

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

It has been great to have the school full of noise and laughter again this week. The children have come back fantastically well, all having grown so much over the Easter break, and have all settled back into the routines demonstrating their excellent learning attitudes from day 1.

We were fortunate to have some work completed on the school over the Easter break and now have a very large outdoor covered area for First Steps enabling outdoor learning throughout the year for them. Early Birds and extended day will also benefit from this space as they will be able to play outside directly from the hall in all weather.

Thank you to everyone who passed on such positive feedback about our menu changes for this term. We took on board your feedback from the parents survey and Mrs T has worked really hard

to make changes. There are still a number of other areas from the parent survey that I need to follow up. I haven't forgotten about them, but have been finding out about what the other pre-preps are doing in these areas to both share good practice but also look at consistency across our 3 sites.

To progress the outstanding areas from the parent survey and to support the school moving forward with the changes in September, I would really like to start a Parent Engagement Group (PEG). The role of the PEG will be to meet with me and discuss particular areas that I would like parent input/feedback on and also matters about the school that parents would like discussed. We would meet half termly in the evening. If you would like to be part of the PEG, please do let me know as I would love to get this off the ground this half term.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

DEPA news

Summer term events

DEPA ice lolly sales

Weds 1st May

Weds 5th June

DEPA Camping day

Weds 19th June

Summer fair

Saturday 29th June

DEPA ideas evenings

Tues 30th April @ 7.30

Mon 20th May @ 7.30

Tues 11th June @ 7.30

Also:

19th May—DPA colour run

International dance day



This is actually on Monday but Friday is our dance day so we celebrated today! Everyone learnt the same dance in their lesson today and then we performed as a whole school at the end of the morning.

Enjoying our new covered area!





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Words of the Week

This weeks words are creativity words. We explain to the children that creativity is about using your imagination to explore new ideas and to solve problems. Using our words when we are being creative helps us to turn our ideas into something real and help us tell others about our decisions. Specifically, we looked at build words in assembly this week.

build, construct, fix, adjust

Downsend Colour Run/Walk

Sunday 19th May at main site

Raising money for The Children's Trust

Event starts at 10.30am

Registration from 9.30am

Adults £20

Children £15 (reception upwards)

Family £55

T-shirt, wristband and medal for each entrant

Registration forms available from Mrs Tucker

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
Whole class

Squirrels
Sophie P

Badgers
Isabel

Owls
Honey

Mathletics news

Well done to Rebecca (2), Many, Henry, Keira (3), Amy and Zaria (2) for achieving a Bronze certificate, to Henry, Rebecca and Zaria for also achieving a Silver certificate and to Rebecca for achieving a Gold certificate also over the last 3 weeks. Amazing Mathletics!

Events Week Commencing 29th April 2019

Lunch Menu Week 2

Mon	11.00	Mrs Conlan out at Downsend Commercial Governance meeting
	3.30—4.30	Spanish and Dance & Music Theatre clubs
Tues	3.30—4.30	Sports and Fitness club
	7.30	DEPA ideas meeting/EGM
Wed	am	Mrs Conlan at Governors meeting at Meadow Primary School
	pm	Mrs Conlan at meetings at main site
	3.30—4.30	Forest and Grow, Cook, Enjoy clubs
Thurs	3.30—4.30	Science and Mini Crickets club
Fri	All day	Mrs Conlan at Downsend HT meeting
	3.30—4.15	Yoganory club

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds