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**Weekly outdoor learning
with Woodland Forest
School**

Friday 11th October

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Message from Miss Hodges

What a mixture of weather we have had this week! In the sunshine the children have been enjoying playing outside, using the bikes and trikes and the big favourite - the large sandpit. I am so impressed how all the children are independently taking their shoes and socks off so that they can have fun in the sand. Well done everyone!

The Reception and Year One children are looking forward to welcoming their families to celebrate harvest on Monday morning. They have been learning songs and poems which they will perform to you, with I'm sure big smiles.

Thank you to those who have already donated items for harvest, if you would like to make a donation, please pass these to Mrs Booth in the office. We will then make contact with the Epsom and Ewell foodbank, who support the Leatherhead area, who will distribute your donations to local people in need.

I wish you all a happy weekend and I hope the rain stays away!

Miss Hodges

Autumn IT in Year One

In Squirrels class this week, we had fun creating Autumn pictures on the laptops. Here is Teddy using '2Paint' – he was able to select the colours he wanted using the Polymosaic tool. He was very pleased with his Autumn tree shedding its colourful leaves.



Reminders

- Fraser portraits have asked for online orders to be placed by Wednesday 16 October, to qualify for free delivery to school. Any orders received after this will result in a charge for delivery to your home address.
- Revised half term dates for Autumn 2020 are Monday 19 October - Friday 30 October
- No Music club next week as Mr Bayley is on paternity leave. Additional music clubs to be held on Monday 2 December & Monday 9 December
- DPA Christmas Fair will be Sunday 1 December from 11am - 2:30pm at Main site.

Hunting for Shapes in Reception

In Reception this week we have been learning about 2D shapes. We have been on shape hunts around the school to see if we can find any circles, rectangles, triangles or squares. What shapes can you find around your home? How do you know what shape you have found?



Star of the Week

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

- Ladybirds - Riva
- Butterflies - Marceau
- Rabbits - Chloe
- Foxes - Zaki
- Owls - Freya
- Squirrels - Louis



First Steps

What a lovely week we have had in First Steps learning about 'Birthdays.' We thought about how old we will be turning and used the paintbrushes and sand to draw the numerals. We also made play dough birthday cakes and counted the right number of candles.



Houses

Rising Reception have enjoyed talking about their homes this week. They have made houses using shapes and blocks and enjoyed talking about the different rooms in their homes.



Celebration Board

Each week we celebrate a special piece of work in our celebrations assembly.

Congratulations to the following children...

- Rabbits - Elise
- Foxes - Leo & Hettie
- Owls - Batu
- Squirrels - Teddy



Coming to Pre-Prep Leatherhead....

After half term we will be starting a whole school focus on friendship and kindness linking into World Kindness day on 13th November. Part of this work will be the introduction of worry monsters in each classroom to support children in being able to talk about and share their worries. More information on this will follow after half term.



News from main site

Our pupils were the stars of the show on Saturday at Open Morning, proving to be the perfect hosts as they showed around 200 visitors around Downsend. On Wednesday, football tournament wins at Charterhouse and Bedales emphasised why we were recognised at the National Awards on Monday, for Sporting Achievement.

Mr Ian Thorpe

Useful contacts



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Events Week Commencing 14th October

Lunch Menu Week 1

Day	Time	Event
Mon	am	Mrs Conlan in school
	9.00	Y1 harvest breakfast
	9.30	Reception harvest breakfast
Tues	am	Mr Thorpe on the door
Wed	am	Mrs Conlan in school
	9.00	Rising Reception harvest breakfast
Thurs	All day	Mrs Conlan in school
	Evening	Parents evening
Fri	pm	Mrs Conlan in school

Inspiring young minds