

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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## Epsom

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## Message from Mrs Conlan

It is the time of year where I actively try and stay away from the classrooms! I love my time with the children but I also don't want any spoilers of the Christmas performances to come. That said, I do know all the words to the opening song from the RR, R and Year 1 nativity as am hearing it at home!

Christmas is such a special (and crazy) time for young children and we are doing everything we can in school to maintain routine and structure as well as embracing what the children are most interested in and talking about non stop! The children are tired though after such a busy and long term and with coughs

and colds abound, the pace in the school will start to slow next week to continue to support the children's well-being and to ease us into the end of term.

A special thanks from me to Mrs T and Miss Julie this week for an outstanding Christmas lunch. I was very close to joining FS for a post lunch nap!

I look forward to seeing everyone next week at our FS Christmas songs on Tuesday and then our Higgledy Piggledy Nativity at St George's church on Friday.

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Mrs Vanessa Conlan**

## DEPA news

### T'was the Week before Christmas ...

Thanks to everyone who helped create some Christmas sparkle in Reception. Next week brings more DEPA Christmas magic with a show by children's entertainer, Mr Bungle, a visit from Father Christmas, plus some DEPA surprises along the way.

### New Baby Food Pouch Recycling Scheme

Next term the school is continuing its sustainability efforts, with the aim of achieving the Silver Eco-Award, following our Bronze Award last year.

To support these efforts DEPA is working with the school to launch two new recycling schemes in the new year, including a scheme to collect used baby food pouches (e.g. Ella's Kitchen, Piccolo, Sainsbury's, etc). The more we collect, the more money we raise for the school.

We'll share all the details next term. In the meantime, if you want to start collecting, the scheme accepts any brand of baby food pouches including the caps. Please ensure pouches are rinsed out and all food residue is removed.

## Christmas Giving



Community spirit was in abundance as festive fun officially began in school yesterday. The day began with our annual 'dressing the tree' event during which the magnolia tree, decked out with solar powered lights, was decorated with wooden discs containing the children's pictures and pledges to keep our world wonderful. This was followed up with our half-termly whole school story telling session.

Across the school, the classes joined together and the Year 1 children read the Christmas story to mixed groups of children from First Steps, Rising Reception and Reception. Later in the afternoon, Reception and Year 1 entertained their parents and Epsom shoppers with a medley of Christmas carols in the Ashley Centre. Thanks to Mr Bayley, the children were word perfect and tuneful and the experience was enjoyed by all.



## Useful contacts



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## A Fabulous Feast

Mrs T and Miss Julie (our fabulously creative cooks) entered into the Christmas spirit dressed as a Christmas tree and an elf to prepare and serve a delicious Christmas lunch with all the trimmings on Thursday. Children and adults (including Mrs T and Miss Julie) shared the meal together while exchanging corny Christmas cracker jokes and chatting about Christmas wish lists!



## 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

Juliana

### Hedgehogs

Rupert and Eric

### Reception

Ellie

### Year 1

Keira



## News from main site

It was lovely to see so many Pre-Prep parents at the Christmas Fair on Saturday. I am looking forward to joining you at your various nativities in the last week of term. **Mr Ian Thorpe**

## Mathletics News

Well done to Sonia who was awarded Silver and Bronze Mathletics certificates and to Darcey, Diana, Elodie, Keira and Sophie for achieving Bronze Mathletics certificates last week.

## Events week commencing 9/12/19 Lunch menu week 3

Mon	1.15	Y1 to main site to see Open Box pantomime
Tues	9.00	Mrs Conlan in school FS Christmas concert Class Christmas parties
Weds	pm	Mrs Conlan in school DEPA Christmas jumper day (£2 mufti) Mr Bungle (children's entertainer) to visit
Thurs	am	Dress rehearsal for Christmas Nativity (St George's Church)
Fri	9.15 10.15	Mrs Conlan in school Coach to St George's Church Christmas Nativity performed to parents, family and friends

## Christmas Lunch

We had a delicious Christmas lunch on Thursday.



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