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**Weekly outdoor learning
with Woodland Forest
School**

Friday 6th December

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Message from Miss Hodges

As the countdown to Christmas continues, the school is covered in sparkles, glitter, tinsel and baubles! Children in First Steps impressed all on Monday with wonderful songs, followed by activities in their classroom with their visitors. Reception and Year One have welcomed the rest of the school to their dress rehearsals this week and all have happily sung, danced and tapped their way through them. We look forward to welcoming parents to our Reception performance of 'Christmas Counts' at 9am and the Year One performance of 'Humph the Camel' at 11am.

There will be coffee, tea and mince pies on offer in the school hall at the beginning of both performances, why not enjoy a festive snack whilst watching the children's shows, it is nearly Christmas after all!

Rising Reception are looking forward to welcoming their parents to watch Christmas songs at 11.15 followed by mince pies and an activity in their classrooms.

Although I'm sure I'll see lots of you around school, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas when we get there.

First Steps Christmas Fun



First Steps have well and truly stepped into Christmas this week and kicked things off on Monday with their Christmas songs. They all sang beautifully to their families and then brought everyone into the classroom for a Christmas sticking activity. On Tuesday they enjoyed reading 'The First Christmas' and discussing what happens. The children then retold the story using props and making their own stables. They were then lucky enough to be able to watch Reception's dress rehearsal and had to think hard about who was which character. The children have been busy making Christmas cards and calendars ready to take home next week for their families and they are so looking forward to the Christmas fun day next week!



Don't forget...

- On Thursday the church will be used as a polling station so please take care when parking.
- Christmas Activity Day on Thursday. Please don't forget your Christmas Jumpers!
- On Friday term ends at 1:30PM.
- No access to church car park on Friday. Please park elsewhere.
- FS, RR and R can be collected from 1PM. Please advise your

3D Shapes in Reception

In Reception this week the children have been learning hockey skills in PE. The children really had to think about how they should hold the hockey stick and how to control the ball. We have also been learning about 3D shape and so decided to be detectives and discover how many 3D shapes we could find. How many 3D shapes are on your Christmas tree at home?



Main Site

It was lovely to see so many Pre-Prep parents at the Christmas Fair on Saturday. I am looking forward to joining you at your various nativities in the last week of term.

Ian Thorpe

Star of the Week

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

- Ladybirds - Anya
- Butterflies - Romina
- Rabbits - Abigail
- Foxes - Mya
- Owls - Katie
- Squirrels - Sophie



Save the Christmas Jumper Day

Please remember that we will be celebrating Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday, 12th December. Please wear your Christmas jumper to school and make a donation of £1 to Save the Children in our special donation box. We are hoping to raise as much as we possibly can to improve the lives of children everywhere – thank you!



Celebration Board

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

Congratulations to the following children...

- Rabbits - The whole class
- Foxes - The whole class
- Owls - Emma
- Squirrels - Ted



RR at Forest School



At last, a dry morning for Rising Reception Forest School this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the new logs that had been cut and put in the woodland area. They balanced on them and had fun jumping from log to log. After exploring the logs, the children went off to hunt for bugs and worms buried in the mud. They used spades to carefully dig down in the soil. Some children then collected leaves, sticks and twigs to make a bug house for them to live in. To finish off the children had a yummy hot chocolate.



Events Week Commencing 9th December

Lunch Menu Week 1

Mon	9am	Mrs Conlan in school
	11am	Reception Christmas Show Year 1 Christmas Show Parents invited to watch
	2pm	Year 1 to Downsend for Open Box Last music club
Tues	11:15am	RR Christmas Sing-a-long Parents invited to watch No clubs
Wed		No clubs
Thurs	am	Mrs Conlan in school Save the Christmas Jumper Day Santa visits Christmas Lunch
	pm	Goldilocks and her Christmas friends for RR, R and Y1
Fri	1:30pm	Term ends, no extended day

Useful contacts



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