

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Weekly outdoor learning with  
Woodland Forest School

Friday 7 September 2018

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### Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back to the start of a new year! The children arrived looking splendid in their uniforms with big smiles on their faces ready for the term to begin. We have enjoyed playing down in the field making new friends and making the most of the warm weather.

A busy few weeks ahead so please do keep an eye on the calendar and the weekly newsletter. If you have any queries or worries at all please do speak to me, I am on the door each morning or if you prefer email me on [gill.brooks@downsend.co.uk](mailto:gill.brooks@downsend.co.uk)

We look forward to meeting you at the curriculum meetings next week, however if you cannot make the meeting teachers will happily meet with you at a more convenient time and a curriculum pack will be sent home via your child's bag.

During next week I will be giving children in Rising Reception, Reception and Yr.1 a coloured House Badge which denotes which house they will be in. The children can wear the badge on their sweaters and cardigans.

Gill Brooks



**This week in Reception we have been busy familiarising ourselves with our new learning environments and making new friends.**

**The children have had fun investigating, exploring and showcasing their abilities.**

**RRLC had a lovely time settling in on their first week in Rising Reception.**





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Dear Parents,

We hope you have enjoyed the Summer holidays, and that your child settles back into the new term quickly. For those existing parents who enjoyed the 'Downsend Sports Club' last year, it will recommence this Saturday 8 September at the following time:

**Reception, Year 1 & Year 2**

**9am-10am**

For those new parents, a little additional information about this activity: the Saturday morning 'Sports Club' is run by Downsend staff at Main site, as a method of providing additional sports coaching to all those girls and boys who are keen to participate. This club is solely for Downsend pupils at no expense and will continue to operate as a drop-in service; if you wish your child to attend, simply turn up. The club will run every Saturday (finishing on 8 December) excluding the following dates:

**20 October**

**27 October**

**3 November**

**1 December**

The aim is to create a fun environment where pupils can develop an enthusiasm for sport, whilst playing with their school friends. The majority of the training is held on the main Astroturf next to the car park, although occasionally on the grass pitches or within the Sports Hall, depending on the weather and other school matches. Throughout the year a variety of sports will be introduced, all aimed at improving the fundamentals of balance, spatial awareness, co-ordination, speed, agility and most importantly fun! We ask that all pupils wear their Downsend sports clothing (shin pads for footballers), trainers and bring a water bottle.

Similarly to last year, refreshments can now be purchased from within the Sports Pavilion.

We were delighted by the response last year and can already see the benefits that this ground work has generated within our sports teams; we look forward to seeing you this Saturday 8 September.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Albert  
Assistant Head

**The afterschool club lists will be confirmed next week. The clubs will all start w/c 17 September.**

**Please remember during the lunch time collections that the school car park can only be used if there is a free parking bay. Please use the church car park at the back.**

## Don't Forget!

- Tuesday 11 September – 9 a.m. Parents of Yr.1 children are invited to a curriculum meeting in the Hall.
- Wednesday 12 September – 9 a.m. Parents of Reception children are invited to a curriculum meeting in the Hall
- Thursday 13 September – 9 a.m. Parents of Rising Reception children are invited to a curriculum meeting at 9 a.m. in the Hall.

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