

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Epsom



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Message from the Head Teacher

As we reach the end of another term, we have much to celebrate. Our children continue to amaze us with the fantastic way they approach their learning, really make the most of the learning opportunities available to them and work hard to get better and better. Consistently throughout this term when I have been touring prospective parents they have commented on the excellent behaviour and attitude to learning our children have, but also their clear love of learning, their confidence and their independence.

We have also enjoyed the IT refresh project this term with our new interactive whiteboards now in place, and aside from a few small teething issues, we are very pleased with the project and the capabilities for teaching and learning moving forward. Staff training in the new software and hardware will be a key focus over

the next 18 months to ensure we are fully utilising the capabilities of our new kit.

I am also delighted, that despite a last minute hurdle, we should now be getting our First Steps outside learning area canopy fitted over the Easter break. The canopy should cover about two thirds of the area and will benefit all the children in the school as we will be able to get outside throughout the year for early birds and extended day as well as during our learning time.

Thank you to everyone who has already given us feedback on our new menu and the improvements we have made. These have been made following your feedback from our parent survey. Your opinions really do matter to us and we do listen.

Have a lovely break and a Happy Easter when you get there.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

DEPA news

Easter event—3rd April

Thank you to DEPA for our wonderful Easter event yesterday. The pots the children had painted looked wonderful after their glazing and firing and the children loved the planting activity—we have very many green fingered children in our school! We even managed to get through the morning without breaking any pots—I hope they all made it home safely! Of course the highlight of the morning was the visit from the Easter bunny which I know many parents heard about at the end of the day yesterday.

DEPA Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

Our first ideas evening on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm at school will also be an EGM to elect new officials for the remainder of the year and the 18/19 year. It will also be our first major planning session for the Summer fair. We promise that it is an ideas sharing evening and not a role allocation evening—unless you want a role of course!

DEPA EASTER ACTIVITIES



HAPPY EASTER



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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
Keegan
Eoin

Hedgehogs
Whole Class

Squirrels
Lauren

Badgers
Leo

Owls
Whole Class

Well Done!

Make life more colourful this spring.... Join the DPA Colour Run/Walk – Sunday 19 May

Spring has officially sprung and now our thoughts turn to spending more time enjoying the great outdoors! As you work to immerse yourself in the beauty of nature, how about getting together your friends and family to do something fun for charity?

The DPA are proud to announce a new event for our school community – the inaugural DPA Colour Run/Walk in aid of the great work of The Children's Trust. This event, held at main site on the morning of Sunday 19 May, is open to all children, their friends and families from Reception through Upper School and involves walking or running around the 1km course (up to a maximum of 5 times) and getting a colourful surprise each time you pass through the 1km marker.

So, "How do we get involved?", we hear you cry..... it's simple.... Please fill in the event form and return it to Reception at Main site or Mrs Tucker and we will do the rest. In addition to the warm glow you will get from participating and raising money for the school charity, each entrant will receive a white t-shirt, a wrist band and a medal on the day.

We will release more information in the run up to the event, and we know there will be lots of questions – see our FAQ for some answers or contact us at downsendPA@gmail.com

Thanks for your time, and your participation in this first-ever Downsend event!

Warm wishes

DPA Colour Run Team

Calendar error—apologies

Spring term 2020 dates are:

Begins: Tues 7 January

Half term: Mon 17 February – Fri 21 February

Ends: Thurs 2 April

Mathletics news

Well done to Henry, Keira, Rebecca, Rebecca, Leo and Joshua for achieving a Bronze certificate and to Keira for also achieving a Silver certificate last week. Fantastic Mathletics!

Events Week Commencing WEDS 24th April

Lunch Menu Week 1

Mon		EASTER MONDAY
Tues		STAFF TRAINING DAY—MATHS FOCUS
Wed	All day 7.45	Start of term Belated St George's Day Early Birds starts
Thurs		
Fri	9.30—11.30	Prospective (external) Reception families 'discovery event'

Inspiring young minds