

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

It has been a week of parents and families in school! It was fantastic to see so many visitors for our First Steps Autumn Walk and Rising Reception Harvest breakfast. We look forward to welcoming Reception and Year 1 parents next week. We have also had two evening events this week with our Reception information evening starring Mr Albert and Miss Black from main site on Wednesday and our wonderful DEPA art evening last night. It was fabulous to see the children's work on display and to see the progression from our 2 year olds through to our 6 year olds. The children's work can still be purchased through Mrs Tucker in the office until the end of next week. Our first DEPA social event of the year was a huge success and we look forward to more as the year continues.

Next week, I am away for the full week at the Cognita Heads

Conference in Barcelona (this is an annual event where Cognita get the Heads from all schools around the World together, hence a week). Mrs Carruthers will be leading the school in my absence, supported by Ms Clayton. Should I be needed, I am only an email or phone call away, however, the school is in very capable hands with these senior leaders and I am sure that my general daily catch ups with Mrs Carruthers will all be full of positives.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the parents who contributed to our World Teacher Day celebrations with their teacher tributes. I had kept the collection of these secret from the teachers to be able to surprise them today. It was a wonderful way to end the week.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

Our words of the week (for next week)

Next weeks words are community words. We explained to the children that a community is a group of people—we are the Downsend Pre-Prep Epsom community.

Share—when you share you don't keep things to yourself. You can share things but you can also share ideas.

Collaborate—when you collaborate you work together as a team with one or more other people.

Include—letting others join in. The opposite of include is exclude.

Together—when more than one person does something. We talked about it being easier to achieve things when we work together.

DEPA news

A big thank you to all for supporting and attending the Art Exhibition last night, a great time was had by all.

Please see Downsend twitter and Facebook feeds for all the pictures.

DEPA EGM and Coffee Morning

10th October at 9:00am now to be held at 4 Nelson Walk, KT19 7LR.

The school have asked for this coffee morning to be held off site, due to an unforeseen scheduling constraint.

Mrs Conlan, will not be able to attend for the same reason.

EGM agenda (pre-read circulated 21st Sept 2018):

Formal adoption of constitution.

Ratification of decision to apply for charitable status.

DEPA Dads / DEPA Dudes

We are asking for suggestions for our first event, current favourite is a meal and drinks at Dastaan.

To join please drop Terri Jensen a text/WhatsApp on 07768 101017. Include your full name, your child's name and year group (as context for other Dads).

DEPA/DPA Second-hand uniform sale

Thursday 18th October from 3.30pm at Pre-Prep Epsom. School comms with further details to follow.



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Pumpkin picking and tractor riding!

On Wednesday the reception children had an exciting morning at Garson's Farm, pumpkin picking. The highlight of the morning was the tractor ride. Peyton said "This is the best day ever!"

The children compared the size of the pumpkins as they picked them and there was a lot of mathematical language such a big, bigger, small, and smallest as they discussed the size of the pumpkins they saw. Leo said "I'm going to make pumpkin bread," and Sonia said, "I'm going to hang mine for Halloween!"

The tractor driver was very impressed with the children's very good manners. They all said 'thank you' to him as they climbed off the tractor. He was equally impressed that they all picked a good size pumpkin that they were able to carry!



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

Zac
Keegan

Hedgehogs

Whole class

Squirrels

Sophie P

Badgers

Joshua

Owls

Jessica

REMINDER Friday 12th October – last day for:

- School photos
- Xmas card art work
- Harvest donations

Events Week Commencing 8th October 2018

Lunch Menu week 3

Mon	pm 3.30—4.30	Reception visit from Guide Dogs for the Blind Spanish Club
Tues	3.30—4.30	RSGK club
Wed	9.10 3.30—4.30	Reception Harvest breakfast Forest club
Thurs	All day 9.10 3.30—4.30	Mrs Bullock and Mrs Parmar on a course—Mrs Carruthers to cover (Mrs Simpson in FS as usual on a Thursday) Y1 Harvest breakfast Science club
Fri	All day 3.30—4.15	Mrs Carruthers out on a course—Mrs Simpson to cover Yoganory

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds