

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from the Head Teacher

The end of term is fast approaching with many of the highlights of the year still to come! Next weekend we have our Summer fair and as you will know from recent communications, we are all ready to go! Look out for all the information coming your way via email, the board by the front door and posters in the school to ensure you know what to expect on the day.

We then have sports day and our family picnic on 2nd July which we are all busy practising for. The morning has a good balance of participation and competition and keeps the children busy! If you would like us to provide a lunch for your child that day, please let us know.

Finally, we have our end of year celebration concert on the last day of term where we say goodbye to our Y1 leavers. Parents are able to take their children straight home after the concert if they would like, or of course, they can stay until the end of the day at 1.30pm. We will be asking whether or not your child will be

staying nearer the time so that the kitchen knows how many lunches to make that day.

I am doing an anti-rain dance every day to hope that we can have at least these 3 beautiful days between now and the end of term! I am not so sure about sports day but there is a plan B involving the hall and the covered FS outdoor area for both the Summer fair and the concert to ensure they can go ahead. In the event of rain, sports day will most likely be postponed to later in that week.

I received some superb news yesterday regarding our Eco-Schools submission—we now hold a Bronze Eco-Schools award that recognises our great work in this area. Our curriculum has a high focus on ecology and learning about the environment and our eco-committee support our whole school strategy. We will keep working on strengthening this area of the curriculum—Silver award here we come!

**Mrs Vanessa Conlan**

### DEPA news

#### A BIG Thank You ...

... for your bottles and filled socks. Thanks to your generosity we have lots of fantastic Tombola prizes and the children will love their surprise socks. If you haven't brought in your socks yet, there's still time next week.

#### It's the Final Countdown ...

With one week to go, it's all systems go with final Summer Fair arrangements. A pack will be in book bags on Monday with the programme, stall token details (£1 each) and all the info you need to ensure a great day for everyone. Some of this has been emailed today. Please take a moment to look through it.

We can't wait to see you next Sat. Entrance is **FREE** and you can get a bargain '12 for the price of 10' stall tokens when you buy in advance next week.

#### Ice Lolly and Token Sale

We've added an extra ice lolly sale next Weds (26<sup>th</sup> June) to treat our happy campers at the end of Camping Day. Don't forget your 50ps. We'll also be selling stall tokens - a great chance to grab a bargain on those.

#### We still need you!

We still need volunteers for the Fair! Speak to your Class Rep, email: [epsomdepa@gmail.com](mailto:epsomdepa@gmail.com) or sign up at reception.

### RR visit Nower Wood

Last Friday, RR had a lovely trip to Nower Wood as part of their journeys topic and to link into their minibeast topic from last half term. It was a very hands on and informative visit and the children had a great time.





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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**

Juliana  
Sophie

**Hedgehogs**

Jack W  
William

**Squirrels**

Ethan

**Badgers**

Sonia

**Owls**

Victoria

**Well Done!**

## STAFF NEWS

Huge Congratulations to Mrs Carruthers and her husband who had a little boy on Wednesday 19th June. He weighed in at a healthy 8lbs and 7oz. No name as yet!



Also get well soon to Mrs T, our school cook, who has had a foot operation this week and won't be back in school now until the new academic year.

## NEWS FROM MAIN SITE

With the Upper School out on their residential trips this week, you would be forgiven for thinking that this would be a quiet week at Main Site. However, with the improvement works having started on Monday, it has been a real hive of activity. This afternoon, the Business Manager and I met with the contractors to assess progress. We are ahead of schedule and the footprints for the new Learning Resource Centre, Food Technology Room and STEAM Breakout Space are already taking shape.

**Mr Ian Thorpe**

### Mathletics news

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

### Events Week Commencing 24th June 2019

#### Lunch Menu Week 1

<b>Mon</b>	All day	Openbox Theatre company in all day for drama workshops on Journeys with all classes
<b>Tues</b>	pm 3.30—4.30 7.30	Mrs Conlan out at Pre-Prep Heads meeting Sports & Fitness club PEG meeting with Mrs Conlan
<b>Wed</b>	All day All day pm 3.30—4.30	DEPA Camping Day Mrs Conlan out at Downsend end of Year Governance meetings Y1 activity afternoon at Pre-Prep Leatherhead Forest and Grow, Cook, Enjoy clubs
<b>Thurs</b>	pm 3.30—4.30	Ms Burns in school Science and mini-cricket club
<b>Fri</b>	All day 3.30—4.15	Mrs Conlan out at Downsend main site and Pre-Prep Leatherhead Yoganory club

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