

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



Autumn Term Issue 5

5 October 2018

Headteacher's Message

Homework is a contentious subject, with a wide range of views among parents. Consequently, we have had for some time a flexible approach; there is some homework, particularly as children progress through the school, but if parents would rather spend family time doing other things, that is fine. We do hope (and in fact, expect) parents to find time to read with their child. Reading is at the heart of children's learning and so any time spent practising it is very valuable. A few parents have asked about reading in school as their children get older and move year groups. Sometimes children read individually, but as they get older, they increasingly read in groups. This is called guided reading and is with a teacher or teaching assistant. The collaborative nature allows for more discussion and this is helpful as the focus shifts from being able to read to comprehending the text. The following explains what happens with reading in school as they get older.

Reception

Once a week, children read with a TA or teacher (alternating).

Year 1

1 individual read every fortnight with teacher or TA.

1 guided read each week in small groups.

All individual reads should be recorded in reading log and class record with comments. All guided reads are recorded in class record. Reading logs are stamped, no comment.

Year 2

1 individual read every fortnight with teacher or TA.

2 guided reads every week. (Sometimes this will be the whole class together.)

All individual reads should be recorded in reading log and class record with comments. All guided reads are recorded in class record, except for whole class guided reading. Reading logs are stamped, no comment.

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Extra-curricular Activities 8 – 12 October 2018


Monday 8th	12.40-1.10pm French Club (Barn Owls) 3.15 – 4pm Martial Arts
Tuesday 9th	12-1pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 2 Sports Club
Wednesday 10th	3.15 – 4pm Spanish Club 3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
Thursday 11th	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
Friday 12th	12-1pm French Club (Snowy Owls/Year 2) 1-3pm Violin/Cello Lessons 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 1 Sports Club

CALENDAR

Reminders for 8 – 12 October 2018

Monday 8th	
Tuesday 9th	
Wednesday 10th	7.30pm PTA Committee Meeting at School
Thursday 11th	
Friday 12th	Deadline for PTA Movie Night Forms

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 28 September 2018				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	99.7	0	99.7	
Elf Owls	98.7	4	94.7	
Barn Owls	98.1	0	98.1	
Snowy Owls	97.6	3	94.6	
Spectacled Owls	99.7	5	94.7	
Tawny Owls	99.0	0	99.0	

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Barn Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Randle'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	Aurelia M
Blue Room	Ben L
Red Room	Saanvi B-R
Little Owls	Frankie-Lee G
Elf Owls	Daisy C
Barn Owls	Fayth P
Snowy Owls	Orla B
Spectacled Owls	Isabella B
Tawny Owls	Kieran G

YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

RAINBOW ROOM	NURSERY <p>The children have loved taking part in an obstacle course outside, developing their balance and negotiating skills. They have also enjoyed making soup, using tools safely to chop the ingredients and discussing the process needed; they had the most fun trying it at snack time! During their group learning times, they have been recapping the nursery rules and showing understanding of how others feel.</p>	
BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM	<p>The children have been creative in the texture kitchen, adding natural resources and coloured water dispensed from soap bottles; making lots of mud/bark pies! Blue Room loved the birthday party role play, discussing their party experiences, counting guests and writing invites, whilst Red Room have been using moulding slime and gravel in the small world construction area, making building blocks, using strength to manipulate the slime. Both rooms have done lots of turn taking & listening games at group time.</p>	
LITTLE OWLS 	RECEPTION <p>This week, in Reception, we went on an Autumn walk and found resources that we have placed in our Discovery Area. We have looked at the story of the 'Leaf Man' and had a go at creating our own animals out of leaves! The 'Leaf Man' helped the children to carry on with their segmenting in Literacy and we have now completed the Ladder Letter family in handwriting. In Maths this week we have started to look at the skill of part, part-whole, the children practically sorted the amounts by using conkers</p>	ELF OWLS 
BARN OWLS 	YEAR ONE <p>The children were very excited to go on our school trip to Rugby School and Rugby Museum. At the museum we all made our own rugby football and learned about William Webb Ellis at Rugby School. In English we then wrote a set of instructions about how we made our rugby balls. In Maths we have been using tens frames and part-whole models for addition and solving simple problems as well as learning our number bonds of 10.</p>	SNOWY OWLS 
SPECTACLED OWLS 	YEAR TWO <p>In English we are writing instructions. Links to the cakes made last week and cheese and cucumber sandwiches made this week were made, which their writing is based on. The children identified the features of instructions and worked hard to understand adverbs, imperative verbs, as well as what a list is. In Maths we have been learning about the process part, part-whole. The children have used this for addition and subtraction using both concrete and pictorial representations. This will continue throughout the year. In Topic the children have a new exciting task – to design and make a new Firework Buggy. They have explored the use of wheels and how they move so far.</p>	TAWNY OWLS 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Florence O, Ellen H & Eloise C for
achieving their Pre-Primary award in Dance

Jake & Finn G for completing the Alzheimer's
Society Memory Walk

David B getting his Physical Literacy Badge
in football

Amy J for receiving her 50m swimming
award

Laycie L for being awarded her Theatre
Ballet (Beige) and Theatre Tap (Red)
Rosette Awards

George B for receiving his Little Kickers
Certificate of Achievement for Defending

Isabelle M for achieving her Primary
award in Dance

Well done everyone!



