

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Leatherhead



Weekly outdoor learning with
Woodland Forest School

Friday, 18 November

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Message from the Head Teacher

Another super week with the weather still being kind letting us make great use of the outdoors. The boards in the classrooms are again changing with super displays of current topic work, please do pop in and have a look if you have time. Christmas songs can be heard in all corners of the school so I'm sure we will all be in for a treat by concert day!

Jo, our cook, has also been busy this week making mincemeat to make mince pies ready to serve before or after the concerts.

Concert Dates:

Monday 5th December

9.00am - First Steps

11.15am - Rising Reception

Monday 12th December

9.00am - Reception

11.15am - Year 1

I am away all next week at a Heads' conference, so if you have any worries please talk to Miss Hodges, Deputy Head, who will be able to help. Mrs Colvin will be meeting and greeting as usual so the routine for drop off will continue.

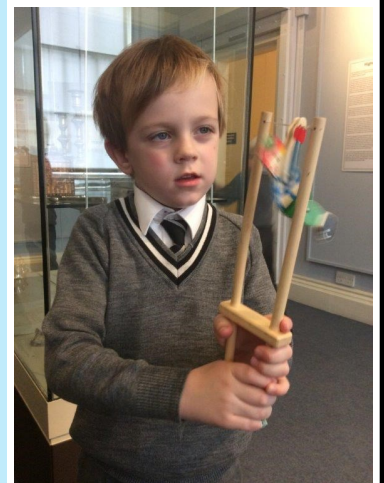
Gill Brooks

Don't Forget!

- To look out for information about costumes etc. that may be needed for the Christmas plays.
- To send in named hats and gloves if the weather becomes colder.
- The Christmas post box will be open from 5 December to receive children's Christmas cards. Year 1 children will act as postmen taking the cards to the children. Please ensure the child's name and class are on the envelope.

Time Travelling in Year 1

Dressing up in splendid Victorian and Edwardian clothes and seeing a variety of toys from over 100 years ago were just some of the interesting activities the children in Year 1 were able to take part in during our visit to Chertsey Museum. Learning about toys from the past is our current history topic and Sally, our guide, was impressed by how much the children already knew about toys such as the cup and ball, whip and top, china and wax dolls and pop guns. Making a thaumatrope and seeing it spin was fun and the chance to dress up as a famous highwayman and pose in the Chertsey Museum carriage proved to be very popular! Reflecting on our visit back at school, the children wrote about their favourite toy at the museum but admitted they would be reluctant to swap them with their modern, colourful toys like Lego and Barbie dolls.





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Golden Board

Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special Assembly every Thursday.

Amy Jones IAH

Toby Heath RJE

Charlie Haywood IVL

Jasper Thompson RAG

Zara Evans ISB

Charlie Raincock RJB

This Week

Rising Reception have enjoyed learning about the police. They had fun dressing up in a police uniform and pretending to arrest each other.

They have also had fun making police cars, badges and hats.



Nursery have been learning about night time animals this week.



In mini explorers we made wind charms and had fun in the autumn leaves!



In Year 1 science lessons the children have been learning about reptiles and describing their features. IAH have a pet leopard gecko called Billie who the children have been

observing. Today all of Year One were treated to a special visit from Clare the Bearded Dragon.



Events for week commencing 21 November

Mon 21	
Tues 22	
Wed 23	
Thurs 24	3.00 to 4.30pm Sale of second hand uniform at Downsend
Fri 25	

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