

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Leatherhead



Weekly outdoor learning with  
Woodland Forest School

Friday, 7 October

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### Message from the Head Teacher

Our first trips of the year were really successful. With blue skies and warm sunshine, the children all had a wonderful experience as you can see from the pictures and write ups. Year 1 are looking forward to visiting the Science Museum next week and we are very excited about the science workshops which all children will take part in during science week.

We look forward to seeing Reception and Year 1 parents at the Mathematics Workshop next Thursday evening, which Miss Hodges is organizing. Come, hear, see and have a go at some of the mathematical challenges your children face daily!

I would like to invite parents of Reception and Year 1 children to join us

for our Harvest Assembly at 9.00am on Monday 17 October. Once again I would like us to make a collection of stationery items such as pencils, rubbers, crayons, note books etc., that we can send to Lungi Lodge in Sierra Leone, a school we have supported for the past few years. The stationery we sent last year was very much appreciated by the children, we would love to brighten up the lives of those children again. A collection box will be in the front entrance from Monday 10 October for your donations.

*Gill Brooks*

### Don't Forget!

- On Tuesday 11 October Year 1 will visit the Science Museum in London.
- On Tuesday morning parents of Rising Reception children are invited to have coffee with Miss Holden and Miss Corden.
- On Wednesday scientists from the Science Museum will deliver workshops to all children.
- On Thursday morning Mrs Grocock, Head of Science at Downsend, will take a science assembly.
- On Thursday evening at 7.30pm parents of Reception and Year 1 children are invited to a mathematical workshop.

### Visit to British Wildlife Centre

On Monday the children in Year 1 spent the day at the British Wildlife Centre where they encountered animals including otters, owls, foxes, a polecat, wildcats and a rather sleepy hedgehog. The children learnt how these animals use their senses to hunt for prey and how they protect themselves from predators. A highlight was seeing a hedgehog up close and holding some very heavy deer antlers which were nearly as tall as some of the children! The children were complimented on their behaviour throughout the day and are now looking forward to visiting the Science Museum next as part of science week.





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## Golden Board

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

Harriet Hughes IAH

Aaron Clarke RAG

Thomas Simpson RJE

IVL Whole Class

Hughie Hamer ISB

Ethan da Costa RJB

**Well Done!**

## Parking

Please be considerate when parking in the church car park in order that a few more cars can be parked in the space. Can I also remind you that the passing bay must not be used as a parking area. If we abuse the request by the church not to park in the passing bay we will not be allowed any access to the church property.

The front gates are closed at 3.15 p.m. and do not open again until 3.50 p.m. to allow our children to safely leave the school premises.

## Garsons Farm

On Monday Reception were very excited to go on their very first trip to Garsons Farm. We looked at all the different fruits and vegetables in the farm shop.

The bumpy tractor took us to the pumpkin field where we saw so many pumpkins it was difficult for us to choose. Even though we knew not to pick pumpkins that were too big some of us couldn't help ourselves!



## 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 1 Christmas Concert will be at 11.00am on Monday 12 December **not** 2.30pm as advertised.

Parents' Evening signup will be in reception area from Monday 10 October

## Events for week commencing 10 October

Mon 10	Parents' Evening sign up sheets in Reception area from today
Tues 11	8.45am Rising Reception coffee Morning Year 1 to Science Museum
Wed 12	Science Museum visiting the school
Thurs 13	Mrs Grocock will take Assembly 7.30pm Maths Workshop for Reception and Year 1
Fri 14	

**Inspiring young minds to create a lifelong passion for learning and discovery.**