

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



Autumn Term Issue 2

14 September 2018

Headteacher's Message

You will read at the back of the Newsletter information about our new governing body and how you can be involved. As you know, Dunchurch Infants and Juniors federated at the start of this month. This means that, although the two schools are still schools in their own right, (e.g. they have different uniforms, separate budgets, one school is Church of England and the other isn't) we have one governing body. This will make it easier for the schools to work closely together. Whereas in the past it has been difficult to agree on a curricula which complemented each other, we are beginning to synchronise approaches. The new governing body have a crucial role in making sure this work continues. Two of the core functions for any school's governors is to set the strategic direction and make sure that myself and my colleagues follow that direction. Our new governing body is being put together and today we start the process of recruiting representatives from parents and staff. I hope as many parents as possible give some thought as to whether they would like to be involved. I am sure anyone with an interest in education would find school governance rewarding.

A reminder that St Peter's Church is holding its Education Sunday Service this Sunday at 10.30am. A number of Dunchurch children are involved in various ways. All are welcome to attend; I hope to see you there.

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Extra-curricular Activities 17 – 21 September 2018

Monday 17th	12.40-1.10pm French Club (Barn Owls)
Tuesday 18th	12-1pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 2 Sports Club
Wednesday 19th	3.15 – 4pm Spanish Club 3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
Thursday 20th	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
Friday 21st	12-1pm French Club (Snowy Owls/Year 2) 1-3pm Violin/Cello Lessons 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 1 Sports Club


CALENDAR

Reminders for 17 – 21 September 2018

Monday 17th	
Tuesday 18th	6 – 6.30 & 6.30 – 7pm Maths Evening for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Parents
Wednesday 19th	
Thursday 20th	
Friday 21st	

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 7 September 2018

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	-	-	-	
Elf Owls	-	-	-	
Barn Owls	99.5	0	99.5	
Snowy Owls	96.0	0	96.0	
Spectacled Owls	99.6	2	97.6	
Tawny Owls	100.0	1	99.0	

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Snowy Owls

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

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	Matilda C
Blue Room	Hollie F
Red Room	Molly B
Little Owls	Isabelle N
Elf Owls	Selwyn M-B
Barn Owls	Max B
Snowy Owls	Caitlin-May M
Spectacled Owls	Ava T
Tawny Owls	Isabella M

YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

RAINBOW ROOM	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>The children have been creating beautiful rainbows this week using sponges and paints, mark making on a large scale. They have also enjoyed taking part in a nature hunt in the garden and then discussing what they had found, using some descriptive language. The small world farm has been a huge hit in Rainbow Room this week, complete with mud, straw and artificial grass!</p>	
BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM	<p>Both rooms have enjoyed a story from Mr Dewes this week, demonstrating their good sitting and listening skills. As well as taking the bikes through the car wash outside, washing them and paying at the kiosk. Red Room have been shape printing, becoming aware of the correct names for shapes and their features. Blue Room have loved exploring the role play area, with the babies and food making, adding a story to their play.</p>	
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">RECEPTION</p> <p>Well done to everyone for completing their first week in Reception, we realise how tired the children are (staff are too!). They have been brilliant at accessing each of the different areas in the unit and have remembered routines well. We have even been to our first Assembly! We have looked at how we are similar and different to our friends and in Art & Design we have started to create our own faces ready for our first year group display. Make sure the children have a big rest over the weekend, ready for an exciting week next week!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week, in phonics, we have been recapping our phase 3 phonemes, as well as looking at phase 4 adjacent consonant blends. In English we have verbally rehearsed our sentences to help us write the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and in maths we have looked at finding one more and one less than a number and using the language greater than, fewer than and equal to, compare quantities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR TWO</p> <p>This week, in Topic, we have been learning more about Neil Armstrong and his voyage to the moon. The children have learnt more detail about him and are beginning to use this to write chronological report about his experience. This will support our trip to Space Centre today which the children are very excited about. In English, the children have learnt about the suffix 'ed', writing in first person and to punctuate sentences. This has related to our SPaG work, which the children have learnt about commas and how to use exclamation marks. In maths, we have continued our work on place value and representing numbers in different ways. This will support the children massively in their maths through the year.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Iris G & Emily B for receiving a Pre-Primary Dance Award from the Royal Academy of Dance

Henrietta McV for being awarded 'PQA
'Poppet of the Week'

Well done everyone!



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Friday 28 September

More details to follow next week



DATE FOR YOUR SCHOOL DIARY 2018/19

**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)

Find 'Dunchurch Infant & Nursery School
PTA' on Facebook or e-mail
dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com
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

