

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Leatherhead



Weekly outdoor learning with
Woodland Forest School

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Message from the Head Teacher

Thank you to all the families who joined us last Saturday afternoon.

We hope you all enjoyed the activities, my thanks to all the staff for organising the event. We showed twelve visitors around who were very impressed at the friendliness of our parents and such smiley children!

Drop off in the morning is as busy as ever which is great however please continue to be vigilant especially leaving the car park as there a cycle lane just outside our gate. Please also remember to switch your engine off as you say goodbye to your child.

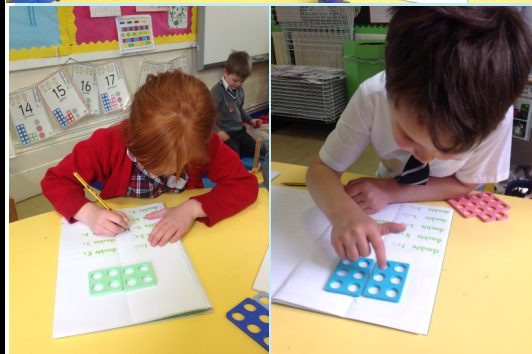
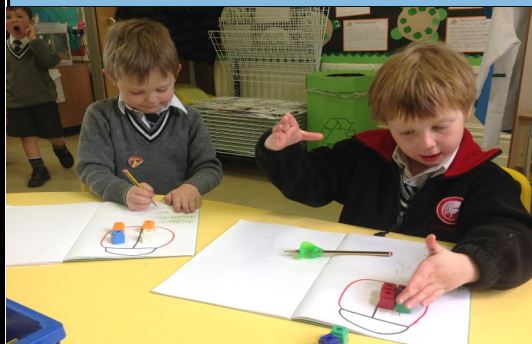
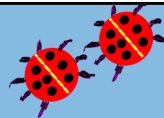
The passing bay in the church is again being used to park cars which is clogging up the driveway causing drivers to drive on the grass which the church have asked us not to do, Please do not use the bay to park in and could I ask you to pass this message onto nannies, childminders, grandparents or whoever collects at the end of the day.

We do not want to abuse the kindness of the church in allowing us to park there. Gill Brooks

Don't Forget!

- On Monday we have the whole school photo at 9a.m. Please remember to come to school wearing your blazer if you are in Yr.1 or Reception.
- On Tuesday parents of RRLC are invited to assembly at 9 a.m.
- On Wednesday Rising Reception parents are invited to coffee after drop off.
- On Thursday parents are invited to watch swimming at the main site. Reception parents should be at the Sports entrance at 12.50 p.m. and Yr.1 parents at 1.50 p.m. Each year group swims in three groups lasting 20 minutes each.
- On Friday Reception visit Ladyland Farm.
- On Wednesday 24 May it is our French Day; please can the children come to school wearing their own clothes in the colours red, white and blue.

Reception learning about Ladybirds



In Reception this week we have been learning about ladybirds. We have learned lots of facts about them and even used ladybirds to help us with our maths! In maths we have been learning about doubling. Doubling is when we add two numbers that are exactly the same. We tried to use the ladybirds to help us double by putting the right number of cubes or numicon on each of the wing cases. We have been practising learning our doubles to 10 off by heart but some of them are very tricky.





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Golden Board

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

1SB – Zara Evans

1VL – Darcey Dixon and Jake Dolphin

1AH – Conor Irwin

RCM – Alexander Fitch

RJE – Max Ristic

RAG – Sebastian Cowley

Thank you to everyone who entered the Birdworld raffle. Well done to the Heath family who had their number picked out by Mrs Brooks. £41 has now been donated to The Princess Alice Hospice.

Year 1 meet Olympia, the Hermann Tortoise



Year 1 had a very exciting visitor this morning when George Dale and his mummy brought their tortoise, Olympia, to school! We learnt lots of interesting facts about Olympia's diet and how she needs to be weighed regularly to make sure that she is healthy. We also learnt that she is a Hermann tortoise and that she is nearly six years old. Olympia was very well behaved and everyone had the chance to stroke her shell and examine her as she walked around. A huge thank you to Mrs Dale for bringing in such an interesting reptile for us to see and learn about.

Events for week commencing

Mon 15	Whole School photograph
Tues 16	9 a.m. RRLC Assembly, parents invited to attend
Wed 17	8.45 a.m. Rising Reception Coffee morning
Thurs 18	Open Swim, Parents invited to watch
Fri 19	Reception to Ladyland Farm

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