

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**

**SIS Inspection 2014-2015**

Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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### Message from the Head Teacher

In the new academic year, the first week back has been brilliant! The children's beaming faces say it all. The teachers are delighted with the way their new classes seemed to have already settled into their new environment. I think that we are in for a very exciting year ahead!

In this first newsletter of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us this week. Popping in and out of the classrooms, I have seen all our new starters in action and already purposefully engaged in their learning. Fantastic!

During the holidays the teachers

have been busily preparing for the term. Please look out, in the book bag, for a timetable and an overview of the topic that your child will be learning about this half term. Sharing the learning that is going on in school with you at home really helps to strengthen your child's understanding of everything they are being taught.

The term promises to be action-packed with a wide range of events planned. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and the calendar for upcoming events.

The new school year has got off to a flying start. I now can't wait to see what happens next!

**Tessa Roberts**



**Check these new calendar dates**

#### Change of date:

Wednesday 26 September -  
Literacy Information Evening

Thursday 27 September -  
First Steps Coffee Morning

#### Addition to the calendar:

Tuesday 25 September -  
Reception visit Pizza Express

Please note that these dates differ from the published calendar.

#### Don't Forget

**After School Clubs start  
wb 17 September**

Mon 17 - Let's Dough!

Tues 18 - Multi Sports

Wed 19 - Genie Lab

Thurs 20 - Create and Make

Fri 21 - Tec Kids

**All clubs run from 3.30-4.30pm**

**Thurs 20 Sept - Individual Photographs**

### New Classroom for Rising Reception

During the summer holidays the school has been as busy as usual - not with children, but with contractors! The two Rising Reception rooms have been amalgamated into one large classroom. The learning space has been transformed and both the children and teachers are loving it.



The staffroom has also undergone a much needed refurbishment, giving us a great place to meet along with some wonderful new storage facilities. If you have a spare couple of minutes during the morning drop-off, do pop in to take a look. I'm sure that you'll agree that it's a great job!





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## Fun & Friends in Reception

It's all 'hustle and bustle' up in Reception at the start of a new school year. The children have taken full advantage of all there is to offer whilst making new friends and having lots of fun. The insect sensory beads, opticians, superheroes and dinosaur bubble tray provided many opportunities for the children to work collaboratively. What a fantastic way to begin... Well done Reception!



**Melanie Chipperton and Christeen Hill**

### Events Week Commencing Monday 10 September

#### Lunch Menu Week 2

<b>Mon</b>		Swimming Lessons start
<b>Tues</b>	9.45 - 11.15	Tots in Tune begins
<b>Wed</b>		
<b>Thurs</b>	20.00	DAPA AGM - All welcome
<b>Fri</b>		

### Saturday Sport - Jon Albert (Assistant Head, Downsend)

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 the parents who are new to school - 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 come along. 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 that they also 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.

**Inspiring young minds**