

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



Autumn Term Issue 1

7 September 2018

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you enjoyed the summer break. It has been a pleasure to welcome new children into our school and nursery this week, particularly those who are taking their first steps into education. This can be an anxious time for some children and parents, so please let us know if you have any worries or concerns.

You may not have noticed, but we have had our hall and kitchen re-roofed over the holidays. This was a major project which has been planned for a number of years; my thanks go to Mrs Beech for co-ordinating the work. It now means that we are in the fortunate position of having had all of the school roofs replaced within the last five years. While not the most exciting of topics, maintaining the fabric of the school building is of great importance and having previously worked at school in London where buckets needed to be strategically placed when bad weather was forecast, I am glad our children have a better learning environment here.

Finally, on Sunday 16th September at 10.30am, St Peter's Church is holding Education Sunday, a national event linking churches and schools. Children from Dunchurch Junior's choir will be singing and I will be taking the sermon. Children and families are very welcome.

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Extra-curricular Activities 10 – 14 September 2018

Monday 10th	12.40-1.10pm French Club (Barn Owls)
Tuesday 11th	12-1pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 2 Sports Club
Wednesday 12th	3.15 – 4pm Spanish Club 3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
Thursday 13th	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
Friday 14th	12-1pm French Club (Snowy Owls/Year 2) 1-3pm Violin/Cello Lessons 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 1 Sports Club

CALENDAR

Reminders for 10 – 14 September 2018

Monday 10th	
Tuesday 11th	6 – 6.30pm & 6.30 – 7pm English Evening for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Parents
Wednesday 12th	
Thursday 13th	
Friday 14th	Year 2 Trip to Science Museum

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Starting next week

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls				
Elf Owls				
Barn Owls				
Snowy Owls				
Spectacled Owls				
Tawny Owls				

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Spectacled Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Lodge's class, for keeping their classroom and working environment the cleanest and tidiest throughout this term!

Awarded by our caretaker, Mr Haggan, and his assistant, Mrs Turtle

LUNCHTIME GOOD BEHAVIOUR AWARDS Awarded by Mrs Burdett and her lunchtime staff

Rainbow Room	All the children
Blue Room	All the children
Red Room	All the children
Little Owls	All the children
Elf Owls	All the children
Barn Owls	All the children
Snowy Owls	All the children
Spectacled Owls	All the children
Tawny Owls	All the children

YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

RAINBOW ROOM	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>The children have loved settling into Rainbow Room this week and making some new friends. They have had the glittery paint out and explored the water and play dough, as well as getting to know the outdoor area. They should have all brought home a photograph album for you to fill in together, so please remember to return them. Also, next week, please could all the children bring in their favourite teddy bear, on any/all of the days that they come in; thank you.</p>	
BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM	<p>The children have settled into the pre-school rooms really well this week and have enjoyed exploring the indoor and outdoor environment, as well as making some new friends. They have loved using their imagination in the role play area, being creative in the play dough and building structures with the construction materials. Well done pre-schoolers!</p>	
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">RECEPTION</p> <p>Welcome to our new Reception children! We have all been very impressed with how the children have started. They have been learning lots of new rules and routines and making new friends. It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces! Please make sure that they get plenty of rest over the weekend to prepare for their first full week in school! We hope to see lots of parents at our Literacy Curriculum Evening on Tuesday 11th September.</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week, we have discussed the importance of rules and learning the rules and routines of the classroom. In maths, we have been sorting objects and practising numbers up to 5. In english we have been writing simple sentences and learning to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. We have also recapped phase 3 phonics and have started learning to read and spell the Year 1 common exception words.</p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR TWO</p> <p>The children have settled into their new classroom and routine really well this week. We had an exciting visitor from the Planetarium, which all the children loved. They asked really detailed questions and were full of awe and wonder. In maths, we have been partitioning numbers and representing them, using different resources. In english, we have been focusing on generating adjectives having created their own alien and then using the adjectives in sentences.</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

This week, our congratulations
go to.....

Emily B for taking part in Knight School at
Pembroke Castle

Caitlin-Rose S for completing the Summer
Reading Challenge

Caitlin-Rose S for completing the Mini
Military Mud Run

Florence O for completing the Summer
Reading Challenge

Aurelia S for winning a Junior Masterchef
competition for cake decorating

Well done everyone!



