

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back to a new academic year and a huge welcome to the new families joining us this term. I hope everyone has had a wonderful Summer break and getting back into a routine this week. I saw on Thursday when I was in school that the children have settled back in beautifully and from speaking to Mrs Burns and the staff team, I know everyone has had a great first few days back.

As most of you will know, Mrs Burns is joining us this year in the role of Head of School. I am now the Headteacher of both Pre-Prep Epsom but also Pre-Prep Leathhead. I have retained all my previous responsibilities but many of the day to day responsibilities for organisation have been delegated to Mrs Burns. She will also have a significant role to play in the delivery of the School Improvement Plan. However, Mrs Burns' primary responsibility day to day will be to

her Year 1 class and there are systems and structures in place to ensure that her Head of School role does not impact on her class teacher role. This is something that I will monitor very closely as we all settle into our new ways of working.

I will be based at Epsom most weeks for 2 days in the week although according to other commitments in the week I could be there more or less. The days will not be the same each week and will always be detailed on the calendar in this newsletter so you know when I am in school if you would like to speak with me. Of course, Mrs Tucker and Mrs Burns can always get hold of me and if anyone would like to speak to me on a day I am not in school, I can give you a call.

I hope everyone has a great weekend and look forward to seeing everyone next week.

DEPA news

A warm welcome to all our families for the new academic year from the Downsend Epsom Parents Association (DEPA) Committee.

Once again, DEPA will be planning and organising lots of exciting activities and events for our children to enjoy this year ... as well as a few nights out for us grown ups too!

This year the DEPA Committee is:

- Kim Agrawal (Jago, R),
- Sheila Patel (Sonia, Y1),
- Vicki Trinder (Jack, R), and
- Taryn Robertson (Aaron, RR)

We hope to confirm Class Reps next week, so keep an eye on the DEPA board. We don't yet have Class Reps for Rising Reception or First Steps, so if you're interested, please get in touch: EpsomDEPA@gmail.com. Or if you want to get involved in DEPA in some other way (however big or small), again just drop us an email.

In the meantime we have the first DEPA date for your diaries.

Thurs 19th Sept: DEPA Drinks Night. Details to come next week but it's a chance to catch up with old faces after the summer break and meet new ones.

Class of 2019/2020—Year 1



Year 1 arrived on Wednesday wearing shiny shoes and smiles in equal abundance. Already they have impressed with their efforts in the classroom and their keenness to step up to the role of being the eldest children in school. We are looking forward to an exciting half-term with trips to the local area and themed days planned to stimulate the children's curiosity and learning.

First Steps photos coming next week once all the children have been in!

News from main site

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 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.

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Class of 2019-2020—Reception



Class of 2019/2020—Rising Reception



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:

EVERYONE!

Well Done!

Mathletics news

Look out for information about Mathletics coming home in book bags next week for Reception families. Year 1 families—Mathletics is up

Events Week Commencing 9th September Lunch Menu Week 2

Mon		Mrs Conlan in school from 10.00am
Tues		
Wed	11.15	Mrs Conlan in school from 10.45 RR curriculum meeting
Thurs		
Fri	All day 2.45	Mrs Conlan in school No Mrs Butler—Miss Joss covering Y1 curriculum meeting