

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Leatherhead



**Weekly outdoor learning with
Woodland Forest School**

Friday 13th September 2019

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Message from Mrs Conlan

It has been lovely to see so many parents at our curriculum meetings for RR, R and Y1 this week. I hope you found the sessions beneficial. If you have any outstanding questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you to everyone who has returned the short questionnaire I sent out earlier in the week. I have already received lots of fantastic feedback about the school which I look forward to sharing with staff but which is also giving me a really good feel of what you value and love about the school. I have also started to collate all the ideas shared for continuous improvement at the school which is incredibly helpful for me.

A few small changes have already been made in school since the start of the term. We have made the change to wholewheat and tricolore pasta rather than white pasta, to wholemeal from white bread and there will also be no more jam sandwiches at extended day. Elaine, our cook, is keen to continue to develop the school menu this year so any feedback in this area would also be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to meeting many of you at our Friends welcome drinks next Tuesday at 8.00pm at the Bell in Fetcham.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

Forest School Fun

The children in First Steps had their first Forest School lesson with Mr Bristow this week. They walked all the way down to the bottom of the field to start exploring. They were very busy collecting leaves to make cakes for Mr Bristow and his furry friends. They used big sticks as their mixing spoons and beech nuts as decorations.



Rising Reception enjoyed their first Forest school this week with Mr Bristow. First the children learnt the rules and how to be safe and then it was time for everyone to go off and explore and look for mini beasts. To finish off the children all enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate sitting on their log seats.

Useful Contacts



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Extended Day

We have some lovely new resources out on our big playground for the children to use. We had two spare tyres with nothing in them, so the children at extended day came up with some great ideas about what could be put inside them. They chose chip bark for the minibeasts and space balls made from tin foil.



Celebration Board

Each week we celebrate a special piece of work in our celebration assembly.
Congratulations to the following children...

Chloe C - Foxes
Hugo J - Rabbits
Millie H - Owls
Sophie Hu - Squirrels



Maths in Reception

In Reception we have been practising counting accurately. We enjoyed using different objects and found out that if we put them in lines or towers we were able to count correctly.



Events Week Commencing Monday 16th September
Lunch Menu – Week 3

Monday	Mrs Conlan in school
Tuesday	Friends AGM meeting at The Bell 8:00PM
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Mrs Conlan in School 'Genes for Jeans' Day – Children to wear jeans to school

Star of the Week

Well done to the following children who were awarded 'Star of the Week'

Tommy M - Ladybirds
Katherine H - Butterflies
Amber J - Foxes
Esther H - Rabbits
Sophie Ha - Owls
George B - Squirrels



News from main site

The sporting season has started off with a bang during the first week of term. Two tournaments played, two lots of silverware earned! We have welcomed Year 3 and 4 parents to our Curriculum Evenings in the new Lower School facilities. We have enjoyed showing them round and hearing how well their children have settled in. They, in turn, have enjoyed finding out how we work in partnership to help their children aim high.

Mr I Thorpe

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