

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from Mrs Conlan

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Talk and Walk through the teaching of phonics on Wednesday evening. It was a record turn out for us at such an event which was particularly pleasing. I hope those of you who attended found it beneficial; for those of you who were unable to attend, Mrs Tucker has copies of the slides from the evening if you would like them. Next term we will be running a maths event explaining what the CPA (concrete, pictorial, abstract) strategy of maths teaching is and supporting parents in understanding sticks and bricks, the part, part whole model, Numicon, tens frames and other

such things the children are learning about in school and will expect you to know about!

Since the start of September I have conducted a significant number of tours. Interest in the school is high at the moment, particularly for FS and Reception places next September. Overwhelmingly the feedback from prospective parents has been focused on how settled and focused our children are and how obviously high their attainment is, especially in their language and communication and writing. Great news to be able to share.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

DEPA news

DEPA Ideas Evening

The next DEPA ideas evening is on **Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm** at the school.

We'll be looking ahead to the Spring term and planning lots of fantastic events and fun for children and grown ups alike, including the DEPA Auction Night – our main fundraising activity for the year. With wine, nibbles and soft drinks, we'd love you to join us. If you have an idea or can offer help, but can't make it on the night, email us: epsomdepa@gmail.com.

DPA Christmas Fair

Kick off your festive season with the DPA Christmas Fair at Main Site on Sunday 1st December (11am-2.30pm). With a Santa's grotto, games and activities, Christmas stalls and a pop up Silent Pool gin bar, there's something for everyone. More details coming soon.

Diary Dates:

Weds 20th Nov: DEPA Ideas Evening

Sun 1st Dec: DPA Christmas Fair

Thurs 5th Dec: DEPA Dad's Night Out

In and Around School



First Steps Parents Lunch on Wednesday was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A huge thank you goes to Mrs T and Miss Julie for baking the most delicious lunch. We ate homemade margarita/pepperoni pizza and sweetcorn followed by flapjacks and fresh fruit. The children were delighted to share their lunchtime with their parents on the big

tables and to show off their superb table manners. Thank you to all parents who were able to join us and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Earlier this week, Year 1 took part in a Remembrance commemoration event in Bourne Hall gardens. Although the youngest participants, the children were undaunted about performing their poem, 'Poppy Poppy', to an audience that included the Mayor and Mayoress, the Right Honourable Chris Grayling MP, a military officer and several other local schools. They not only impressed with a clear and confident performance, but were also a credit to the school with their impeccable behaviour.



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

Samuel

Hedgehogs

Berta and Carter

Reception

Victoria

Year 1

Henry



World Food Thursday

This week we had lunch from Germany



National Kindness Week

Next week, we will hold a Kindness Week in school to link to National Anti-bullying Week. This will begin on Monday with wearing odd socks to school to remind us that being different makes us all special. On Wednesday (National Kindness Day) the children will take part in a variety of kindness focussed activities and on Friday, everyone is being encouraged to come to school dressed in spotty clothes in aid of Children in Need. Please send in your child with a £2 mufti donation which DEPA is collecting to send to Children in Need.

Good night Terry tortoise



It was time to say 'goodnight' to Terry our pet tortoise this week as he has been valiantly trying to bury himself in the school field to hibernate for winter. Luckily Miss Clayton and the children were on hand with a clean box and warm straw. Now Terry is tucked up safely to slumber in peace until next spring.

Save the date

Downsend Pre-Preps are joining together this year to support local charity, The Grange, with our Make a Difference Charity Ball. The event will be held on 2nd May 2020 at The Tithe Barn in Bookham from 5.30pm until 11.30pm. The Grange supports local people who have disabilities.

Events week commencing 11th November Lunch menu week 2

Mon		Wear odd socks to school day
	3.30 – 4.30	Spanish & music theatre clubs
Tues	3.30 – 4.30	Sports & fitness club
Weds	12 noon	Mrs Conlan in school
	3.30 – 4.30	Rising Reception lunch with parents
		Grow, Cook, Enjoy & Forest clubs
Thurs		Mrs Conlan in school
	3.30 – 4.30	Reception trip to the London Wetlands Centre
		Science and acro dance club
Fri	3.30-4.15	Wear spots/own clothes to school for Children in Need
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Mathletics news

Well done to Darcey, Diana, Elodie, Amaya and Sophie who achieved Silver and Bronze Mathletics certificates and to Keira and Joshua for achieving Bronze Mathletics certificates last week.

Inspiring Young Minds