

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from Mrs Carruthers

It has been another busy and fun filled week at Pre-Prep Epsom.

Last week, Mrs Conlan bought all classes a brand new listening centre with headphones so that up to six children can listen at once. First Steps have had a great time using theirs to play 'listening lotto'.

This week it has been Reception and Year 1's turn for their harvest breakfasts. Both were a huge success and the children made us all very proud with their excellent performances. Thank you to all parents and family members who attended.

Rising Reception have also been busy this week learning about Autumn. They had lots of

fun jumping in all the leaves they had collected.

Terry the tortoise, our new school pet, has proved to be a huge hit with all of the children!



Thank you to all of the wonderful staff and parents who have supported me this week in Mrs Conlan's absence. We have all missed her and are looking forward to her return next week!

I hope you all have a happy and restful weekend with your children.

Mrs Anna Carruthers

### DEPA news

#### Art Exhibition update

Today (12<sup>th</sup> October) is the last day to collect your child canvas from Amy Tucker if you would like to purchase it. We will update you next week with the amount of funds raised on the night. Thank you again to everyone that supported the event.

#### 19<sup>th</sup> October Halloween Dress up Day/Muffi Day

As Halloween approaches the DEPA witches and wizard will be working hard this afternoon to decorate the Office reception and putting together a Halloween gift bag for each child to take home for half term. On the 19<sup>th</sup> October your children can come to school in muffi or a Halloween costume, last year we had some fabulous witches, wizards and other spooky costumes coming to school.

For DEPA to be able to decorate and provide every child with a gift we ask for a small muffi day donation of £2 which will go towards paying for the gift bags. This donation can be handed to your class teacher in an envelope for DEPA on the day.

#### Christmas Cards Deadline

Today is the deadline for the order forms to be completed with payment for your children's Christmas cards. DEPA will be collating the forms on Monday for collection by Cauliflower Cards. As soon as the cards are delivered back to school we will arrange for the packs to come home in book bags.

#### Our words of the week (for next week)

Next weeks words are back to self-awareness words; recognising our feelings. We explain that words help us to know ourselves better and talk about how we feel.

**Moody**—when we are in a bad mood, not feeling very happy, we would be moody. Someone might say we look moody if we have a grumpy looking face.

**Grumpy**—you feel grumpy when things don't go how you want them to go. You might feel grumpy if your parents say no ice cream today but you want it.

**Frustrated**—you feel frustrated when you are trying to do something but you are really struggling to get it done.

**Tantrum**—a tantrum is a big show of feeling angry or frustrated. Young children have tantrums before they understand about using their words.



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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

Eric

### Hedgehogs

Genevieve

### Squirrels

Timothy

### Badgers

Isabel

### Owls

Anna

## Well Done!

## Harvest breakfasts

Over the last 2 weeks, every class has held a Harvest breakfast for their parents and family. It has been fantastic to see so many family members in school to share our breakfasts with us. This year we have been collecting harvest donations for the Epsom and Ewell foodbank. Thank you to everyone for your donations.



## Events Week Commencing 15th October 2018

### Lunch Menu week 1

<b>Mon</b>	3.30—4.30	Spanish Club
<b>Tues</b>	11.00—2.30	Mrs Conlan out at Meadow Primary School Governors meetings
	3.00—4.30	Mrs Conlan at main site for PPE Governance meeting
	3.30—4.30	RSGK club
<b>Wed</b>	3.30—4.30	Forest club
	6.00—8.00	Parents evening
<b>Thurs</b>	10.30	Mrs Conlan at Downsend H&S meeting
	3.30—4.30	Science club
<b>Fri</b>	All day	Halloween dress up day for children
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