

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**  
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### Message from the Head Teacher

The children this week have delighted and amazed us all with their wonderfully confident harvest performances. The catchy tunes have been drifting around school all week and our excited children were thrilled to show their parents all they had learned. I think that the breakfast treats that followed the performances were thoroughly enjoyed by all, as you can see in the photos below. I would also like to say a massive THANK YOU as your generosity once again has been overwhelming. Our collection for the Epsom and

Ewell Food Bank has been magnificent and the team, who came to collect the items today, asked me to pass on their grateful thanks for your donations.

This half term has whizzed by with an abundance of activity, learning and fun. However, I've seen a few weary looks today, indicating that perhaps we are ready for a little rest. I hope that you have a very happy and relaxed break and that everyone returns on the 4th November recharged and ready to go.

**Tessa Roberts**

### Diwali



Diwali is one of India's biggest festivals. Diwali means rows of lighted lamps. It is a festival of lights and every Indian celebrates it with joy. During this five day festival, people light up their houses and shops. They worship Lord Ganesha for good welfare and prosperity and Goddess Lakshmi for wealth and wisdom. We have been learning all about this special festival today which will have its important Diwali night celebrated on Sunday 27 October.

### Harvest Celebrations



### Don't Forget

- Tues 12 Nov** - Parent/ Teacher Interviews
- Wed 13 Nov** - World Kindness Day
- Thurs 14 Nov** - Parent/ Teacher Interviews
- Fri 15 Nov** - Open Morning at Ashtead Pre-Prep: 9.30am
- Fri 15 Nov** - Open Morning at Downsend School: 9.15am



## News from Downsend

It was wonderful to see the Year 1 pupils from our Pre-Preps having such an inspiring time at our Discovery Day at Main Site this week. Smiling faces were plentiful as they enjoyed working with our Year 2 team in the new facilities, and all with a STEAM theme. Have a wonderful half-term break everybody!  
**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

Alice  
Lucas

### Rising Reception

All of Rising Reception for singing so beautifully at their Harvest Breakfast.

### Reception

Matthew

### Year One

Mary

## Golden Star Awards Good Friend Golden Stars were awarded to:

Y1 - Freddie  
R - Jennifer  
RR - Benjamin  
FS - Olive

## Well Done!

## Art-Tastic Club

As part of our ethos of promoting sustainability and to help our environment, Art-Tastic have decided the theme of the term is to create artwork using recycled items. The children have been researching artists who have created amazing masterpieces using recycled objects. Bojan Maric believed that "One person's rubbish is another person's treasure". We have turned these treasures into beautiful pieces of meaningful artwork.

To develop individuality, the children have let their imaginations run wild, creating recycled three-dimensional masterpieces. In addition to personalised artwork, the children have been working on a joint project of making the Downsend dog out of bottle tops.

**Emma Duke**



## Events Week Commencing Monday 4 November Lunch Menu Week 2

<b>Mon</b>	15.30-16.30	Chertsey Toy Museum visiting Year One Football & Ball Skills Club
<b>Tues</b>	15.30-16.30	Engineering Club
<b>Wed</b>	15.30-16.30	Rising Reception visit Leatherhead Fire Station Art-Tastic! Club
<b>Thurs</b>	19.00	Reception & Year One Flu Immunisations Come and See Reception Evening — open to Rising Reception and Prospective Parents — 19.00
<b>Fri</b>	19.30	DAPA Race Night—Ashtead Cricket Club

## Downsend Discovery Morning

Year 1 children didn't know what to expect on their way to the Discovery Event at Downsend Main Site on Tuesday morning! All of the events had a 'Woodland Animal' theme and the wonderful facilities allowed the children to enjoy a variety of activities. The Year 1 and Year 2 children had the opportunity to create an Owl Babies picture using a computer program in the ICT suit.



Everyone enjoyed a relaxing story time followed by art, where the children made woodland creature masks which they proudly wore back to Ashtead Pre-Prep to show everyone. Thank you for having us... what a lovely morning! **Melanie Chipperton**



## Inspiring young minds