

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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## Epsom

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## Message from Mrs Burns

As the first frost of Autumn descended this week, life in school has continued to generate warmth and energy. Last Monday, Year 1 threw themselves with gusto into an Inter Pre-Prep Games activity afternoon at the main site and impressed with their ball skills and enthusiasm. Meanwhile, our Harvest celebrations began here in school with our youngest children and their parents.

As the week drew to a close, we joined hundreds of schools around the country in celebrating the wonder and unifying nature of poetry as part of National Poetry Day. While First Steps and Rising

Reception entertained us beautifully reciting action rhymes, Reception impressed with their ability to memorise a long poem about Autumn and the Year 1 children each performed a verse of a poem about the rainbow.

Our latest additions to Epsom Pre-Prep (aka the new baby guinea pigs) are acclimatising to their new home and the thorny question of what to call them has been upon our minds. As to be expected, the children were full of ideas and after much deliberation, Mrs Conlan chose the suggested names Bubble & Squeak. I hope you have a weekend full of smiles.

## Wine, wine, wine ...

Now we hopefully have your attention ... our first Ideas Evening of the year is on **Thursday (10<sup>th</sup> October) from 7.30pm at School** and we need your ideas!

We'll be brainstorming lots of fun activities for the children for the year ahead. Everyone's welcome - these meetings aren't just for the Committee or Class Reps - so please come along. There'll be wine, nibbles and soft drinks too.

If you have a great idea but can't make it, email us: [epsomdepa@gmail.com](mailto:epsomdepa@gmail.com).

## Harvest Celebrations



First Steps had a wonderful walk on Monday and were pleasantly surprised with the fabulous weather...a perfect Autumn day. The children held little brown paper bags to collect Autumn treasures. It was so special to have our mummies and daddies there to share it all with us. We arrived back at school to a delicious Autumn breakfast with conker and pumpkin table decorations. A huge thank you to all the parents who managed to spare the time and share this special time with us.

Rising Reception Hedgehog Class had their Harvest Assembly this week. They all sang beautifully remembering the words and actions and then enjoyed a delicious harvest breakfast with their families.



## Spooky Surprises

Thanks to everyone who's volunteered to turn the Reception area into a Spooky Den next Friday – we appreciate your help.

If you can lend decorations or help take them down after school on Friday 18th October, please contact [epsomdepa@gmail.com](mailto:epsomdepa@gmail.com). You can arrange with the school for your child to stay in extended day while you help.

Children can come to school in Halloween costumes (or non-uniform) on Thursday 17th October in return for a £2 donation.

## 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

### Hedgehogs

Edward

### Reception

Tommy

### Year 1

Tahira



## World Food Thursday

This week we had lunch from Mexico



## World Smile Day

Smiles were in abundance throughout school today as the children and staff marked World Smile Day. While First Steps made smiley paper plate emojis, Rising Reception and Reception 'passed a smile around the circle' and Year 1 tried to make their friends smile by performing random acts of kindness.



## News from main site

Global Well Being has been very much a focus for the past week and we have enjoyed seeing the children achieve such balance. On Monday, I am fortunate to be attending the Independent Schools Awards Ceremony having heard that Downsend has moved from being shortlisted to one of the finalists. Fingers crossed!

**Mr I Thorpe**

## Mathletics news

Well done to Elodie, Lauren, Amaya, Keira, Sophie, Sonia, Arjun and Jack for achieving a Bronze Mathletics certificates last week.

## Events week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> October Lunch menu week 3

Mon	am 9.10- 9.45 3.30 – 4.30	Mrs Conlan in school Reception Harvest Breakfast Spanish & music theatre clubs
Tues	am 9-9.30am Pm 3.30 – 4.30	Mr Thorpe on the door Whole School Reading Year 1 visit to Epsom Downs Racecourse Sports & fitness club
Weds	3.30 – 4.30	Grow, Cook, Eat & Forest clubs
Thur	All day 9.10-9.45 3.30 – 4.30 7.30pm	Mrs Conlan in school Year 1 Harvest Breakfast Science and acro dance club Parental Engagement Group
Fri	All day am 3.30-4.15	Mrs Conlan in school Prospective Parents Open Morning Yoganory club

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