

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



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Message from the Head Teacher

This week at Ashtead Pre-Prep has been all about 'Looking forward'. Moving Up Day, yesterday at school, was a day full of anticipation and excitement as the children visited their new classes. Year One were ahead of the game as they had their turn last Friday when they visited the Main Site and learned a little more about what to expect on the next step of their educational journey. Many of the parents that I talk to in the morning are amazed at how quickly the year has passed. However, they can clearly see

how their child has changed and developed and are looking forward to reading about their achievements in their reports next week.

The summer fair this weekend is one of our year's highlights. DAPA have been really busy preparing for the fun and are anticipating a great turn-out for this wonderful child-centred, community occasion. I do hope you are able to come along and support the event. I'll see you there!

Tessa Roberts



Downsend Forest School



Leaf bashing, Elder Flower tree whittling and log sawing..... These were some of the activities you would have seen Reception and Year 1 getting up to this week, on their



Forest School expedition. Jay had an abundance of activities available for the children to enjoy at Downsend which tested their curiosity and ingenuity in a series of challenges. The morning ended in true Forest School style, with toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate by the fire. What a treat!



Our Gardening Friends have been kept busy this year, making sure that the plants, fruits and vegetables in our garden are all well tended and cared for. They have done such a great job that the garden is blooming and we are all enjoying a bumper crop of strawberries. Great job, Amelia and Will.

Don't Forget

Mon 8 July - Andy Copps, Storyteller in school

Mon 8 July - Last Forest School Club

Tues 9 July - Open Box Theatre Company in school

Tues 9 July - Last Woodwork & Construction Club

Wed 10 July - Picnic in the Park 12.00

Wed 10 July - Term Ends 13.30 - No Extended Day



**DAPA
Summer Fair
Saturday 29 June
10.30-12.30**



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

Omar Rahman
Daniel Vinnai

Rising Reception

Gigi Stallman
Lily Hopwood

Reception CH

Archie Joy

Reception MC

Harrison Gay

Year One

Robert Pugh
Kamran Haque

Golden Star Awards

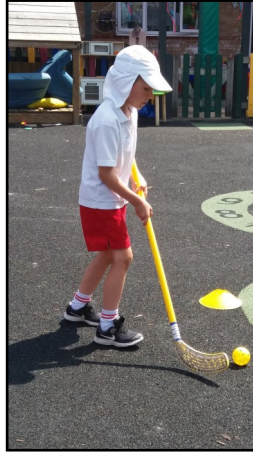
**Independent Golden Stars
were awarded to:**

Thomas Adams,
Matilda Wilson, Josh Philip,
Mary Malcomson,
Oliver de Souza Bridges

Well Done!

Activity Afternoon Action

Year One had a fabulous time at their Sports Afternoon at Leatherhead Pre-Prep this week. The children had an opportunity to develop their skills in hockey, running, football and throwing and they even had an assault course



to challenge them. It was lovely to see the children chatting away, as they recognised their new Year 2 classmates. Thank you so much to Leatherhead for hosting the afternoon for us and for organising such perfect weather! The cookies were delicious too!



Janet Catlow

Events Week Commencing Monday 1 July

Lunch Menu Week 1

Mon	15.30-16.30	End of Year Reports issued Forest School Club
Tues	09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	Last Tots in Tune Woodwork and Construction Club
Wed	11.00 14.15 15.30-16.30	First Steps Sports Morning Reception visit Red House Care Home Last Genie Lab Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Last Football & Ball Skills Club
Fri	14.00-15.00 15.30-16.30	Year One Leavers' Concert Last Let's Create Club



News from Downsend

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.



Ian Thorpe

Inspiring young minds