

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

Plans are well underway for our Summer fair on Saturday 29th June. I met with the DEPA committee earlier in the week and am very excited about the storytelling theme, the range of the stalls and the additional activities! As always, these events rely on the support of the whole community, and as such, I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible on Monday at 7.30pm to share ideas and support in the final planning and preparation.

Next week is a particularly busy week and as a result you may not see much of me in school day to day. We have a Downsend (all 4 sites) teaching and learning activity across Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday which I will be involved with, observing and evaluating teaching and learning as a joint picture across the 4 schools. This will support us in forming collaborative School Improvement Targets as part of our drive to continue to improve consistency and continuity across the sites. I also attend the

Downsend Senior Leadership Team meeting every Friday which means additional time away from Epsom.

I have spoken with Mrs Burns, our new Head of School for the new academic year 2019-2020 this week to get some dates in the diary for transition activities. We have pencilled in a number of dates for Mrs Burns to come over next half term including sports day, the Summer fair and of course our meet the teacher date for children and parents. In addition, we have some dates to look at all things Pre-Prep Epsom and Year 1 to ensure a seamless transition in September.

Finally, Mrs Carruthers has decided that she would like to bring her maternity leave forward slightly and so will be leaving us next Friday, at the end of the half term, rather than returning for the week after the break as initially hoped. We look forward to hearing her exciting news towards the end of June/early July!

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

DEPA news

DEPA Committee:

Following the DEPA Extraordinary General Meeting and subsequent communications, we are delighted to confirm the Committee roles through to the end of 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)

To get involved with DEPA activities please email: epsomdepa@gmail.com or speak to your Class Rep.

Summer Fair Class Stalls:

Each class has been tasked with organising and running two stalls for the Summer Fair. This year's theme is 'Storytelling' so stalls are based around children's books. Class Reps have been in touch and need your help with ideas, setting up stalls, and running them on the day. Please let your Class Rep know how you can help.

Diary Reminders:

Mon 20th May - DEPA Ideas Evening (7.30pm) - Summer Fair Planning. Please come along if you can.

Tues 21st May - Deadline for returning completed forms and artwork for Father's Day!

Thurs 23rd May - DEPA Dads Night Out. For details email epsomdepa@gmail.com with your mobile number and we'll add you to the WhatsApp group run by Ankur Agrawal (Jago - Rising Reception).

Building Partnerships

On Thursday Year 1 and Reception went to sing at the Elders Care Home. They made their teachers very proud with their beautiful singing and exemplary behaviour. After the children sang, it was lovely to see how confidently they spoke to the adult residents by introducing themselves. They were voted the best choir by several of the residents and the staff! A big thanks to Miss Clayton for organising this trip, Mr Bayley for getting the best out of the children and the lovely sunshine that put a spring in our steps there and back!



News from main site

It was lovely to see so many prospective parents at Open Morning on Saturday. We had over 120 visitors, including some from our Pre-Preps, all of whom enjoyed being shown round by our brilliant Y7 and Y8 guides.

Useful contacts

Ext day mob	07594170569
Pre-Prep Epsom	01372 385438
Pre-Prep Ashtead	01372 385439
Pre-Prep L'head	01372 385437
Prep School Office	01372 372197
Admissions	01372 372311
School Nurse	01372 385409
Finance	01372 374842
Downsend PP+	07899 011275
Downsend+	01372 385403

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
Carter
Rupert

Hedgehogs
Genevieve

Squirrels
Diana
Timothy

Badgers
Leo

Owls
Amy

Words of the Week

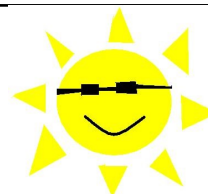
In assembly this week we looked at self-awareness words, discussing understanding how we are feeling and being able to use the right words to explain to others how we are feeling. We revisited our focus on good feelings and not so good feelings and how it is important to let the good feelings win.

This weeks words are **like** words—we talked about how strong the different like words are and when liking something can go too far and not be so positive such as when you get obsessed.

like, love, adore, obsessed

Sun safety

Please help us to keep your children safe in the sun by:



- Apply a long lasting factor 50 sun screen to the children before they come into school. For children with particularly fair skin, or those spending an extended day with us, if you would like sun screen reapplied later in the day, please complete an administration of medication form and provide the sun screen clearly named
- Ensure the children have their water bottle in school with them – we will ensure the children drink regularly and that bottles are refilled with clean water
- Ensure the children have a clearly named Downsend legionnaire cap in school as they will be required to wear one whenever they are playing outside. Not having a hat may result in being unable to play outside

Mathletics news

Well done to Amy, Isabel and Keira for achieving a Bronze certificate last week. Fantastic Mathletics!

Events Week Commencing 17th May 2019

Lunch Menu Week 2

Mon	3.30—4.30	Spanish and dance and music theatre clubs
	7.30	DEPA Summer fair planning meeting
Tues	All day	Mrs Conlan out at Downsend teaching and learning review
	3.30—4.30	RSGK club
Wed	All day	Mrs Conlan out at Downsend teaching and learning review
	3.30—4.30	Forest and Grow, Cook, Eat clubs
Thurs	All day	Mrs Conlan out at Downsend teaching and learning review
	3.30—4.30	Science club
Fri	All day	Mrs Conlan out at Downsend Senior Leadership Team meeting and Pre-Prep Leatherhead

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