

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



'OUTSTANDING'

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Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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Message from the Head Teacher

On Monday morning I noticed a real chill in the air as I arrived at school. However, it didn't last long as a stream of smiling faces skipped through the door delighted to be back at school. The children have very quickly settled back into the school routine. The enthusiasm and engagement in learning that I have seen this week has been impressive. Talk4Writing story maps have already been created in Year One and the children were really eager to tell one of our visitors this week about the stories they were writing. One visitor, an

ex-Head Teacher, expressed her delight at meeting such confident and articulate children. She also commented on the quality and standard of writing that she was shown. The children were thrilled to hear her comments and continued their work with added enthusiasm. The first half of the autumn term has flown by and next week we look forward to meeting you all during our Parents Evenings to share all that has happened so far this year. Have a very enjoyable weekend.

Tessa Roberts

Fab Phonics!



Who knew that learning could be so much fun? This week the children in Rising Reception have been busy practising their initial sounds by playing lots of different types of games both inside and outside the classroom. It's great to see these young children so focused and engaged in their learning.

Diwali

Today was full of fun and excitement as all the children enthusiastically learned about and celebrated the Hindu festival of lights - Diwali. The festival marks the start of the Hindu year. For many Indians, this five day festival honours Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth. Lamps are lit to help Lakshmi find her way into people's homes. Intricate Rangoli patterns are created at the entrance of houses to welcome the goddess and today some of these amazing designs were recreated in the classrooms along with beautiful diyas. However, the highlight of the day has to be the fantastic Indian Dance workshops where the children really entered into the spirit of the festival, moving creatively to the Indian music. A brilliant day of cultural learning.



Take a look on Facebook to see videos of Rising Reception and Year One's dances.

Don't Forget



DAPA Race Night
Fri 16 Nov 19.30

Downsend School
Open Morning
Fri 16 Nov
9.15-11.30

Tues 20 Nov - Year One Forest School trip to Ashtead Common

Tues 27 Nov - Reception Forest School trip to Ashtead Common

Thurs 29 Nov - Maths Day

Fri 30 Nov - St Andrew's Day



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All systems are go!

They said it all started with a bang! As has our space topic, chosen by the children in Reception! The children have been investigating the far reaches of the universe in the 'space station' and 'alien planet' role play areas, by exploring their factual and imaginative learning. Taking learning to infinity and beyond!



Melanie Chipperton & Christeen Hill

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

Lawrence Austin

Rising Reception

Federica Plewa Baici

Reception CH

Edward Truong

Reception MC

Matilda Wilson

Year One

Astrid Reilly

Brennan Langley

Events Week Commencing Monday 12 November Lunch Menu Week 3

Mon	15.30-16.30	Chertsey Toy Museum visiting Year One Let's Dough!
Tues	9.45 - 11.15 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune Multi Sports Club Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wed	15.30-16.30	Genie Lab
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Reception & Year One Flu Immunisation Create and Make Club Parent/Teacher Interviews
Fri	9.30-11.30 9.15-11.30 15.30-16.30 19.30	Open Morning Ashtead Pre-Prep Open Morning Downsend School Tec Kids DAPA Race Night



Stripy Stork News



Golden Star Awards

Thoughtful Golden Stars were awarded to:

Matilda Faure Walker,
Harrison Gay, Vincent Hopson,
Louisa Clysenaer, Jamie Gay,
Daniel Vinnai

Well Done!

Last year we were delighted to adopt Stripy Stock as our school charity. We loved the fact that their focus is to support local families in hardship, improving their quality of life and making sure that they know that someone cares. Our children were able to express empathy for the children in these families and to understand more about giving to charity through the fundraising events we were able to organise. The team at Stripy Stork approached me in September and asked if we would be a case study school for the charity. I was thrilled to be asked and keen to add our support to this wonderful cause. Please click on this [link](#) to read all about it.

Inspiring young minds