

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

Our new canopy has really shown its worth this week with the weather we have been having! It has enabled Early Birds, First Steps and extended day to continue to get out into the fresh air and run around but without getting wet.

The weather has hampered our Run a Mile Challenge a little this week though which isn't a problem as we will just push the finishing off into next week. Next week is also our water warrior challenge week where we are focusing on the benefits and necessity of drinking water and keeping hydrated. Miss McIntyre launched our water warrior challenge in assembly yesterday and already, over the last 2 days, we have seen the children making better efforts to drink their water at lunchtime. The challenge doesn't even start until next week!

In last weeks newsletter, I explained some staff changes for September and am delighted to

update you that we have now appointed a Head of School for the next academic year. Mrs Lisa Burns, current joint head of Year 2 and Head of Lower School English at main site, will be joining us in September as the Head of School and Year 1 teacher. She will work closely alongside Ms Clayton and myself to continue to improve the excellent work already going on here. Mrs Burns knows Downsend very well and is a highly respected teacher at main site. I am very excited that a teacher with her experience and knowledge will be joining us for the year while Mrs Carruthers is on maternity leave.

We look forward to seeing you at our Storyland Adventure tomorrow from 2pm—4pm. The afternoon is a chance to take part in a wide range of activities around stories and to spend time with other members of our school community.

Mrs V Conlan

DEPA news

HELP NEEDED: Summer Fair Saturday 29th June:

Planning is well underway for this year's Summer Fair on Saturday 29th June - a highlight of the school year – and we need your help!

Class Reps will be in touch soon to organise class stalls. But we also need volunteers on the day and in the run-up to help make the Fair a day to remember.

The next DEPA Ideas Evenings on **Monday**

20th May and **Tuesday**

11th June at 7.30pm will focus on Summer Fair planning.

Please come along if you can. If you can't make it but can give a bit of your time (however big or small), please contact your Class Rep or the DEPA team. We'd love to hear from you!

DEPA committee

Following our DEPA Extraordinary General Meeting last week we have the following nominations for DEPA roles starting from this term and continuing through to the end of the Summer term 2020:

Co-chairs: Sheila Patel (Sonia – Reception) and Kim Agrawal (Jago – Rising Reception)

Vice Chair: Vicki Trinder (Jack W – Rising Reception)

Treasurer: Taryn Robertson (Anna – Year 1 and Aaron – First Steps)

If you would like to stand for one of these roles or to join the committee, or have an objection to the structure stated above, please let Mrs Conlan know by Friday 16th May. Without contest the proposed structure above will be adopted.

Run a Mile Challenge

This half term we have a focus on healthy body, healthy mind following on from our work earlier on in the year on healthy eating. We have a different focus each week (last week was gardening) and this week it is being active. On Tuesday, the Year 1 children shared the story with the school, 'Ready, Steady Mo' by Mo Farah, all about running and the



Run a Mile Challenge was launched. The children are loving the challenge.



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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

Luke
Peter

Hedgehogs

Jack T

Squirrels

Elodie
Sophie J

Badgers

Joshua

Owls

Amelia

Well Done!

NEWS FROM MAIN SITE

Y4 returned with a spring in their step from their High Ashurst residential trip last week to find work on the newly designed Wellbeing Garden underway. With all of the classrooms making use of the new HD whiteboards and the various sporting and musical events that take place each day, it is great to have an oasis of calm at the heart of our busy, innovative school. **Mr I Thorpe**

Inspiring young artists

One of the many things we pride ourselves on is our broad and balanced curriculum, exposing children to a wide variety of opportunities enabling them to find and develop their own passions and talents. It has been wonderful to see our young artists shining in their work this week.



Mathletics news

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

Events Week Commencing 13th May 2019

Lunch Menu Week 1

Mon	3.30—4.30	Spanish and dance and music theatre clubs
Tues	All day	Mrs Carruthers (Mrs Simpson covering) and Ms Clayton (Mrs Burbidge covering) out at Cognita senior leaders conference
	3.30—4.30	RSGK club
Wed	am	Class photos
	3.30—4.30	Forest and Grow, Cook, Eat clubs
Thurs	10.30	Mrs Conlan at H&S meeting at main site
	3.30—4.30	Science club
Fri	All day	Mrs Conlan at main site/Pre-Prep Leatherhead
	3.30—4.15	Yoganory club

Inspiring young minds