

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back to the final half term of the year! This is always a strange term for me as while I am wanting to enjoy the last few weeks of the year and all the different events that take place, there is end of year assessment information and reports to finalise and it is also prime planning time for September so busy, busy! This week, I have spoken to Mrs Burns, our new Head of School when I move into my new role as Head of Pre-Preps working between Epsom and Leatherhead, who has confirmed a number of dates she will be in school before the end of term. She will spend time with Miss McIntyre looking at Y1, with Mrs Butler getting to know the children in her new class, with me getting to know all about Pre-Prep Epsom and there will also be time for parents to meet and chat with her.

Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in joining our PEG (parent engagement group) to support the school in continuing to move forward. There was an overwhelming response with representation from all year groups. **Our first PEG meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th June at 7.30pm at the school.** Moving forwards there will be a meeting every half term, dates of which will be in the termly calendars. Please let Mrs Tucker know if you will be attending on the 24th so I know who to expect.

We look forward to seeing our Downsend dads in school next week for our Father's Day activities—we hope you enjoy the activities and time here.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

DEPA news

Summer Fair

Plans are gathering pace for the Summer Fair on Saturday 29th June. Full details coming soon, so keep your eyes peeled. In the meantime, we need everyone's help to make it a day to remember.

Surprise Socks

First Steps are running the Surprise Sock stall again. This was a huge success last year thanks to your generous sock contributions. All the details and your socks for filling will be in book bags next week. Please look out for this and support the First Steps stall.

MUFTI Day / Luxury Bottle Tombola – Mon 17th June:

On Monday 17th June children can come to school in their own clothes for a non uniform/ Mufti day. In return please donate a bottle for the Luxury Bottle Tombola at drop off in the morning.

Hands On Help:

Don't forget to let your Class Rep know how you can help with your Class stalls. The DEPA team would also welcome volunteers for other stalls, setting up and clearing up. Email: epsomdepa@gmail.com if you can help.

Finally ...

The next DEPA Ideas and Planning Evening is on Tues 11th June at 7.30pm. Drinks and nibbles provided. See you there!

World Environment Day

As part of World Environment Day on Wednesday the children thought about ways in which they could help the environment. There was lots of discussion about how it is important not to throw rubbish into the sea or on the ground and that we can help by recycling and reusing as much as we can. Our Eco Committee visited each class to collect plastic straws and googly eyes and we are going to be placing these in larger plastic boxes so that they can be recycled. The whole school worked together to create a great picture using only recycled materials and everyone also enjoyed a delicious meat free roast with cauliflower steaks and broccoli mornay. **Ms C Clayton**





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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

Peter
Samuel

Hedgehogs

Alexia

Squirrels

Lauren
Leo

Badgers

Keira

Owls

Zaria

Well Done!

News from main site

At this time of year, some of our attention turns towards preparations for next year. Summer refurbishments have been planned, class lists readied and induction events are just around the corner. Mrs Conlan has now joined my Senior Leadership Team to ensure the Pre-Preps have a voice. Our first job has been to agree the IT rollout at Ashtead and Leatherhead, which will be completed on Tuesday.

Mr I Thorpe

JOIN US IN BEING ECO-WARRIORS! DO YOU HAVE PLASTIC STRAWS AT HOME? BRING THEM IN AND PUT THEM IN THE BOX IN THE RECEPTION AREA AND WE WILL GET THEM RECYCLED.

A Right Royal Invite!

Our Year 1 and Reception children recently visited the Elders Care Home in East Street Epsom to sing to the residents. The Elders enjoyed our visit very much and would now like to invite all Downsend Families to their 'Right Royal Do' Garden Party on Tuesday 11th June 2 - 5pm. It sounds like a very exciting afternoon with a petting farm, a visit from Epsom Fire Brigade, a paint the royal baby



Mathletics news

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

Events Week Commencing 10th June 2019

Lunch Menu Week 2

Mon	9.30	Mrs Conlan at Pre-Prep Heads meeting
	3.30—4.30	Spanish and Dance and Music Theatre clubs
Tues	9.00	First Steps Father's Day event
	pm	Open swim for R/Y1 parents at main site
	3.30—4.30	Sports and Fitness club
Wed	7.30	DEPA Summer fair meeting
	9.00	RR Father's Day event
Thurs	3.30—4.30	Forest and Grow, Cook, Enjoy clubs
	9.00	Reception and Year 1 Father's Day event
Fri	3.30—4.30	Science and Mini-Crickets club
	All day	RR trip to Nower Wood
	3.30—4.15	Yoganory club

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