

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from Mrs Conlan

It has been lovely to catch up with parents at curriculum meetings this week. We hope the meetings gave you all the information you needed about your child's year ahead. If you do have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher. I look forward to the remaining meetings next week. The start of the year has been fantastic and we want that to continue. One of the ways that parents can help us is to follow the memorandum of understanding agreed between the school and the

residents. Our residents are incredibly understanding and tolerant and I have worked very hard on having a positive relationship with them over the last few years, but maintaining it does rely on you – please read the MOU attached with this newsletter and support us and most importantly the safety of our children by following it. Finally, I am also looking forward to the DEPA welcome drinks at 7.30 at The Derby Arms on Tuesday evening – see you there!

Dahlicious Day

Reception and Year 1 joined thousands of children around the UK today to celebrate Roald Dahl Day.

Reception children enjoyed listening to the story of 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. They talked about how they could make George's grandma a nicer person and had lots of fun making a potion out of materials such as glitter and fairy liquid!

Meanwhile, Year 1 shared the story of 'James and the Giant Peach', tasted a range of orchard fruits and used their senses to write deliciously descriptive poems. They also delved into Dahl themed Maths problems to put their counting and thinking skills to the test.



Class of 2019/2020 – First Steps



DEPA news

Drinks on DEPA:

To mark the start of the new academic year and kick off the DEPA Social Calendar for 2019/20, we are hosting drinks at **The Derby Arms pub in Epsom** this Thursday (19th Sept) from 7.30pm onwards.

The evening is an opportunity to relax, catch up with people after the summer break and welcome any parents who are new to our school. We have an area reserved in the bar and DEPA will be providing the drinks and snacks. We hope to see you there.

Class Reps:

We've now confirmed the Class Reps for this year – many thanks to the following people for taking on this key role.

First Steps: Brigit Lobato (Nico)

Rising Reception: Saskiya Grace (Nyx)

Reception: Louise Patel (Ralph) and Chessie Rice (Ellie)

Year One: Palak Singh (Nandini and Arjun)

Dates for your Diary:

Thurs 10th Oct: DEPA Ideas evening

We'll be brainstorming plans for the year ahead so if you have a great idea, please come along or let us know beforehand. We'll have wine and nibbles to ensure those creative juices are flowing.

Weds 20th Nov: DEPA Ideas evening

Useful contacts



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Celebrating Achievement

Achievements in learning, working with others and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special assembly every week.

We congratulated the following children this week:

First Steps: Stella

Hedgehogs: Keegan

Reception: Darcey

Year 1: Keira



World Food Thursday

We enjoyed Moroccan chicken, couscous sweet potato this week.

Epsom Updates

Menu Change

Roast lunch has moved from Wednesday to Tuesday. This is to enable our Reception and Year 1 children, who eat at main site on Wednesdays, to enjoy one of our most popular meals of the week.

Clubs

Clubs begin during the week of 16th September. There are still a few spaces in Dance, Forest and Cookery. Please contact Mrs Tucker in the school office if you would like to make a late booking.

News from main site

The sporting season has started off with a bang during the first week of term. Two tournaments played, two lots of silverware earned! We have welcomed Year 3 and 4 parents to our Curriculum Evenings in the new Lower School facilities. We have enjoyed showing them round and hearing how well their children have settled in. They, in turn, have enjoyed finding out how we work in partnership to help their children aim high.

Mr I Thorpe

Mathletics news

Well done to Keira for achieving a Bronze, Silver and Gold certificate last week. Fantastic Mathletics! Reception – we look forward to seeing your Mathletics achievements very soon.

Events week commencing 16th September 2019

Lunch menu week 3

Mon	3.30 – 4.30 7.00pm	Spanish & Music Theatre clubs Curriculum catch up meetings
Tues	All day 3.30 – 4.30	Mrs Conlan out at Cognita HT meeting 1 Sports club
Weds	All day 3.30 – 4.30	Mrs Conlan out at Cognita HT meeting 2 Grow, Cook, Enjoy & Forest clubs
Thurs	All day 11.30 3.30 – 4.30	Mrs Conlan in school First Steps curriculum meeting Science and Acro dance club
Fri	pm 2.45 3.30 – 4.15	Mrs Conlan in school Reception curriculum meeting Yoganory club

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