

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

The end of the year is fast approaching and this half term is filled with some very special events. Reception are busy preparing for next Friday when they have invited their Grandparents to school for an afternoon tea. The following week it's Sports Day and we can't wait! After that we have visiting new classes, our leavers' assembly and end of term treats. How wonderful! This half term

promises to be action - packed so please check your calendar for all the important dates.

The teachers meanwhile, are on the lookout during this half term for children who can independently achieve a new skill. Check the next page of the newsletter to see who has gained an Independent Golden Star this week.

Have a great weekend!

Tessa Roberts

Watch out! Sharks about!

Backpacks, packed lunches and beaming smiles ... Reception were off to the Brighton Sea Life Centre! This week the children could barely contain their excitement, as we began our new topic, 'Under the Sea', with a visit to the aquarium. Everyone had so much fun as we explored each tank and discovered the great number of creatures that lurk in the depths of the sea. The children even had the opportunity to touch living sea anemones and starfish, as well as watch the sea turtles being fed. If that



wasn't exciting enough, the children's eyes filled with amazement as they entered the glass tunnel and watched huge manta rays, sharks and tropical fish swimming over their heads! The day was filled with many learning opportunities. The children even took part in a 'Predator vs Prey' workshop. Here they demonstrated their growing knowledge of food chains and who eats who. What a wonderful day!

Christeen Hill



Eid-ul-Fitr



This has been a very important week for Muslims as they have celebrated the end of Ramadan with Eid-ul-Fitr. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Khan to school yesterday. She spoke to the children about Islam, being a muslim and how her family celebrated Eid. The children were fascinated and enjoyed sharing their knowledge with Summar and her Mum.



Don't Forget

Wed 19 June - First Steps Sports Morning - 11.00

Fri 21 June - Sports Morning for Rising Reception, Reception, & Year One at Downsend School - 11.00

Fri 21 June - Year One 'Meet their new Year Two Teacher' at Downsend School—14.00

Fri 21 June - September 2019 Class Lists issued



News from Downsend

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 Ashted and Leatherhead, which will be completed on Tuesday.

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

James Bower

Rising Reception

William Zhou

Weitong Feng

Reception CH

All of Reception for their brilliant questions and wonderful behaviour on the outing to Brighton Sea Life

Year One

Isla Smith

Summar Khan

Golden Star Awards

Independent Golden Stars were awarded to:

Jack Clement, Matilda Wilson,

Hensen de Souza Bridges,

Louisa Cluysenaer,

Cameron Stewart

Well Done!

World Environment Day

On Wednesday the children shared their thoughts and ideas about how we can protect our world and all the humans and creatures that live on Earth. During assembly, Astrid, Edward, Matilda, Rupert and William explained very clearly



to their friends, the impact that single - use plastics and air pollution were having on our planet. In addition to this, Eric had created some capsules depicting different environments and how waste products were affecting animals. The children amazed me with their knowledge and their solutions related to how we could help reduce the impact of these environmental issues. I was so impressed and excited to think that this future generation will have such an understanding and caring approach to protecting our planet.

Tessa Roberts

Events Week Commencing Monday 10 June

Lunch Menu Week 1

Mon	15.30-16.30	Forest School Club
Tues	9.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	Rising Reception visit Godstone Farm Tots in Tune Woodwork and Construction Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Genie Lab Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Football & Ball Skills Club
Fri	14.30-15.30 15.30-16.30	Afternoon Tea for Grandparents with Children in Reception Let's Create Club
Sat	19.00	Downsend Parents' Association Summer Ball at Epsom Race Course

Memories

We have a memories box especially for parents who are moving on from school this year and we would love you to leave your comments about your experience here at Ashted Pre-Prep. A note will be sent home next week for your comments and the box will be placed on the table in the porch. Please share some of your Ashted memories with all our staff.

Tessa Roberts



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