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**

Donations for Dunchurch Infant Second Hand Uniform Shop gratefully received

Please leave any unwanted or outgrown
items at the School Office.



Many thanks
Dunchurch Infant PTA



For further details contact Leanne on 07977 656951

WOODY'S BLOG

Hello everyone

I really love this Autumn weather but I do seem to get a lot of leaves stuck in my fur! I had a lovely walk in Woody's Buddies Club this week and, as you can see, I had four leads to navigate me along the path. Luckily I didn't get in a tangle!

I popped into Reception's registration time one day this week and the children were all very impressed when I responded to my name and booked myself a hot dinner!

I will be going to the Animal Blessing at St. Peter's Church this Sunday – I hope to see you there.

Have a great autumnal weekend everyone
Woof, woof from
Woody xx



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

FUTURE PTA EVENTS

Hot Chocolate Friday
after school every first Friday of the month
starting 9 November



Film Night – Peter Rabbit
Tuesday 16 October



Cake & Second Hand Uniform Sales
Friday 26 October after school



Christmas Parties
Friday 7 December
5 – 6pm Nursery & Reception
6.30 – 7.30pm Years 1 & 2



Next PTA Meeting
Wednesday 10 October at 7.30pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2018/19

October

- 10 7.30pm PTA Meeting in School Reception Unit
- 23 3.30 – 7pm School Parents Meetings with teachers
- 23 3.30 – 7pm Blue Room & Rainbow Room Parent Meetings with Key Workers
- 24 Nasal Flu Immunisations for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 pupils (*unless parents have opted out*)
- 24 3.30 – 7pm Red Room Parent Meetings with Key Workers
- 24 3.30 – 6pm School Parents Meetings with teachers

November

- 13 Individual School Photos

December

- 7 PTA Christmas Parties
- 11 Rotary Club of Rugby – Dunsmore Christmas Carol Concert
- 14 Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- Christmas Performances:**
- 17 **Dress Rehearsals:**
9.15am – Year 2
10am – Year 1
10.45am – Red Room & Elf Owls
1.30pm – Blue Room & Little Owls
- 18 **First Performances:**
9.15am – Red Room & Elf Owls
10am – Blue Room & Little Owls
10.45am – Year 1
1.30pm – Year 2
- 19 **Second Performances:**
9.15am – Year 2
10am – Year 1
10.45am – Red Room & Elf Owls
1.30pm – Blue Room & Little Owls
- 21 Christingle

PARENTS MEETINGS

School Meetings:

Tuesday 23 October: 3.30 – 7pm
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
and

Wednesday 24 October: 3.30 – 6pm
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Parents will be able to book a 10-minute slot via our online booking system from 8pm on Monday 1 October, by visiting:

www.dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.co.uk

Nursery Meetings:

Tuesday 23 October: 3.30 – 7pm
Blue Room & Rainbow Room
and

Wednesday 24 October: 3.30 – 7pm
Red Room

Parents will be able to sign up for their 10-minute slot via the notice board in their child's cloakroom from Monday 1 October

MACMILLAN CAKE SALE

We are **VERY** pleased to announce that the Year 2 Cake Sale last week raised

£559.68!

A **HUGE** thank you to the Year 2 parents that attended, the school and nursery parents for sending money in with their child to buy cakes and to everyone in school that were busy baking and decorating – *what a fantastic effort from you all!*

'CHILDREN IN NEED' RAMBLE 7 OCTOBER 2018

Nursery staff are doing a ramble around Draycote Water. If you would like to sponsor them for 'Children in Need', there are forms in each of the three nursery room cloakrooms - *Thank you!*

PTA NEWS

The PTA is looking for two volunteers!

We are looking for one volunteer to be our **Cake Sale Co-ordinator** and another to be our **Pre-loved Uniform Sale Co-ordinator**

The Cake Sale Co-ordinator role will involve:

- Making posters for each cake sale
- Making sure a trolley is out on the playground by 8.30am on the Friday to collect cake donations
- Co-ordinating the decorations of the rotunda on the day (be able to be at school for 2.45pm)
- Organising helpers for the day (2-3 people needed)
- Set out the cakes on the day (2.45pm)
- Taking the cake sale to Owls once playground sales have finished
- Tidying up after each sale

The Pre-loved Uniform Sale Co-ordinator role will involve:

- Regularly collecting donated items of uniform from the School Office
- Sorting and storing items
- Preparing clothes for sales throughout the school year
- Selling the uniform at the sales throughout the school year

If anyone is interested in taking on one of these roles or to assist in helping in some way at the cake or uniform sale, please get in touch with our PTA Chair, Amanda Sutton, at dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com

ST PETER'S ALL SAINTS PARTY

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER

10.30AM – 12.30PM

St Peter's and St Edmund's churches invite you and your families to a fun pack morning of crafts and activities with refreshments for all.

The cost is £2.00 per child

Please book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/all-saints-party-tickets-50828133315>