

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

It has been a wonderful first week back, with the children all returning to school, excited and ready to learn after a glorious Easter break.

The summer term is always full of interest and excitement and this coming term is no exception. Please make sure that you check dates in the calendar for the big events like outings, sports days, tea parties and special end of term celebrations. We start off next week with red, white and blue mufti on Tuesday 30 April, to celebrate our French Day. Madame Murray has been busy preparing activities, with a real café, French games and a special assembly so I know that the day will be full of 'Ooh lá lá'!

Also next week Prêt-a-Portrait will

be with us to take our annual class photos. This is taking place on Thursday morning and we ask that all the children wear summer uniform. Please see the note on page two for the details.

Wednesday's assembly was all about thinking through problems to find the best solution in preparation for this half term's Golden Star Awards. Over the past few days I have been really impressed with the way the children have embraced this message. I think the teachers are going to have a hard job this term choosing their Golden Star candidates!

It's been lovely catching up with you all again this week. Enjoy the weekend!

Tessa Roberts

An Afternoon of Celebration

Celebration Open Afternoon

Come and join us for an afternoon of activity and fun.



Save the date! Coming up on Saturday 11 May we will be holding our annual celebration of the year. This event is open for everyone to come along and enjoy taking part in our STEAM themed activities. Genie Lab will be with us, encouraging you to get involved and the classrooms will be full of work and photos from the year. Invitations will arrive in your inbox next week so look out for them as we are hoping that you will be able to join us between 2.00-4.00pm.

Don't Forget

Mon 6 May - School closed: Bank Holiday

Wed 8 May - Reception singing to Evergreens at St George's Church

Thurs 9 May - Year One trip to Wisley

Sat 11 May - Celebration of the Year -Ashtead Pre-Prep

Summer Clubs

The After School clubs have got off to a flying start this week with Genie Lab on Wednesday investigating how helicopters hover in the air. The clubs programme this term is certainly varied with something for everyone. We are delighted to have Josh Evans Football Academy joining us for the first time on Thursdays and Joe, the club leader, had an excellent session with the children at Ashtead Recreation ground yesterday. 'Let's Create' started today and Miss Hodgkinson has some interesting projects in store for the children in her club this term. Next week, we see the start of two brand new clubs - Forest School and Woodwork. We can't wait!





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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

Alice Malcomson

Rising Reception

Josh Philip

Reception CH

Edward Truong

Reception MC

Aryton Friend

Year One

Thomas Adams

Golden Star Awards

Good Thinking Golden Stars were awarded to:

- Astrid Reilly, Matilda Wilson,
- Hensen de Souza Bridges,
- Matthew Auer, Phoebe Wood

Well Done!

I see Maths—learning that sticks

On Tuesday I was fortunate enough to be able to join colleagues from all three Pre-Preps on a Maths training day. The focus of the course was - "I see Maths - learning that sticks." We discussed how mastery of the early Maths concepts is even more indicative of future academic success than early reading skills. It is clear that enabling children to play with and explore numbers and calculations from a very young age will help them to have a deeper understanding. The fun hands-on, investigative approach that was advocated is a perfect fit with our commitment to STEAM learning across the curriculum. The children in Year



One have already been busy discovering how to solve multiplication problems through investigations. Look out as well for our daily challenge in the classroom!

Janet Catlow

Events Week Commencing Monday 29 April

Lunch Menu Week 2

Mon	15.30-16.30	Living Eggs arrive in school Swimming Lessons start Forest School Club begins
Tues	09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	French Day—Red, White & Blue Mufti Tots in Tune begins Woodwork and Construction Club begins
Wed	15.30-16.30	Genie Lab Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Class Photographs Non-Thursday attendees in First Steps invited to attend Football & Ball Skills Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Let's Create Club

School Photographs Thursday

Please remember to wear smart school summer uniform next Thursday.

Reception & Year One - Summer Uniform and Blazers

RR - cardigans/grey sweaters

FS - red sweatshirts

The BIG curry social!

Please join us for our informal summer social, including a curry banquet and **unlimited** drinks.



Date: Friday 17th May
Time: From 7.30pm 'til 10.30pm
Where: St George's Church Hall, Barnett Wood Lane, Ashtead KT21 2DA

Ticket price:
£25 per person - includes all food and drinks (wine, beer and/or soft drinks)

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