

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Leatherhead



Weekly outdoor learning with  
Woodland Forest School

Friday 1 December 2017

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### Message from the Head Teacher

Our run up to Christmas has begun!!

Christmas songs are being heard in all classes, costumes hanging ready for the concerts, mince pies are being made in the kitchen, glitter everywhere and very excited children all add to the magic of the season.

On Monday we begin our concerts with parents of First Steps being invited to watch their children perform at 9 a.m. Coffee and mince pies will follow. Parents of RR children are invited to coffee and mince pies at 10.45 followed by the concert at 11.15 a.m. Doors to the Hall will open at 11 a.m.

On Wednesday 13 December our parents' association are organizing a Christmas Fun / Activity morning with a visit from a very special visitor! Children should come to school dressed in home clothes maybe a Christmas jumper or Christmas headwear or the like. There will be no P.E. or Games that day. Gill Brooks

This week in First Steps we have enjoyed stories about 'Shops'. We made our own shop where we could buy winter clothes using coins of various shapes.





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- RJE — Harry Evans
- RAG — Joseph Kemp
- RCM — Dina Al Rubaie



The Christmas post box will be open from Monday 4 December for the children to post their cards to their friends and teachers !!!

Year 1 children will deliver the cards so please write the full name and class on each envelope. Thank you



This week Mrs Haselden came to talk to Reception about the time she spend in Uganda where she was working as a dentist supported by the charity Dentaid. We learned how to say "hello, how are you?" and "I'm fine" in Ugandan - "agandi" and "nije" respectively. We also learned that schoolchildren greet their teacher by clapping in a particular way. Mrs Haselden showed us photographs of a Ugandan family and explained how and where they live and we discovered how different things are for them - not just the home they live in or the food they eat, but the animals that live in their country. Our favourite animal photo was of the Mountain Gorilla (which was also Mrs Haselden's favourite) and was taken by Mrs Haselden's friend!



### Don't Forget!

- On Monday we have First Steps concert at 9 a.m. and RR concert at 11.15 a.m.
- On Friday parents may watch their children at Ballet either at 3.30 or 4 p.m.

### Please note

- The uniform shop will be open on Thursday 7 December from 3 - 4.30 p.m.

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