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PTA' on Facebook or e-mail
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if you would like to find out more

Minutes of all PTA Meetings are now
available on the school website
www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk
under 'Parent Zone'

TERM DATES 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

Half Term

Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November

Teacher Training Day

Friday 23 November

Term Ends

Friday 21 December

Spring Term 2019

Teacher Training Day

Monday 7 January

Term Starts

Tuesday 8 January

Half Term

Monday 18 – Friday 22 February

Term Ends

Friday 12 April

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts

Monday 29 April

Bank Holiday

Monday 6 May

Half Term

Monday 27 – Friday 31 May

Teacher Training Day

Friday 21 June

Term Ends

Friday 19 July

Teacher Training Day

Monday 22 July

***FAMILY HOLIDAYS MUST ONLY BE BOOKED
DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD***

DATES FOR YOUR SCHOOL DIARY 2018/19

Tuesday 11 September

**English Evening for Reception, Year 1 &
Year 2 Parents**

Find out how your child's year group is
taught English

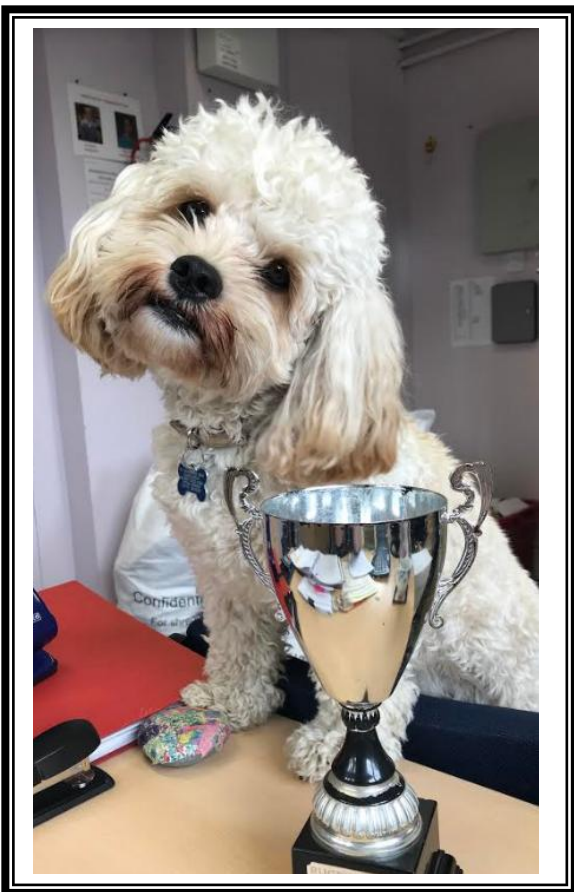
6.00 – 6.30pm or 6.30 – 7.00pm (you only
need attend one of the two sessions)

Tuesday 18 September

**Maths Evening for Reception, Year 1 &
Year 2 Parents**

Find out how your child's year group is
taught Maths

6.00 – 6.30pm or 6.30 – 7.00pm (you only
need attend one of the two sessions)



WOODY'S BLOG

Welcome back everyone and hello to all our new children too! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to work hard and enjoy the new term.

I was very proud to show off my trophy in Assembly today and meet the new Reception children. I passed my Level 3 training last week and was awarded first place in the group, winning a magnificent shiny trophy. Mrs Beech and I were so excited; it was like winning the FA Cup!

I am really looking forward to Woody's Buddies Club and having fun with you all at lunchtime.

Woof, woof from
Woody xx

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

The PTA raised an impressive £7,300 during the last academic year for the school and nursery. Well done to everyone that supported and helped raise the money - here is a list of projects and materials funded by the PTA:

Games for SEND children at the school (Special Educational Needs and Disability)

A stage and seating for the Reception outdoor area (installed over the summer)

Benches for the playground

A mud kitchen for the Reception outdoor area (installed over the summer)

Gift vouchers for the Year 2 leavers

A Year 1 visit from the children's author, David Lucas

A Year 2 visit from Polar Explorer, Mark Wood

As you can see, the money raised provided the children with some wonderful opportunities and fantastic new equipment - thank you again for supporting the PTA!

If any parent or carer would be interested in getting involved in helping with fundraising activities during this academic year, please come along to our Welcome Meeting on **Wednesday 19 September at 7pm in the School Hall**, or contact us at dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com

SPANISH CLUB

There are still a few places available for Spanish Club, if you think your child would like to take part. It takes place on Wednesday each week, from 3.15 – 4pm. Please contact the School Office if your child is interested and we will let Mrs Adams know.