

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



'OUTSTANDING'

SIS Inspection 2014-2015

Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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### Message from the Head Teacher

This week we have been taking a close look at the health and safety of our children which we take seriously here at Pre-Prep Ashtead. The school regularly carries out fire safety checks and runs weekly health and safety inspections. All staff are kept up to date with the latest training, regarding paediatric first aid, child protection and the safeguarding of children. As part of a regular review, I have been asked to complete a thorough audit with regard to our compliance ratings. This covers child protection, health and safety, safety of the

premises, digital-safety, fire safety and First Aid. You will be pleased to know that we received the highest rating in all of these areas. All this information will be presented in a couple of weeks at our Cognita Safeguarding Annual Audit run by an independent Chair. Policies covering all these key areas can be found on the Downsend website, helping to keep you informed.

It's been a busy week as you will see in the newsletter. Have fun reading about all that's been happening.

Tessa Roberts

### Road Safety

Helping the children to learn how to look after themselves and keep safe is a priority and a very important life skill. All the classes have taken part in Road Safety Week and practised the rules of the road. Our playground was transformed into a network of roads and the cars and bikes were driven carefully between the different destinations. Traffic lights and zebra crossings were respected and the pedestrians knew how to wait until the road was clear. Year One were lucky enough to practise their skills for real at the start of their school outing.



### Nursery Rhymes Galore!



A new rhyme every day has kept First Steps on their toes this week. Schools all around the World have been singing and acting out rhymes as part of World Nursery Rhyme

Week. The children found spiders and bugs in a sticky web, built fences to stop sheep from escaping, practised their rowing skills and much

more! Along with this, there have been wonderful activities organised by the First Steps team to embed and support the children's learning around the vocabulary and rhyming words within the songs. Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education. As well as being fun, they are excellent tools for teaching skills in language and communication, emergent Literacy and early Maths. The children in First Steps have definitely had fun this week and we hope they have shared their new rhymes with everyone at home!

First Steps Team



### Don't Forget

**Clubs Last Week 2 - 4 Dec**

**Mon 2 Dec** – Christmas Box arrives at School

**Mon 2 Dec** – Christmas Concert Photographs

**Tues 3 Dec** – Last Tots in Tune

**Wed 3 Dec** – Last Swimming Lesson

**Wed 3 Dec** – First Steps Christmas Celebrations 10.45

**Thurs 4 Dec** – Year One to see Year Two's Nativity

**Thurs 4 Dec** – Sinterklaas Celebrations

## 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**

Lachlan

**Rising Reception**

Rory

**Reception**

Harry

**Year One**

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## British Wildlife

Year One impressed the British Wildlife Centre with their knowledge of animals when we visited them on Tuesday. We saw foxes, owls, deer, badgers and many more. The children knew which animals hibernated, which were nocturnal and what each animal liked to eat. Although they were a little surprised to find out that a hedgehog's favourite meal is dog food! Harrison said, "I liked the fox called Ted. He likes eating pizza like me!" Ayrton commented, "I liked looking at the rats in the tubes up high above our head". Considering the chilly weather, we had a super day and plenty of animals popped out to say 'Hello'.

**Melanie Chipperton**



## Golden Star Awards

### Taking Turns Golden Stars

were awarded to:

Y1 - Ayrton

R - Henry

RR - Sophia

FS - Lucas

## Events Week Commencing Monday 25 November Lunch Menu Week 2

|              |             |   |
|--------------|-------------|---|
| <b>Mon</b>   | 14.00-15.00 | Reception Sports Afternoon at Main Site                   |
|              | 15.30-16.30 | Football & Ball Skills Club                               |
| <b>Tues</b>  | 15.30-16.30 | Engineering Club  |
| <b>Wed</b>   | 15.30-16.30 | Art-Tastic! Club  |
| <b>Thurs</b> |             | Reception & Year One Forest School visit to Ashted Common |
| <b>Fri</b>   |             | St Andrew's Day   |

## Well Done!

## 'ello, 'ello, 'ello.....

Neeeenoooooor! Watch out bad guys! The Surrey Police have some new recruits.....Rising Reception!

The children in Rising Reception have fully immersed themselves into their new topic - 'People who help us'. Last Tuesday, the children bounced into school with excitement and anticipation to meet Community Service officer, PC Daly. She began by talking about young children getting lost and the importance of being able to tell their full names and addresses, even if it is just the number on your door. She also showed us her uniform and the various items of equipment she carries in her daily routine. The children could not wait to ask questions and share all their knowledge about police cars, 'bad guys' and the number to call in an emergency- 999! The children were even given the opportunity to try on some of the police helmets, caps and jackets! Thank you PC Daly for such a wonderful morning!

Tommy-"The police help people... and catch bad guys!"

Joe-"They have handcuffs and a radio!" **Christeen Hill**



**Inspiring young minds**