

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

This week we have been busy with Open Week and the families that we have shown around school have loved seeing the children happily engaged in both work and play. The children enjoyed showing off their classrooms and the comments we received were incredibly complimentary. Now that the children have fully settled into their new school routines, the learning taking place across the school has stepped up a gear. Just yesterday, I saw some wonderful storytelling taking place in both Year 1 and Rising Reception. The children had been busy creating their own story maps and then retelling the sessions with Talk4Writing. Also this week, a group of children in Reception took their first steps along the way to discovering how to manipulate tens and units to create two digit numbers. Amazing! In First Steps some of the children have only been at school for four weeks but you would never know. They are so happily engaged in all the exciting activities, they often don't want to go home! Next week, I am attending the Cognita Global Leadership Conference so I will be leaving you in the capable safe hands of my Deputy, Janet Catlow. Have a great week!

Tessa Roberts



As part of our Harvest Celebrations we would like each child to bring in an item of food that can be donated to our local Food Bank. Next week, the children will be asked to think about why we need food banks and how lucky we are to always have food in our cupboards. Please see the flyer in your child's bag listing items that are currently on the Food Banks urgent list.

Don't Forget

Mon 15 Oct - First Steps Harvest Breakfast 09.00 followed by Autumn Walk in the Park

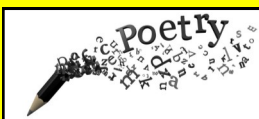
Tues 16 Oct - Rising Reception Harvest Breakfast 08.45 - 09.30 followed by visit to the classroom

Wed 17 Oct - Reception Harvest Breakfast 08.45 - 09.30 followed by visit to the classrooms

Wed 17 Oct - Rising Reception Autumn Walk in the Park

Thurs 18 Oct - Year One Harvest Breakfast 08.45 - 09.30 followed by visit to the classroom

Fri 19 Oct - Year One visit The Red House



Rhymetime Fun



We were in the 'zone' on Thursday as poetry, rhythm and rhyme could be heard in every corner of the school. National Poetry Day gave us a

wonderful opportunity to share some favourite poems. Each class performed their 'Poem of the Week' to the rest of the school and we really giggled at the poem we chose as Ashtead Pre-Prep's favourite, [The Worm that wouldn't Wiggle](#) by Steve Attewell. (click on the poem to view the YouTube version)





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Creative Arts Day



What an amazing day we have had today with the whole school using their imagination, free expression and exploration of the creative arts. As you can see here the children loved



it! Every child has also contributed a special piece of art work for our whole school display.



Look out for it after half term when it has been fully assembled. A big thank you to all the staff for making this such a memorable day for everyone.

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

Fabio Merlini
Sophia Murray

Rising Reception

Gigi Stallman

Reception CH

Sasha Wallis

Reception MC

Freddie Watson

Year One

Frankie Lovell
Tate Bishop
Rory Anderson

Events Week Commencing Monday 8 October

Lunch Menu Week 3

Mon	15.30-16.30	Let's Dough!
Tues	9.45 - 11.15 15.30-16.30	Reception Forest School trip to Ashtead Common Tots in Tune Multi Sports Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Genie Lab
Thurs	8.30- 9.00 15.30-16.30	DPA Uniform Sale at Ashtead Pre-Prep Create and Make Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Tec Kids

Christmas Cards

The children have been busy this week putting the final touches on their personalised Christmas card designs. After the Harvest Breakfast, you will be able to see the original artwork in their classrooms and place orders



ready for the festive season. A pack of 12 cards will cost £5.50, £4.50 for each additional pack and £2.50 for a pack of gift tags (16). Mugs are also available for £6.00 as well as a special 'Value pack' (consisting of 2 packs of cards and 1 pack of gift labels) for £10.

This year we are going online! Each child has their own unique code on their art work that will allow you to log onto www.cauliflowercards.co.uk and order online via 'parent orders'. Your order will then be sent to school and distributed. Please note that the cut off date for orders is the 4.11.18. We can't wait to share our creations with you after our lovely Harvest Breakfast

Golden Star Awards

Good Listening Stars were

awarded to:

Isla Smith, Blake Wright,
Chessie Ling, Fraser Ross,
Joe Eschenburg

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds