

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

In the new academic year, the first week back has been brilliant! The children's beaming faces say it all. The teachers are delighted with the way their new classes seemed to have already settled into their new environment. I think that we are in for a very exciting year ahead!

In this first newsletter of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us this week. Popping in and out of the classrooms, I have seen all our new starters in action and already purposefully engaged in their learning. Fantastic!
During the holidays the teachers

have been busily preparing for the term. In the children's book bags, please look out for a timetable and an overview of the topic that your child will be learning about this half term. Sharing the learning that is going on in school with you at home really helps to strengthen your child's understanding of everything they are being taught. The term promises to be action-packed with a wide range of events planned. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and the calendar for upcoming events.

The new school year has got off to a flying start. I can't wait to see what happens next!

Tessa Roberts

Lunchtime



Mrs McCluskey has had a great start this week with this term's menu being enjoyed by all ages. Her healthy eating menu which is 95% sugar free, is a real hit with the children and there have been lots of requests for 'seconds'. Look out for our celebration days this term when our lunchtimes become extra special.

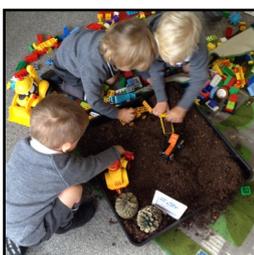
New Classroom, New Uniform and New Learning- What a great start!



There has been much excitement in Rising Reception as the children venture upstairs to their NEW classroom ready to meet their teachers. There is so much for the children to investigate and discover,



relating to the first topic, 'Happy, Healthy Me'. Many of the children have been spotted playing beautifully in their very own fruit and vegetable shop, whilst others have been discovering fairies in the miniature garden or dancing under the bubble machines shower. It



has been wonderful to see the children bouncing into the classroom each morning with a beaming smile and quickly settling to find an intriguing job. What a fantastic start to the year!

Christeen Hill



Don't Forget

**Clubs start
Monday 16 September**

Mon 16 Sept - First Steps
Coffee Morning - 8.45-10.00

Tues 17 Sept - Healthy Eating Workshops with Thomas Franks' Nutritionist

Thurs 19 Sept - Individual Photographs

Thurs 19 Sept - Literacy Information Evening - 19.00

Sun 22 Sept - DPA Circus Skills Fun Day



News from Downsend

Main Site was a buzz of excitement this week as pupils, staff and parents explored the fantastic new facilities for the first time. It has been a busy summer, but all the hard work was worthwhile when we saw the looks of amazement as the children entered the new Junior Library, Food Technology Suite, Learning Resource Centre and the STEAM and Technology spaces. We look forward to future visits from Pre-Prep pupils and parents so that you can see these amazing learning spaces for yourselves.

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

George Harriman

Rising Reception

Federica Becerra

Reception

Timothy Lemmens

Year One

Gianna-Imelda Sanchez

Eric Welton

Golden Star Awards

Good Friend Golden Stars

were awarded to:

Emma Sweeney, Harry Gillott,

Lily Jackson, Daisy Palmer,

Aurora Concanon

Well Done!

Literacy Information Evening

Thursday 19 September - 7.00pm

We would like to invite you to come along and spend some time learning about the Literacy Curriculum taught at Ashtead Pre-Prep.

The evening will start with a short presentation outlining the Read Write Inc and Talk4Writing schemes used right across the school. This will also include how you can help your child at home to continue developing their skills in Literacy.

Following the introduction there will be an opportunity to move between the classrooms to view the methods and resources used in each year group. The teachers will be on hand in the classrooms to explain and discuss the teaching methods and progression that takes place at each stage.



Events Week Commencing Monday 9 September

Lunch Menu Week 2

Mon		
Tues	09.45-11.15	Tots in Tune begins
Wed		Swimming Lessons begin
Thurs	20.00	DAPA AGM School Hall
Fri		

Notices

Downsend Website—Access to Letters and Forms on the Parent Area

The password for access to the documents that sit within this section of the website has been updated. Login details are as follows:

Username: Downsend Password: DSM2019

Dancing at Downsend

Ballet classes start back on Saturday 14th September.

- 9.10am – 9.55am for FS and RR
- 10.10am – 10.55am for Reception and Year 1.



Saturday Sport at Downsend 9.00-10.00—starts 7th September

The Saturday morning 'Sports Club' is run by Downsend staff at Main site, as a method of providing additional sports coaching to all those girls and boys in Reception and Year One who are keen to participate. This club is solely for Downsend pupils. The club will run every Saturday (finishing on 7 December) Come along and join in the fun!!

Inspiring young minds