

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from the Head Teacher

Another half term has arrived! Not quite in terms of days/weeks but in terms, we are now at the mid point of the year. Time is flying by and your children are continuing to amaze us with their energy, great attitude to learning and the progress they are making.

You will have received a letter from Mr Thorpe today informing you of changes to the leadership structure at Downsend from September 2019. When we return after half term, I will be happy to answer any questions that parents have about how things will work next year.

Thank you to all FS and RR parents who have returned their session forms for after Easter. I know a few of you are still undecided. I will plan a draft staff structure for the Summer term over the break but will need any outstanding forms back on the first day to guarantee sessions.

Today we say goodbye, thank you and good luck to Mrs Gillott

who is leaving us after 15 fantastic years. On the back of the newsletter is a class photo from the first class she supported in 2004! I know you will all join me in thanking Mrs Gillott and wishing her a wonderful retirement. We have appointed a new teaching assistant to work with Ms Clayton after half term called Miss Joss. Miss Joss is actually a qualified teacher looking to gain broader experience working with Early Years children so is a great appointment. Miss Joss will be in Squirrels class every morning and will also be in First Steps or Rising Reception on some afternoons as the remainder of the year progresses.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term and although I am looking forward to the break myself, I am also already looking forward to seeing the children back after the break!

**Mrs Vanessa Conlan**

### DEPA news

#### Mother's Day Surprise

Hopefully you will receive today (if you haven't already) in your child's book bag the order form and artwork. If you would like to order, please complete this during half term and return it to your class teacher by **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** along with payment (cash or cheque payable to DEPA) and the DEPA Team will do the rest! If you have any questions, do let your Class Rep or the DEPA team know  
[epsomdepa@gmail.com](mailto:epsomdepa@gmail.com).

#### Bags 2 School Clothes Collection – 11<sup>th</sup> March (morning drop-off)

The Bags 2 School collection bag should have come home in your child's book bag this week. Hopefully over the next few weeks we will all have a chance to have a clear out and this will be a successful fund raiser for our school. Thank you in advance for your support.

#### Quiz and Auction Night – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 19.30 at school

The DEPA Committee are looking forward to this fun and social parent event. Please remember to return your reply slips to Amy by the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb and don't forget to include your dinner choice. The teachers have a team sorted, our auction prizes are coming in and hopefully we will have a good turnout of parents.

#### **Mud, mud, glorious mud!**

Rising Reception had a great time in their woodland activities this week when they made a mud cafe. Before going outside they talked about what might be on the menu at their cafe and they came up with worm burgers, mud milkshakes and leaf pasta! Mmmm!





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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**

Aaron  
Arran

**Hedgehogs**

Jack

**Squirrels**

Leo

**Badgers**

Isabel

**Owls**

Honey

### Well Done!

### Thank you, goodbye and good luck Mrs Gillott

We said goodbye to Mrs Gillott today. As explained earlier in the term, Mrs Gillott is retiring and so will not be returning after half term. Mrs Gillott will have supported thousands of children over the 15 years she has been at Pre-Prep Epsom and has seen many changes over that time! She is off to enjoy time with family and will soon be off a cruise where she will be taking part in lots of very exciting adventures. In assembly yesterday when we said goodbye to Mrs Gillott as a school, I explained that Mrs Gillott was leaving us to become an adventurer! Goodbye, good luck and thank you Mrs Gillott xxx



### Mathletics news

Well done to Keira, Rebecca, Sonia, Zaria, Arjun, Nandini, Tahira, Amelia for achieving a Bronze certificate and to Amelia for also achieving a Silver certificate last week (up to 10.2.19). Excellent!

### Events Week Commencing 25th February 2019

#### Lunch Menu Week 1

<b>Mon</b>	3.30—4.30	Spanish and dance and music theatre clubs
<b>Tues</b>	3.30—4.30	RSGK club
	4.15	Cross Pre-Prep moderation meetings for Reception and First Steps teachers
	4.30	Mrs Conlan at Downsend HT meeting
<b>Wed</b>	9.00	DEPA coffee morning
	4.15	Cross Pre-Prep moderation meeting for RR teachers
	3.30—4.30	Forest and Grow, Cook, Eat clubs
	7.00	Lower school open evening for Year 1 parents
<b>Thurs</b>	9.00	Pre-Prep Ashtead teachers visiting to see Talk for Writing in action
	3.30—4.30	Science club
<b>Fri</b>	3.30—4.15	Yoganory club

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