

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from the Head Teacher

We have had two great parent events this week. On Wednesday evening we had a DEPA ideas evening, cementing the Christmas treat plans and gathering ideas for the events and activities planned for the Spring term. We have a DEPA ideas meeting once a month alternating mornings and evenings. It would be great to see more parents at the meetings. They are informal and I promise you won't get cornered into agreeing to do anything! We just want as many parents as possible to contribute to the additional offering that DEPA provides for our children and school community.

We also hosted over 20 parents for our Rising Reception lunch yesterday. Mrs T did an amazing job as always, but especially as her assistant Miss Julie was unwell and so she was on her own! I was delighted that after sharing how fantastic I think the chicken Katsu

curry is, parents were able to taste for themselves and agree with me! Following parent feedback in last Summer's survey, we are going to develop World Food Thursday further to introduce children to a different taste each week. Parental feedback was that they would like to see some more variety in our menu. We are going to start by introducing a new dish each week for World Food Thursday using a World map to show the children which country the food comes from also. Huge thanks to Mrs T for taking this forward for us.

Finally, everyone should have received a letter detailing all of our Christmas events. I hope the letter is a stick on the wall kind of letter to help you remember what is going on when, and what is needed! Any questions about Christmas events, please ask.

**Mrs Vanessa Conlan**

### DEPA news

#### Downsend Christmas Fair 1<sup>st</sup> December 11:00-14:00

The Downsend Christmas Fair is being held at the Downsend main site (1 Leatherhead Road, KT22 8TJ) and everyone is invited, especially the Pre-Preps.

Epsom Pre-Prep is creating beautiful baubles to decorate Santa's grotto, which is always very popular. Each child visiting Santa costs £3 and will receive a Christmas gift.

To book your visit to see Santa in his grotto please

[CLICK HERE](#)

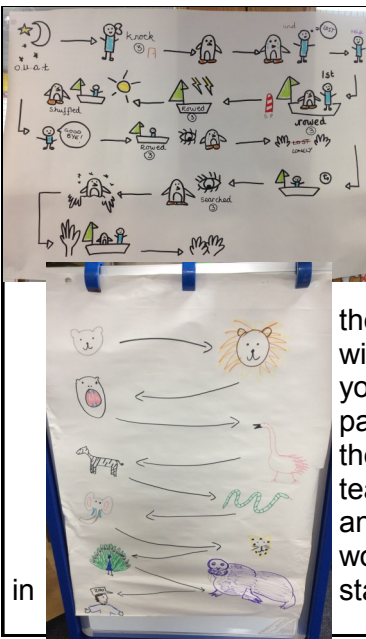
Please note, booking is online only on a first come first served basis, bookings close at 12:00 on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

#### DEPA Coffee Evening – 5<sup>th</sup> December

The next DEPA meeting is being held on 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9:00am at Downsend Epsom Pre-Prep.

#### Talk for Writing

Every half term, each year group undertakes a new Talk for Writing unit so that by the end of the year they have a bank of 6 stories and by the time they leave us, a bank of at least 24 stories to support their imaginative play and story writing. Year 1 are well underway with their 'Lost and Found' unit and First Steps with their 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, what do you hear?' unit. The First Steps children are particularly enjoying the Polar Bear cave in their classroom! The story maps the teachers and children use help them to recall and retell the story in the first stage of their work before they go on to innovate the story stage two of their unit.



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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

Freddie  
Eoin

#### Hedgehogs

Alexia  
William

#### Squirrels

Sophie J  
Leo

#### Badgers

Aiden

#### Owls

Olivia

**Well Done!**

### Words of the Week

Next weeks words are creativity words and lead on from last weeks words about community and kindness.

In assembly yesterday I explained to the children that creativity is about using your imagination and having ideas and that to be creative you need to use your brain and think. We talked about everything we do starting with a thought in our head and what a powerful tool our brain is! We also talked about making sure we use our brain in the best way possible.

**Think**—thinking starts in your head. You might think about what you are going to do, what you are going to say, where you are going to go. Everything we do starts with us thinking.

**Reflect**—when we reflect, we are still thinking. We are thinking about something we have said or done after we have said or done it. We might reflect on whether we did the best thing or could have done something differently. We reflect on what we might do next.

**Daydream**—when we daydream we are thinking still. We are thinking about things we love doing or people we love. When we daydream we might not be thinking about the things we really should be thinking about!

**Thoughtful**—when you are thoughtful, it shows you are thinking of others. The children linked the word thoughtful to kindness as focused on this week for Anti-Bullying Week and as part of World Kindness Day.

Please ensure all children have coats and warm additional clothing such as hats etc as we will continue to go outside as much as possible as the weather gets colder. Please also ensure everything is clearly named.

### Events Week Commencing 19th November 2018

#### Lunch Menu week 3

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| <b>Mon</b>   | All day<br>3.30—4.30 | Mrs Conlan out on a course<br>Spanish Club |
| <b>Tues</b>  | 3.30—4.30            | RSGK club                                  |
| <b>Wed</b>   | 3.30—4.30            | Forest club                                |
| <b>Thurs</b> | 12.45<br>3.30—4.30   | Reception parents lunch<br>Science club    |
| <b>Fri</b>   | 3.30—4.15            | Yognaory                                   |

**Inspiring young minds**