

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

It has been wonderful to have the children back in school this week. It is lovely when the school is quiet, but better when is full of energy, chatter and play!

This half term our whole school topic is 'All About People' and we were very excited to welcome Elli Woollard, author and our Patron of Reading for 2019, to school this week to talk about what being an author is like but also to plan our work together over the year. We hope that our partnership with Elli will support us to continue to develop even further our focus and enthusiasm on reading, storytelling and writing. Elli was particularly impressed by the children's clear love of books and reading, their knowledge of the terminology author, poet and illustrator and that they knew all about how a library worked!

Another new initiative we are launching this year for Reception and Year 1 is called Pobble. The Pobble platform, a secure online

platform, will allow our children to publish their writing to a global Pobble audience making all of our children published authors! Many other Cognita schools are also Pobble members and so our children will be able to share their writing with other Reception and Year 1 children across the Cognita world giving and receiving feedback and also collecting ideas. We are hoping to publish our first pieces of work by half term.

After school clubs start up next week and we are delighted that we have been able to add 2 new clubs to our range. With small numbers in the school it can be challenging to run a broad enrichment programme so we thank you for your support enabling us to do this. If you have any ideas for new clubs, let us know and we will enquire and explore!

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

[Elli Woollard—our Patron of Reading 2019](#)

DEPA news

Happy New Year – we hope that you had a lovely Christmas break.

DEPA Ideas Evening – 16th January at 7.30pm in the hall

We hope to see you at the DEPA Ideas Evening on the 16th January at 7.30pm in the hall of the Epsom Pre-Prep. DEPA hosts a number of events throughout the year and this term sees Quiz and Auction Night (6th March), Charity Clothes Collection, School Council Take Over Day, Easter Eggstravaganza (3rd April) and not to forget Mother's Day gifts.

If you would like to get involved or find out more about what DEPA does please drop us an email on epsomdepa@gmail.com or chat to your class rep. Without the help and support of our parents none of these events would be possible.





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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

Nyx
Noemie

Hedgehogs

Aniya

Squirrels

Ellie

Badgers

Arjun

Owls

Rebecca

Well Done!

Extended day collection

Thank you to our extended day families for your understanding with our new collection routine which has gone incredibly smoothly! There is now a new sign on the door as a reminder but we will continue to use the intercom at collection to ensure the staff can stay with the children at all times.

Use of mobile phones on school grounds

Please can I remind all parents that we request all mobile phones are kept in pockets or bags when on school grounds, unless specific permission is given, i.e. photos at performances. This is for pupil safeguarding purposes and includes the area at the front of the school, the school playground, office area and classrooms. Thank you for your understanding.

A focus on Mathletics

Well done to all the children who achieved Bronze Mathletics certificates last term: Emily (1), Olivia (2), Keira (13), Jessica (3), Amy (1), Rebecca (2), Honey (1), Zaria (1), Anna (4), Tahira (9) and Amelia (2),

An extra special well done to the children who achieved Silver certificates: Keira (2), Tahira (1) and Jessica (1).

Mathletics is an online programme for Reception and Year 1 to support ongoing practise of maths skills at home.



Events Week Commencing 14th January 2019

Lunch Menu Week 2

Mon	All day 3.30—4.30	Make your dreams come true day Spanish and Dance and Music theatre clubs
Tues	10.00 9.30—4.30 3.30—4.30	Rhymetime starts Mrs Conlan out at Downsend strategic planning meeting at mainsite Ready Steady Go Kids
Wed	3.30—4.30 7.30pm	Forest and cooking clubs DEPA ideas evening at school
Thurs	All day 3.30—4.30	Mrs Conlan out at Meadow Primary School Governors day Science club
Fri	All day 3.30—4.15	Annual Cognita safeguarding audit Yoganory club

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