## DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



### Leatherhead



Weekly outdoor learning with Woodland Forest School

Friday, 03 February

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## Message from the Head Teacher

I can't believe we are very nearly at the half term break! We have had a busy and exciting few weeks with such super work up on all the boards. We have all been so pleased with the progress the children have made. Next week looks as busy as ever so please do keep an eye out on the calendar.

It is with sadness I inform you that Tricia Barker, our secretary, will not return after the half term break. As you are aware Tricia has been unwell for some time and she has decided that the time has come to resign from her post. I wish Tricia all the very best for the future, and thank her for the support she gave all of us over the past year.

Gill Brooks

#### Chinese New Year

The children in Reception have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about China and Chinese New Year this week. They have tried some Chinese foods using chopsticks, made lots of Chinese lanterns and dragons, but the best part was when the theatre workshop came to visit. They all enjoyed dressing up as the different animals from the New Year story. We practised cleaning and decorating our houses and even got to take part in a dragon dance!



Save the date...

We have an Open Activity morning on Saturday 4 March between 9.30 and 11.30 am. There will be activities for the children to do and refreshments as well. A letter will come out nearer the time.

#### Don't forget...

- On Tuesday please bring your "Bag to School" of re-cycling at drop off.
- On Tuesday parents in Rising Reception are invited to coffee with Miss Corden and Mrs Hampshire from 8.50am
- On Wednesday parents of ISB are invited to assembly at 9am
- On Thursday morning Year
   I are visiting Downsend for
   a Forest school session,
   please come to school in
   P.E. kit plus forest school
   clothes.
- On Friday Reception are having an animal handling session.





#### **Downsend School**

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#### Golden Board

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

IVL - Charlie H

ISB - Hughie H

IAH - Matys R

RAG - All the class

RJE - Max R & Archie R

RCM - Ethan D C

# Rising Reception Open Morning Tuesday 21 February

We would like to invite Rising Reception parents to a special Open Morning on Tuesday 21 February at 9 am to see Reception and Year1 children at work. The children will be thrilled to show you their class rooms and there will be an opportunity to talk to the teachers as well. Please let Mrs Brooks know if you would like to attend.

#### **Enjoying Chinese New Year**



Events for week commencing 06 February

Tues 07 Feb	"Bag to School"  08.50 RR coffee morning
Wed 08 Feb	09.00 ISB Class Assembly
	18.30 Year 1 Pre-Prep Evening
Thurs 09 Feb	09.15 Year   Forest School @ Downsend Prep School
Fri 10 Feb	Reception Animal Handling Sessions

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