

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

Phew! What a brilliant week! Our 'Get Active' activities have kept us on the move and the children have embraced all the activities with gusto and an amazing supply of stamina and determination. I would also like to congratulate you all for entering into the spirit of the Golden Boot challenge. The children have loved coming to school under their own steam. It has really helped them to reflect on ways in which we can all support our environment and become a little 'greener' in our thinking which is wonderful. Thank you!

We know that developing healthy

minds is as important as healthy bodies so we have started introducing the children to some simple mindfulness activities to calm their thoughts and bodies. In addition to this, Hayley's 'Yoganory' on Thursday afternoons for First Steps and Rising Reception has been amazing. Through stories, the children learn poses and breathing techniques which brings a real 'zen' feeling to the afternoon's activities.

Such an active week, I hope you all sleep well. Have a super weekend!

Tessa Roberts

Congratulations



There has been a little inter-class rivalry going on this week and the class that came out as the greenest was Year One. The children were presented with their Golden Boot this morning during assembly. Working together, we made a great commitment to going green this week to protect our environment. Well done everyone!



Don't Forget

Tue 4 June - Reception visit Sealife Centre

Tues 11 June - Rising Reception visit Godstone Farm

Fri 14 June - Afternoon Tea for Grandparents with children in Reception 14.30-15.30

Sat 15 June - Downsend Parents' Association Summer Ball at Epsom Race Course

Skipping Superstars

Wow! What a brilliant morning we had on Tuesday, learning to skip with Lee Collinson-James. Everyone really worked hard to learn the new skills. We were so impressed by the way the children persisted at the task, listening carefully to Lee's instructions. The



double-dutch, long rope and partner skipping was a sight to behold and we were amazed how even our three year olds could master most of these skills. The demonstration at the end just showed how far the children had come in one morning. Watch out! I think this weekend your children will have you all outside for a family skipping session. Good luck!





News from Downsend

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

Ian Thorpe

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

Lucas de Albuquerque
Sophie Prior
Oliver de Souza Bridges

Rising Reception

Louisa Cluysenaer

Reception CH

Mary Malcomson

Reception MC

Harrison Gay

Year One

Rory Anderson
William Nelson-Bowling

Golden Star Awards

Good Thinking Golden Stars were awarded to:

Thomas Adams, Blake Wright,
Archie Joy, Sam Warburton,
Rafferty Moore

Well Done!

Scootathon for Stripey Stork



Blue skies and sunshine over Ashted yesterday made the day just perfect for our charity 'Scootathon'. The children arrived at school with pink cheeks, beaming smiles and a scooter ready for action. Rising Reception and First Steps started our charity challenge with a wonderful course set up in the school playground. The children followed the arrowed trail and just wanted to keep on going and going! They amazed us with their scooting skills. Even some of the two year olds were whizzing around

the circuit! A little later in the morning, Year One and Reception went over to the park to tackle a larger course. "This is ace!" said Jack as he zoomed past, waving at Mrs Catlow. The children didn't want to stop and kept going for forty minutes! We were all amazed at their stamina and resilience. A great event which raised £96.65 for Stripey Stork.



Events Week Commencing Monday 20 May

Lunch Menu Week 2

Mon	15.30-16.30	Forest School Club
Tues	9.30-12.00	Reception Forest School trip to Ashted Common
	9.30	Year One Assembly at Downsend
	09.45-11.15	Tots in Tune
	15.30-16.30	Woodwork and Construction Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Genie Lab Club
Thurs	9.15-11.30	Year One Seaside Workshop with Chertsey Museum in School
	15.30-16.30	Football & Ball Skills Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Let's Create Club

Car Park Request

I have noticed that during pick-up time, families that are waiting to collect their children are letting younger siblings play in our car park area. This is fine while you are waiting but at half past three when the children come out from school, please could you make sure that the younger children are back with you. I have seen some of these younger siblings running and climbing over the fence to see their brothers or sisters. Not only is this dangerous, it is also very distracting for the older siblings and the teachers who are managing the hand-over of a larger group of children. Thank you for your support with monitoring your younger children at this very busy time in the school day.

Tessa Roberts

Inspiring young minds