

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Leatherhead



Weekly outdoor learning with
Woodland Forest School

Friday, 21 October

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Message from the Head Teacher

What a fabulous start to this week with our Harvest Assembly led by our Year 1 and Reception children. The singing and poem recitals were extremely good but I think above all was the confidence that these 4 and 5 year olds showed with their beaming smiles and loud voices. A big thank you to Mr Bristow on the keyboard which I'm sure we will hear more from as the year progresses. We have a huge box of your stationery donations which will be sent to Lungi Lodge, Sierra Leone next month. There will be so many happy children when the parcel arrives, thank you all very, very much.

What a busy half term we have had, I hope you all have a restful break returning for the run up to Christmas!

On 8 November Clare Kirkham, who will be the Head of Lower School at Downsend from January 2017, will join me on the door to meet and greet you and will also meet the Year 1 children who will be in her care next September. Clare is currently working at Guildford High School.

Gill Brooks

Don't Forget!

- That after half term children in Year 1 and Reception should wear their winter uniform. If your child comes to school wearing their black school coat they do not need to wear their red blazer underneath. If the weather remains mild children can continue to wear blazers.
- As the weather becomes colder do send in hats, scarves and mittens, all named please.
- **Dates for our Christmas concerts:**
 - * Monday 5 December
9.00am First Steps
11.15am Rising Reception
 - * Monday 12 December
9.00am Reception
11.00am Year 1

Science Week



Mrs Grocock visited us from the Main site to demonstrate how forces operate in everyday life. She wowed us by knocking an egg into a bowl of water (a pull) and used the air escaping from a balloon to send it flying across the hall (a push).

When the Science Museum visited the school they wrapped the children in bubbles





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Golden Board

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

Emma Clarke IAH

Tileena Tribe ISB

Anna Kulikova RJB

Alex Massey-Crow RAG

Spencer Bristow RJE

Katerina Romanova IVL

Extended Day

From after half term Miss Vinson will no longer be helping with Extended Day. I would like to thank her for helping to make Extended Day so enjoyable for our children.

More Science Week



We changed jelly from a solid to a liquid and then back into a solid, but the best part was eating it! We timed how long it would take to melt a square of chocolate on our tongue - the quickest time was 1.47 minutes and the slowest time was over 4 minutes! The children were also digging and planting to find out what plants need to grow healthily.

Jeans for Genes raised £119.50 and Bags2School raised £158.00 A very big thank you to all who helped and donated to these two events.

Wellie Walk



The children enjoyed their Wellie Walk today, raising over £217. A big thank you to parents.

Harvest Assembly

Thank you to the many parents who came to watch our Harvest Assembly. In front of a very large audience, the children in Year 1 and Reception performed beautifully with Mr Bristow at the helm to get our week off to a great start. The fantastic donations of pencils and other stationery items will be dispatched to Lungi Lodge in Sierra Leone – thank you.

Events for week commencing 7 November

Mon 7	Return to School
Tues 8	
Wed 9	8.45 am Reception Coffee Morning
Thurs 10	Second hand uniform intake at Downsend School
Fri 11	

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