

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



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

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### Message from the Head Teacher

Lessons this week have been in full flow and I have observed so much outstanding teaching. As a consequence, I have seen excellent levels of language development and communication skills across the school, along with improved recorded work from the older children. Parents' evenings, which are coming up next week, will provide the perfect opportunity for the teachers to share this progress with you.

Also next week, Marie Seivewright, our swimming

teacher, is looking forward to meeting you at our Open Swim session. Please check your invitation for your child's swimming time. Come along to the Sports Hall door where I will be waiting to let you into the school.

Remember that you can keep up-to-date with events as they happen by following Downsend School on Twitter or Facebook. Have a great weekend!

**Tessa Roberts**

### Learning outside the classroom



Year One had a super start to the week as they all took the short walk across the park to Ashtead Library. The librarians read stories and explained how the children could find any book they wanted. Everyone was then able to explore and find their own interesting book to read.

### Wonderful World Book Day



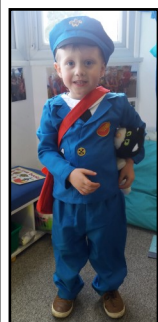
Yesterday the school was filled with excitement and laughter as everyone arrived as amazing characters from their favourite books. The children enjoyed sharing their



much loved stories with their friends and, at playtime, the playground was bursting with imaginative adventures! In addition to all this fun, the wonderful performance storyteller, June Peters spent the morning with us, delighting the children with songs and tales based around the children's chosen Book Day characters.



We were thrilled that she was able to step-in at the last minute for her friend Xanthe who was unwell. It was a truly memorable day for everyone.



### Don't Forget

### DAPA Quiz Night

Friday 15 March—19.30

**Mon 18 March** - No swimming this week

**Tues 19 March** - Reception Forest School trip to Ashtead Common

**Thurs 21 March**—Second-hand Uniform Sale at Ashtead Pre-Prep 08.30



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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

Daniel Vinnai

### Rising Reception

Matheus Macieira Cabral

### Reception CH

Archie Joy

### Reception MC

Harrison Gay

### Year One

Amelia Howey

## Golden Star Awards

**Good Manners Golden Stars were awarded to:**

Frankie Lovell, Mary Malcomson,  
 Eric Welton, Fraser Ross,  
 Livvy Relf

**Well Done!**

## Fire, fire!

Last Friday, the children in Reception ventured off to Leatherhead Fire Station to become budding fire fighters. Everyone had so much fun and participated enthusiastically in all the different activities. We saw the inside of a fire engine, discovered what equipment fire fighters use and also what clothes they wear. The children were very excited to see a real fire engine in action, using its siren and each child had a turn using the



fire hose and tried to squirt the water as high as they could. Well done Reception! What a fun day!



**Melanie Chipperton**

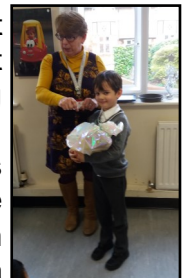
## Events Week Commencing Monday 11 March

### Lunch Menu Week 3

<b>Mon</b>	15.30-16.30	Reception visit Ashtead Library Open Swimming Lessons Lego Club
<b>Tues</b>	9.45-11.15 15.30-16.30 18.30-20.00	Tots in Tune Musical Theatre Club Parent/Teacher Interviews
<b>Wed</b>	15.30-16.30	Multi Sports Club
<b>Thurs</b>	11.00-12.00 18.30-20.00 15.30-16.30	Year One Forest School at Downsend School Parent/Teacher Interviews You Choose Club
<b>Fri</b>	15.30-16.30 19.30	Tec Kids Club DAPA Quiz Night

## Perfect Pancakes!

Shrove Tuesday was celebrated in style here at school. The younger classes had a wonderful treat at break time and some even had a go at flipping pancakes. Then in the afternoon, during assembly, the older children learned about how Pancake Day is celebrated in different parts of the UK. Year One



were then challenged to a pancake tossing competition. How many flips could they manage in one minute? Our winner William, flipped his pancake 39 times! What an amazing champion!

**Inspiring young minds**