

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

It has been yet another incredibly busy week at Pre-Prep Epsom.

Clubs started this week and from my popping in and out, everyone appeared to be having lots and lots of fun!

On Wednesday we had a visit from Luke, from Perform who led drama workshops for RR, R and Year 1. The children had such fun using movement and actions to work through a story about a clown. It was a wonderful extra opportunity for the children, albeit within a busy French and sports morning!

Thank you to all the parents and family who have attended the year group curriculum meetings over the last 2 weeks. I will be holding a 'catch up' meeting next Wednesday at 7pm for anyone who has been unable to attend during the day. I look forward to seeing you there.

I have noticed that a large number of parents are using Norman Avenue to park on at the start and end of the day. Please can I remind all parents that Norman Avenue can only be used until 8am for Early Birds drop offs and then after 4.30pm for extended day collections. Parents are requested to park elsewhere during the times of 8am to 4.30pm to ensure the safety of our children and all other local children walking to school. Our road is very narrow and not suitable for a lot of traffic, becoming very easily congested and then dangerous. I do understand that local parking is challenging, but do please ask that you leave several minutes earlier for your journey to support this. We had several near miss accidents last year so this is a serious matter. Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

Our words of the week (for next week)

This weeks words are creativity words. We explained to the children that creativity is using your imagination to explore new ideas and solve problems and that we use our words to help us think about how we are going to turn our ideas into something real.

Make—we said that making something is the same as creating something

Design—we discussed a design being a picture or drawing of our ideas to help us know what our finished product will look like

Invent—we talked about lots of different inventions and that inventing was taking a new idea and making it into something real

Concoct—I explained that concocting something is the same as making something, but it would usually be making something a bit crazy

DEPA news

Children's Art Exhibition
(Drinks and canapes)

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

It's not long until our first parents and teachers social event. Our teachers and children are working hard on your children's masterpieces so they are ready for you to admire.

Canapes and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are being provided by DEPA and we hope to see as many of you as possible. Please don't forget to complete your reply slips and hand into Amy Tucker in the office by

**Monday
24th September.**

DEPA Dads / DEPA Dudes

So far 11 Dads have joined the DEPA Dads WhatsApp group, but we are still hoping for lots more to join before we start planning our first night out.

To join please drop Terri Jensen an email on teri.depa@gmail.com OR a text/WhatsApp on 07768 101017 with your full name, your child's name and year group (as context for other Dads).



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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

Berta
Noemie

Hedgehogs

Tommy
Sophia

Squirrels

Carter

Badgers

Leo

Owls

Amelia

Well Done!

Bonjour !

Next Wednesday is European day of languages. If you haven't already let us know your family language and sent us a clip of a greeting in that language, you only have a week left to do so! We want to celebrate our community languages on this day but need your help! Please send any clips to Mrs Tucker at epsomprep@downsend.co.uk by Monday 24th September (extended from today). Thank you for your help.

Help needed (again) please

As part of our All About Me topic we would like to celebrate the children's Grandparents with them. Please can you send a photo of your children's Grandparents into school (a copy rather than a treasured family photo would be better) so that your child can talk to their class about them. The photos will be used to create a whole school display dedicated to our wonderful Grandparents.

All children should be in the correct Summer uniform until half term please

Events Week Commencing 24th September 2018

Lunch Menu week 1

Mon	3.30—4.30	Spanish club
Tues	All day	Mrs Carruthers at a Cognita Teaching and Learning Conference (Mrs Simpson leading FS)
	3.30—4.30	Ready Steady Go Kids
Wed	All day	European day of Languages
	Morning	Individual and sibling photos
	3.30—4.30	Forest Club
	7.00	Curriculum catch up meetings
Thurs	3.30—4.30	Science club
Fri	All day	National Poetry day
	All day	Mrs Carruthers out of school
	3.30—4.30	Yoganory

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