeping our privates private by not letting any-

one other than the adults we know and trust, like our parents see our pants and what we should do if we are worried about something. Please ask your children about this and keep up the conversations at home.



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Our words of the week (for next week)

This weeks words are funny communication words. We explained to the children that communication is about sharing your thoughts and feelings with others and that it is important that we always communicate with others as words help us to connect with other people and let people know how to help us.

Funny—things that are funny make us laugh. Jokes are funny, some songs are funny, lots of things make us laugh!

Silly—silly things will make people laugh. Some poems can be silly, some people can be silly.

Hilarious—if something is hilarious, it is really, really funny!

Hysterical—if something is hilarious, it might make us hysterical. We would laugh hysterically.

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

Aaron
Francesca

Hedgehogs

Amaya

Squirrels

Victoria
Diana

Badgers

Tahira

Owls

Rebecca

OPEN MORNING AT MAIN SITE NEXT SATURDAY

FROM 9.15am UNTIL 12.00pm. All parents welcome.

Events Week Commencing 1st October 2018

Lunch Menu week 2

All week—Downsend Schools open week

Mon	All day 3.30—4.30	No Mrs Carruthers—Mrs Simpson leading FS Spanish Club
Tues	am 3.30—4.30	Mrs Parmar out at EVC conference, Mrs Strange covering RSGK club
Wed	9.10 3.30—4.30 7.00	FS Autumn walk and harvest breakfast Forest club Reception information evening for Rising Reception parents
Thurs	9.10 3.30—4.30 7.30	RR Harvest breakfast Science club DEPA art appreciation evening
Fri	All day 3.30—4.15	World Smile Day Yoganory
Sat	9.15—12.00	Open day at main site

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds