

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

This week we welcomed James Carroll, our Cognita Director of Education, Mr Newland the Head of Upper School, Miss Ellis from Pre-Prep Leatherhead and Mrs Roberts and Mrs Hill from Pre-Prep Ashted to our school as part of a Downsend wide School Improvement Activity. The purpose of the activity was to highlight shared strengths across the schools and to support us in writing a joint Improvement Plan for 19/20 by identifying shared priorities. We are still collating the final report but identified strengths include the expertise of teachers to develop children's language and communication skills, our approach to the teaching of maths in Y1, Talk for Writing and the quality of interactions by all adults to support children to make the best progress. Next steps are mostly related to continuing to develop consistency within systems across the 3 pre-preps

and from the pre-preps into the prep. Overall the activity was a really positive one and the start of many more teaching and learning focused activities across the 3 pre-preps.

Thank you to everyone who has offered to join our PEG (parental engagement group). I am working on identifying a date for after half term so will be in touch shortly.

Finally this week, goodbye and good luck to Mrs Carruthers! We look forward to Mrs Simpson taking the reigns and leading First Steps, knowing she will do a great job, but also look forward to welcoming back Mrs Carruthers when she returns from maternity leave. I will keep you updated with any news.

Have a wonderful half term and we will see you back on Monday 3rd June at the usual time.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

DEPA news

Summer Fair (Sat 29th June): Thanks to everyone who came to our Summer Fair meeting. It was great to get your input and ideas. Plans are shaping up well for the Fair and it promises to be a fantastic day. Now we just need to keep our fingers crossed for sunshine!

Look out for the Programme of events and ticket details after the half term break. Please also continue to work with Class Reps to set up and run class stalls.

We also need help with setting up, activities on the day, and post event clear up. If you can help please contact the DEPA team: epsomdepa@gmail.com or let your Class Rep know.

Diary Reminders:

Weds 5th June - DEPA Ice Lolly sale after school at 3.30pm (50p per lolly). For children leaving at lunchtime, in after-school club, or extended day, bring in 50p in a named envelope and we'll ensure your child gets a lolly to take home.

Tues 11th June – DEPA Ideas Evening (7.30pm).

Finally ... Thanks to all of you who ordered Father's Day gifts. They will be coming home in book bags w/c 10th June.

GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON

On Wednesday the Reception children spent a delightful afternoon with their Grandparents. The adults captivated the children, as they shared memories of their childhood school days.

The children learnt names of countries where the adults grew up, they learnt that some of the grandparents had no electricity and had to rely on lamps that needed kerosene (oil) to burn. They heard about some of the adult's school memories, such as being allowed to watch a film as a special treat and handing out milk as the milk monitor.

The afternoon ended with tea and scones prepared beautifully by Mrs T and Miss Julie and the children sang our favourite 'Spring Chicken' song.





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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

Rohan
Edward

Hedgehogs

Anisha

Squirrels

Ellie
Victoria

Badgers

Aiden

Owls

Manya

Well Done!

NEWS FROM MAIN SITE

It was lovely to welcome Y1 pupils from our 3 Pre-Preps to Main Site earlier this week. They were most attentive listeners during Mrs Kirkham's Assembly and appeared very much at home in the Lower School, in readiness for their transition in September.

Mr Ian Thorpe

MARVELLOUS MINIBEAST DAY IN RISING RECEPTION



Mathletics news

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

Events Week Commencing 3rd June 2019

Lunch Menu Week 3

Mon	3.30—4.30	Spanish and Dance & Music Theatre clubs
Tues	All day	Reception to the Royal Observatory
	3.30—4.30	Sports & Fitness club
Wed	All day	World Environment Day
	3.30	DEPA ice lolly day (50p)
	3.30—4.30	Forest and Grow, Cook, Enjoy clubs
Thurs	All day	Mrs Butler at Cognita Early Years conference—Mrs Burbidge to cover
	3.30—4.30	Science and Mini crickets club
Fri	All day	Mrs Conlan at main site/PPL
	3.30—4.15	Yoganory club

Inspiring young minds