

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

We had pumpkins in school, pumpkins in poems and in fact there were pumpkins everywhere this week! Our Harvest celebrations were wonderful. Each day the children delighted you all with their singing and then enthusiastically tucked into the breakfast goodies. The joy we could see on the children's faces and the conversations that were had around the table were certainly memories to treasure. Thank you all for supporting our Harvest week and making it a really special time for all the

children. This half term has flown by and I have been thrilled to see the children settle so quickly in their new classes, allowing their learning to leap into action. The teachers and I are excited by the progress we can already see and look forward to sharing this with you after half term during our Parents Evenings.

I hope everyone has a great half term break and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 5 November.

Tessa Roberts

Thank You



Your generosity once again has been overwhelming. Our collection for the Epsom and Ewell Food Bank has been magnificent and Jo, who came to collect the items today, asked me to pass on her grateful thanks to you all.

Brilliant Harvest Breakfasts





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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

Livvy Relf

Rising Reception

Congratulations to all the children in Rising Reception for their brilliant singing at their Harvest Breakfast.

Reception CH

Vincent Hopson

Reception MC

Eric Welton

Year One

Jack Clement

Amelia Howey

Golden Star Awards

Good Listening Stars were awarded to:

Frankie Lovell, Mary Malcomson,
Freddie Watson, Matthew Auer,
Fabio Merlini

Well Done!



Autumn Walk

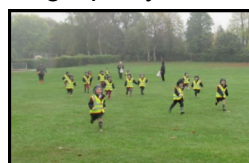


Wednesday was a damp day but this didn't deter the Rising Reception children who were all set for an autumn walk. They put on coats and wellies ready to jump in puddles on the way to the park. Once there, the autumn detectives were on the hunt and with smiles all round, the children rummaged to find different coloured leaves, conkers, twigs and acorns - in fact two bags full! Mrs Mac found some mushrooms growing on the grass. The children were very good at just looking and not touching. We all jumped in puddles including the staff and enjoyed running over the grass to gather at the oak tree. Theo, "We don't eat berries. They might be poisonous." Weitong, "I found something spikey — the grass."



Harry, "Its autumn!"

Sally Rose



Events Week Commencing Monday 5 November

Lunch Menu Week 2

Mon	15.30-16.30	Let's Dough!
Tues	9.45 - 11.15	Tots in Tune
	15.30-16.30	Multi Sports Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Genie Lab
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Create and Make Club
Fri		Diwali Celebrations
	15.30-16.30	Tec Kids

Cognita 'O' Award Winners

The conference I attended last week was filled with interesting speakers and discussions about key issues in education. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet and share best practice across the world with over seventy Head Teachers from eight different countries. However, the icing on the cake for me, was to be presented at the final dinner with an award in the small schools category for the school 'Most Supported by Parents'. The Ashtead team are thrilled to have been given this special award which is based on responses from the Voice of the Parent survey. We really value the partnership that we have with all of our parents and thank you so much for your wonderful support.



Inspiring young minds