

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Leatherhead



Weekly outdoor learning with
Woodland Forest School

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Message from the Head Teacher

Yr.1 and Reception are practising for next week's sports events, everyone is doing so well and it is going to be a great day! Please remember to bring garden chairs or rugs to sit on as well as a picnic. Let's hope the good weather continues for a little while longer. The parents' association are making the final preparations for Summer Fun on 25 June. On paper it looks good fun however we do need as many families as possible to come to make a truly great day. On Thursday 29 June parents are invited to "meet the teacher" at 7.30 p.m. An informal evening with wine and canapes, meeting new parents as well as meeting your child's teacher and seeing the classroom for next year. I do hope you can join us.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mr Bristow will not be teaching music in September. We have had a superb year of music and would like to thank him for giving our children a great introduction to the wonderful world of music. Hopefully they will enjoy it for the rest of their lives. I have appointed Mr Jon Bayley to step into Mr Bristow's shoes, big ones I know, However both have met and discussed the way music has been taught this year and I'm sure we will continue to enjoy and appreciate music just as we have done this past year.

Gill Brooks

Don't Forget!

- On Monday at 2 p.m. Yr.1 visit their new classes. Children will be collected at 1.40 p.m.
- On Tuesday at 2 p.m. First Steps new starters will meet Mrs Potter and her team
- On Wednesday at 11 a.m. RR will hold their Sports event followed by a picnic. At 2 p.m. Reception and Yr.1 will have their sports event followed by a picnic.
- There will be no Multi sports or cricket club this week.
- On Saturday we hope those taking to the Thames for a boat party have a really lovely evening.
- On Sunday at 3 p.m. everyone is invited to Summer Fun, lots of activities for the whole family.

In Reception this week we have been learning about superheroes. We read the story of 'Supertato' and then went into town to buy our own vegetables. When we got back we made our own 'veggies assemble' superheroes. I wonder what superhero powers they have?





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Golden Board

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

1SB — Hughie Hamer

1VL— Lia Acciaioli

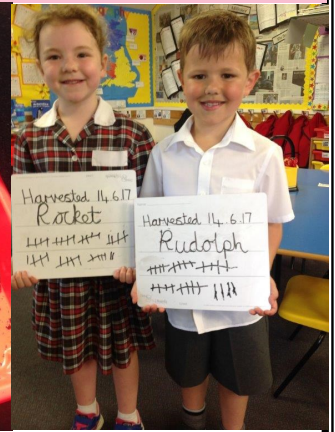
1AH — Harriet Hughes

RCM – all the class for being kind and considerate this week.

RJE – Toby Heath

RAG – all the class for sensible behaviour and being considerate to members of the public.

Year 1 have been harvesting their potatoes – we planted two varieties, Rudolph and Rocket. The Rudolph potatoes were red, hence the name, and after careful counting with tally-marks we counted a total of 66 potatoes! Mrs Smart has kindly cooked them and we will be tasting them together with the herbs we have grown.



First Steps children paid a visit to 1AH this week to meet Billie the leopard gecko. The children took their own learning further by naming some of the creatures that would live in hot places and used words such as desert and lizard. What a super chance to bring learning to life! Well done First Steps.

Please do not forget your child's sunhat now the weather is getting warmer.



Rising Reception dug up the potatoes they planted in March and Mrs Smart kindly cooked them for us. We decided to make some sandwiches too and had an impromptu picnic on the field. What fun!



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