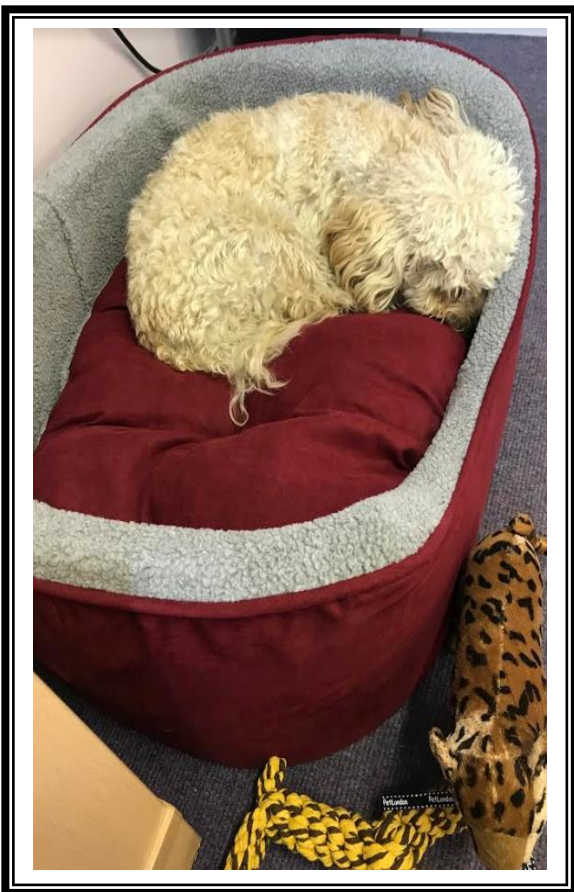
Term Ends

Friday 19 July

Teacher Training Day

Monday 22 July

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



WOODY'S BLOG

Hello everyone

Look at my lovely new bed! Mrs Beech bought it for me because it matches the school uniform.

I've had such fun this week. I've been to registration with the Little Owls, listened to readers in Year 1 and went for a lovely walk with some of the Year 2 children in Woody's Buddies Club. I have also been out on the field with the Junior School children. I certainly needed my cosy bed to have a nap during my busy week.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Woof, woof from
Woody xx

A MESSAGE FROM 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

SARAH COOKE SCHOOL OF DANCE

Ballet, tap and disco/street dance classes
for all ages

Pre-school ballet and movement for
children from the age of 2

Classes are held in Dunchurch on a
Thursday

For more information please email:
sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com

or

Tel: 02476 511387

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

As the weather is getting colder and the children go outside at play time and lunch time, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school/Nursery every day.

Every school child needs a PE kit in school, which should comprise: a pair of pumps, a white t-shirt and dark coloured shorts. A jumper, jogging bottoms and trainers are optional for outdoor PE.

All items of uniform should be named to ensure that anything mislaid is quickly returned, thereby alleviating any upset, particularly for our new, younger, children.

School and Nursery are **NUT-FREE** zones! Please do not send your child in with any food containing nuts.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2018/19

September

- 18 6 – 6.30pm or 6.30 – 7pm
Maths Evening

October

- 2 Year 1 Trip to Rugby School &
Rugby Museum (letter to
follow soon)
23 3.30 – 7pm Parents Meetings
24 Nasal Flu Immunisations
24 3.30 – 6pm Parents Meetings

November

- 13 Individual School Photos

December

- 14 Christmas Jumper Day for Save
the Children
Christmas Performances:
17 Dress Rehearsals
9.15 – Year 2
10 – Year 1
10.45 – Red Room & Elf Owls
1.30 – Blue Room & Little Owls
18 First Performances
9.15 – Red Room & Elf Owls
10 – Blue Room & Little Owls
10.45 – Year 1
10.30 – Year 2
19 Second Performances
9.15 – Year 2
10 – Year 1
10.45 – Red Room & Elf Owls
1.30 – Blue Room & Little Owls
21 Christingle

*This list will be added to, as and
when other events become
apparent. Please keep an eye on it,
so that you have up-to-date
information.*

CASH PAYMENTS

When paying for items such book bags, water bottles, trips etc. please ensure that you have the correct money as the School Office has limited access to change and bank money regularly.

Also, if you are paying for an event that the PTA is organising, then the School Office is unable to give any change, as the envelopes are all passed to PTA members unopened. If any change is needed, then it will be returned to you via the PTA at a later stage.

Thank you for your understanding



Change of Venue:
Dunchurch Methodist Church
Cawston Lane

Saturday 6 October
10.30-12.30

Crafts Lunch Celebration
for all the family

£1 per person
(payable on the day)

Book your place asap:
messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk

www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk

JOB VACANCY

We are looking to recruit Supply Midday Supervisors. If you are interested in joining our friendly team, please make contact with Linda Beech for further details on
01788 810292 or
lindabeech@dunchurchinfants.co.uk

**VACANCIES FOR TWO PARENT GOVERNORS
FOR THE FEDERATED GOVERNING BODY AT
DUNCHURCH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL
& DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL**

The newly federated governing body currently has two vacancies for Parent Governors. All parents and carers of registered pupils at both schools are eligible to become parent governors. Governors play an important part in the leadership of both schools and work together with staff to make sure that the schools provide a challenging and supportive environment for all our pupils. Governors do not need to be experts in the field of education, but you do need to have the time and the willingness to get involved. Meetings are held in the evenings, but it is important you are able to visit the school once a term during normal hours, so you can see the school in action. It is also expected that you will undertake training to help you develop as a governor. Sessions are usually held in the evening or online at a time of your choosing. Governors also need to be able to work as team and develop relationships with a range of people, have the ability to question and to make connections between different types of information. We would be interested to hear from parents/carers with experience or expertise in finance/accountancy, human resources and procurement, who possess professional leadership skills, and those who have links with the local community. We would particularly welcome applications from younger parents/carers and from a wide range of ethnicities to reflect the school community and to provide a sufficient diversity of perspectives to ensure robust challenge. The usual term of office is four years from the date of appointment.

Initial expressions of interest and requests for further information should be made to the Interim Clerk to the Governing Body, Mrs Maria Page at page.m@welearn365.com

Closing date for applications is Friday 21st September 2018 at 12 noon.