

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from the Head Teacher

A very short one from me this week!

It has been a busy week as all our photos in the newsletter today show. Thank you to DEPA for organising the camping day on Wednesday which the children really enjoyed.

Thank you also to the parents who came along to the PEG on Tuesday or contributed com-

ments face to face or via email. I am collating the minutes and will share them next week.

This week is not over yet though! Tomorrow is one of the real highlights of the year in the Summer fair. DEPA have been working incredibly hard to bring you an exciting, fun event and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

**Mrs Vanessa Conlan**

### DEPA news

#### Summer Fair

With less than 24 hours to go and the sun promising to shine, we can't wait to see everyone at the Summer Fair tomorrow. Gates open at 11.30am and the fun continues until 2pm. Packs in book bags this week contained everything you need to know.

#### Summer Fair is going green

Following the school's Bronze Eco-Schools Award, DEPA is doing its bit for the environment too. Drinks will be served in plant-based, compostable cups, cans and bottles collected for recycling and we've tried to source non-plastic prizes for stalls. We know there's more we can do, so we'll keep looking at this next year and welcome any ideas.

#### Stall Tokens

If you haven't bought stall tokens yet, they will be on sale tomorrow. Please remember some stalls are cash only. This year the drinks for the Summer Fair have been generously donated and will be free.

#### Parking Reminder

As per the school's parking policy please do not park in Norman Avenue or Denham Road.

#### Sports Day Drinks Stall

We'll be running the drinks stall at Sports Day next week, so bring some extra cash if you'd like a cold drink.

#### Finally

**A BIG Thank You** to all the helpers this weekend. Whether it's setting up, manning stalls or clearing up, we couldn't do it without you.

### Camping fun!

The camping event with DEPA was a huge hit with the children. They took part in a range of activities such as learning about the different bird calls, using describing words to say what they could feel in a box, made great smelling potions and learnt about recycling. They had a story in the tent and had to keep an ear out for the Epsom Bear!



### Drama workshop

On Wednesday all of the classes took part in a drama workshop titled The Enchanted Toy Shop. Again, lots of fun was had by all with lots of laughter throughout the sessions. The facilitators were really impressed by our children's confidence, language and performance skills.





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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

Eric  
Berta

#### Hedgehogs

Elijah  
Ralph  
Aniya

#### Squirrels

Aaron  
Carter

#### Badgers

Peyton

#### Owls

Emily

**Well Done!**

## NEWS FROM MAIN SITE

I am delighted to inform you that Downsend has been shortlisted for 'Independent School of the Year for Sporting Achievement', at the Independent Schools of the Year 2019 Awards. It is a testament to our continued ambition and success that Downsend is being mentioned in the same breath as schools such as Wellington College and Latymer Upper.



The panel were impressed with the inclusivity of our sporting approach and provision. Our school provides opportunities for all to compete regularly, in over 1000 fixtures a year, whilst providing an elite pathway and extensive support for community sport to flourish. We are very proud of all our pupils and coaches, all of whom are worthy recipients of this recognition.

**Mr Ian Thorpe**

### Y1 sports afternoon

Year 1 had a great sports afternoon at Pre-Prep Leatherhead with the other Year 1 classes on Wednesday afternoon, playing with their new Y2 class friends.



#### Mathletics news

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

### Events Week Commencing 1st July 2019

#### Lunch Menu Week 2

<b>Mon</b>	3.30—4.30	Last Spanish and dance and music theatre clubs
<b>Tues</b>	am 3.30—4.30	Sports morning and family picnic Last RSGK club
<b>Wed</b>	pm 3.30—4.30	Mrs Burns in school Last Forest and Grow, Cook, Enjoy clubs
<b>Thurs</b>	3.30—4.30	Last Science and mini-cricket club
<b>Fri</b>	All day 3.30—4.15	Mrs Conlan at main site/PPL all day Last Yoganory club

**Inspiring young minds**