

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**

**SIS Inspection 2014-2015**

Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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### Message from the Head Teacher

Last Friday, the children surprised us all with their response to the first fire practice of the year. They stopped and listened carefully to their teachers when they heard the sound of the bell. I watched as all the classes left the building efficiently, calmly and without a sound! It was very impressive for a first practice in their new classes and their new rooms. The big round of applause we gave ourselves at the end was truly well deserved! Through these regular

drills and the discussions after the event, our children are learning how to value their safety and learn strategies in how to respond in an emergency. Life skills such as these are important even from two years old. Please remember next Wednesday we will be holding an Information Evening at school and really hope that you will be able to join us.

Have a super weekend.

**Tessa Roberts**

### Don't Forget

**Mon 1 - Fri 5 Oct  
Ashtead Pre-Prep  
Open Week**

**Thurs 4 Oct** - Come & See Reception day - open to Rising Reception & Prospective Parents

**Fri 5 Oct** - Creative Arts Day

**Sat 6 Oct** - Open Morning at Downsend School 9.15-12.00

### Afternoon fun for First Steps and Rising Reception

Awesome! This is how one of the Rising Reception children described their afternoon school this week. Miss Hodgkinson and Mrs Lockyer are a dynamic team, planning and organising a varied range of interesting activities which capture the imagination and curiosity of our youngest children. The activities both in and outside the classroom compliment the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and the children are loving it! In addition to these activities, specialists join the children each afternoon to further enrich the curriculum.



Monday - Ball Skills with Martin Firmo - Martin's games with the children challenge their coordination, balance and control. Here you can see that balancing a beanbag is harder than it looks!

Tuesday - Tuesday Tunes with Rachel Shaw - Rachel uses songs, actions and musical instruments to develop a love of music. It certainly looks like they were having fun!

Wednesday - Forest School with Jay Bristow - Jay brings a love of the natural environment to his woodland sessions. The children can't wait to get outside to explore and create.

Thursday - Yoganory with Hayley Chalwin - During these sessions, Hayley uses the text of a familiar story to capture the children's interest. Then, with the aid of yoga moves and breathing techniques they retell the story, developing a strong sense of well-being.

Friday - Cooking with Miss Hodgkinson and Mrs Lockyer always results in a tasty treat - All we can say is 'Mmmmm...delicious!'



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# The Five Senses



In keeping with the topic 'Our Five Senses', this week the children have been looking at the sense of touch. As a class, the children transformed into Feeling Detectives... Their mission ... if they chose to except it ... was to blindly feel objects and use their descriptive language so that their fellow agents can help guess what it could be.

The children had great fun, plunging their hands into wet noodles, sticky jelly and much more.

Archie: "It feels slimy and soft... it feels like worms!"

Mary: "It feels rough and hard... It's a pine cone".

Super sensory work Reception! **Christeen Hill**



## 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

Imogen Faure Walker

### Rising Reception

Weitong Feng

### Reception CH

Mary Malcomson

### Reception MC

Blake Wright

### Year One

Arlo Hunt

William Nelson-Bowling

## Golden Star Awards

Good Listening Stars were awarded to:

Harriet Edney, Max Charalambous,  
Eric Welton, Harry Gillott,  
Lily Jackson

**Well Done!**

## Events Week Commencing Monday 24 September

### Lunch Menu Week 1

<b>Mon</b>	15.30-16.30	Let's Dough!
<b>Tues</b>	9.45 - 11.15 15.30-16.30	Year One Forest School Trip to Ashtead Common Reception visit Pizza Express Tots in Tune Multi Sports Club
<b>Wed</b>	15.30-16.30 19.00	Genie Lab Literacy Information Evening
<b>Thurs</b>	9.00-10.00 15.30-16.30	Healthy Eating Workshops with Thomas Franks ' Nutritionist First Steps Coffee Morning Create and Make Club
<b>Fri</b>	15.30-16.30	Tec Kids

## Literacy Information Evening

This coming Wednesday 26 September, don't forget to make a date for our 'Literacy Evening'. Come along and spend a little time learning about the Literacy Curriculum being taught at Pre-Prep Ashtead. We will begin in our school hall with a short presentation outlining the Read Write Inc and Talk4Writing schemes used throughout all of the age groups. Following this, all of the parents will move on to the appropriate classrooms around the school where the teachers will be able to offer further information about the methods used and progressions specific to your child's age group.

As an informative evening, aimed at helping you to assist at home with your child's progress, we do hope that you will be able to support this event. It all begins at 7.00pm.

**Inspiring young minds**