

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**  
SIS Inspection 2014-2015  
Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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### Message from the Head Teacher

The preparations have begun and the excitement is just simmering as we enter the month of December. Christmas songs are in the air and twinkling lights are starting to appear all around the school. The festive season is upon us and we can't wait! Please check all the dates in the newsletter so you don't miss all the fun that we have in store.

This week has been very exciting for us at Ashtead Pre-Prep. The Cognita IT team arrived with a multitude of boxes filled with the latest equipment to start a

complete IT 'refresh' for the whole school. The computer resources have been updated this week and we are looking forward to brand new WiFi screens appearing shortly in all of the classrooms. These fantastic resources will give us greater flexibility, allowing us to further extend the learning opportunities for our children. Thanks Cognita!

Have a great weekend everybody!

**Tessa Roberts**

### St Andrew's Day



Mrs McCluskey cooked up a feast today to celebrate St Andrew's Day. The children tucked into the Scottish fare with gusto.

### Don't Forget

**DPA Christmas Fair  
Tomorrow  
Downsend School  
11.00-14.00**

### A Maths Day for Superheroes



Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it's a swarm of super mathematician heroes, lead by their super Head Teacher - Mathatron! This week Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead transformed into a super hero school that challenged the children to a number of villainous maths problems to celebrate maths day. Flying, X-ray vision and invisibility are all useful powers BUT the children's super-maths powers saved the day. They rescued superheroes by



cracking the code, calculated skyscrapers, built towers, created getaway vehicles with shaped blocks and searched for number villains. The children had a wonderful day and showed great bravery.



They were all rewarded with a golden medal and officially graduated as real super maths heroes!



**Christeen Hill**



## Downsend School

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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

Nikolas Buchen  
Jamie Gay

### Rising Reception

Matty Auer  
Henry Butchers

### Reception CH

Emily Buchanan

### Reception MC

Freddie Watson

### Year One

Sam Dolan

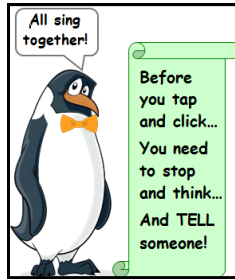
## Golden Star Awards

**Thoughtful Golden Stars were awarded to:**

Summar Khan, Sasha Wallis,  
Aryton Friend,, Theo Simmons,  
Rory Watson

**Well Done!**

## Online Safety



It's never too soon to start talking to your child about keeping safe online especially as tablets, phones and "Alexas" are so much part of our daily lives. This week the children in Reception and Year One have been learning about how to use the internet safely with Smartie the Penguin. They are also aware that we have Hector on our screens who can help them if they come across something they don't like on the computer. If you would like more information on a range of topics, including how to set parental controls, how to manage screen time and the latest information on games and apps that your child may be using please go to [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org).

**Janet Catlow**



## Events Week Commencing Monday 3 December Lunch Menu Week 3

<b>Mon</b>	15.30-16.30	Christmas Post Box arrives in school Christmas Concert Photographs Last Let's Dough!
<b>Tues</b>	9.45 - 11.15 15.30-16.30	Last Tots in Tune Multi Sports Club
<b>Wed</b>	10.45-11.30 15.30-16.30	Sinterklaas Celebrations Christmas Celebrations in First Steps Last Genie Lab
<b>Thurs</b>	15.30-16.30	Year One to see Year Two's Nativity Last Create and Make Club
<b>Fri</b>	15.30-16.30	Last Tec Kids

## Christmas Charities



Our main focus from now until Christmas is Santa Stork, where we aim to give a personal gift to 1500 local children in need and their parents/carers. There are many ways to support this worthwhile campaign:

- ★ Buy a gift from our Amazon wishlist
- ★ Donate to our Local Giving appeal page
- ★ Buy a present from our suggested gift list

All details and links can be found at:  
[www.stripeystork.org.uk/santa-stork](http://www.stripeystork.org.uk/santa-stork)

Give a gift, make a memory...



Please wear a Christmas jumper into school on the last day of this term so that we can celebrate the festive season in style. We would love a donation of £1 which we will donate to 'Save the Children' who are celebrating 14th December as their special charity day.



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

**Inspiring young minds**