

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Leatherhead



Weekly outdoor learning with
Woodland Forest School

Friday, 14 October

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Message from the Head Teacher

We look forward to welcoming Reception and Year I parents to our Harvest Assembly on Monday at 9.00am. The children have been learning songs and poems which they are very excited to share with you. The Hall will be very full so I'm afraid we can only invite parents on this occasion however there will be room during our Christmas performances to invite grandparents if they wish to come. Any donations of

stationary will be sent with our love to Lungi Lodge in Sierra Leone. On Friday 21 October during the morning we would like all our children to walk in their wellies for Africa, donations would be very welcome for this worthwhile cause. Please visit www.farmafrica.org/wellywalk for more details.

Gill Brooks

Don't Forget!

- On Monday, parents of Reception and Year I children are invited to assembly at 9.00am
- On Thursday we have "bags2school" please bring bags full of clothes when you drop your children off.
- Parents Evening on Thursday between 6 and 8.30pm
- On Friday children should have wellies in school so we can walk for Africa.
- On Friday evening 6 – 7.30 pm Reception and Year I children are invited to a Halloween Party.

Scintillating Science Week



Seeing the space capsule from Apollo 17 that returned to Earth with the last astronaut to walk on the moon in 1972 was just one of the many highlights from the Year I visit to the Science Museum this week. Making patterns using a touchscreen and other interactive activities enabled the children to explore and investigate scientifically in an exciting, 'hands on', safe environment with 'explainers' on hand to answer and pose questions. Children worked together to solve this tessellating pattern and after seeing how different materials could be used in unexpected ways, we decided that a coat made from a woollen carpet may look pretty but would be very heavy to wear, especially in the rain. Once again, the children were complimented on their behaviour – well done Year I. No doubt, there will be many requests for a return visit in half term.....



Parents' Evening

Thursday

20 October

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We look forward to meeting parents next Thursday evening. Parent / Teacher meetings will take place in the Hall, however all the classrooms will be open with children's work on display. Please do feel free to visit as many classrooms as you wish. I will be in the First Steps room serving wine so please do stop and have a chat with me too.

Gill Brooks

Pin Board

Bag2School

Start collecting old clothes for Bag2School day

Thursday 20 October

Save The Date

Friends Parents Quiz Night at Leatherhead Pre-Prep

Friday 18 November
8.00 to 10.00pm

Reminder that Year I **Christmas Concert** will be at 11.00am on Monday 12 December **not** 2.30pm as advertised.

Welly Walk

On 21 October children and staff will put on their wellies and walk around Africa for the Great African Welly Walk. Children will be asked to bring in a donation on the day for this charity.

In class the children will design their own pair of wellies.

Details of the charity can be found at www.farmafrica.org/wellywalk.

Film Night



Year I children enjoyed a very entertaining evening last Friday when they went to the movies at school. They also raised £196.25 for The Rainbow Trust while enjoying their Film Night.

The Friends would like to thank everyone for supporting this event.



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Events for week commencing 17 October

Mon 17	9.00am Harvest Assembly for Reception and Year 1
Tues 18	
Wed 19	
Thurs 20	Bag2School No Rising Stars Club today Parents' Evening (by appointment)
Fri 21	Great African Welly Walk 6.00 to 7.30pm Halloween Mini Disco for Year I and Reception

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