

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



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Headteacher's Message

Following the federation of Dunchurch Infant and Junior Schools, we now have one governing body for both schools, who recently met for the first time. The governors are:

Celia Jones, Chris Tabor, Eva Goodwin, Lindsey Wright and Valerie Harper - all nominated by the Diocese of Coventry or Warwickshire Local Authority

Emma Hayes and Brian Shields - elected by parents

Sue Keffler - elected by staff

Myself - ex officio ('by virtue of office')

At the first meeting the various different skills and experiences held by governors were analysed and a further five governors were co-opted because it was felt that they had skill sets that complemented the expertise of those above:

Paula Whitfield, Tim Eastwood, Sandra Barnes, Fiona Fitzsimmons and Rachel Gower

School governance has changed considerably over the last decade or so. In the past governors were largely appointed based on their ability to represent a group of people important to the school. This is often referred to as a stakeholder approach. The expectation now is that governing boards carefully consider the professional skills potential governors can offer. While it would be difficult to operate a school without this focus on skill set, I am pleased that we are able to have clear stakeholder representation too, with parents (and a grandparent) represented alongside staff and members of the local community.

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Extra-curricular Activities 22 – 26 October 2018


Monday 22nd	12.40-1.10pm French Club (Barn Owls) 3.15 – 4pm Martial Arts
Tuesday 23rd	12-1pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 2 Sports Club
Wednesday 24th	3.15 – 4pm Spanish Club 3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
Thursday 25th	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
Friday 26th	12-1pm French Club (Snowy Owls/Year 2) 1-3pm Violin/Cello Lessons 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 1 Sports Club

CALENDAR

Reminders for 22 – 26 October 2018

Monday 22nd	Year 1 Autumn Walk – don't forget coats and suitable footwear!
Tuesday 23rd	3.30 – 7pm School Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm Blue & Rainbow Room Parents' Evening
Wednesday 24th	School Nasal Flu Immunisations 3.30 – 6pm School Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm Red Room Parents' Evening
Thursday 25th	
Friday 26th	Deadline for Christmas Card Orders PTA Cake & Second Hand Uniform Sale

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 12 October 2018				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	99.3	1	98.3	
Elf Owls	97.0	2	95.0	
Barn Owls	98.8	0	98.8	
Snowy Owls	98.8	5	93.8	
Spectacled Owls	98.0	5	93.0	
Tawny Owls	99.0	0	99.0	

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Little Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Shrimpton & Mrs Horne'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	Ava McDonald
Blue Room	Seth Moriarty
Red Room	Laura Kulneice
Little Owls	Orla Buckland
Elf Owls	Ben Geissler
Barn Owls	Emily Stanley
Snowy Owls	Dominic Tobin
Spectacled Owls	Lily Nicholls
Tawny Owls	James Shields

YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

<p>RAINBOW ROOM</p>	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>This week, the children have enjoyed exploring 'Autumn soup', pouring & filling containers with coloured water & glitter, pom-poms, conkers & mini pumpkins! They have also created lovely Autumn canvases of leaf paintings; have a look at them in our cloakroom! The children have been using musical instruments during group learning times, to develop their listening & turn-taking skills, as well as feeding their love of songs & rhymes. For next week's learning, please bring in a photograph of your child's birthday celebration.</p>	
<p>BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM</p>	<p>The children have loved mark-making in the shallow sand in Red Room this week, using lollipop sticks, feathers & their fingers to draw & write. The children in Blue Room have been discussing road safety, using the bikes, road signs & traffic lights outside, to act out what they know. They have even been for a walk to really practice being safe! Both rooms have loved using the props from the story of 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' outside, consolidating their knowledge of story structure.</p>	
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>This week, the children were excited to see that the role play area had turned into Percy the Park Keepers hut! We are pleased how the children's segmenting skills have developed; using alphablocks brilliantly to create words about the story of 'Percy the Park Keeper-One Stormy Night'. In Maths, we revisited careful counting and the children were selecting the correct numeral to match different amounts. We continued to look at the numberblocks and they did a great job of recognising missing numbers and also had a go at selecting the correct numeral to match different amounts. They were excellent at recognising missing numbers and also had a go at representing numbers through cubes and printing.</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week we have been looking at subtraction, using the part, part whole model. We have been learning about adjectives in English and have used these to create our own poems. We have also been looking at Rugby in the past and present.</p> <p>Next week we will be going on an Autumn Walk on Monday. Please make sure your child has a coat and appropriate footwear, as we will be going on to the Junior School field; thank you.</p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>This week, Year 2 pupils have written their own set of instructions about how to make a cheese and cucumber sandwich. They have worked hard on understanding vocabulary such as adverbs, time adverbials, imperative verbs and conjunctions and including this into their instructions. In Maths, we have learnt how to use the more than (>), less than (<) and equals (=) signs using resources to support our learning. In addition, we have designed and created our own firework buggies and consequently started to write another set of instructions on how to make these.</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Rachel M for being awarded Poppet of the Week by PQA

Dylan L for completing the 2018 Simply Health Mini & Junior Birmingham Run

Max B for taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge 2018

Natalya W for receiving a gymnastics medal

Well done everyone!



YEAR 2 TEACHERS' REQUEST

Year 2 need lots of cardboard inners from kitchen rolls to work with in Art next week.

If you have any at home, please do not throw them away - bring them into school on Monday instead.

Thank you! ☺

GARDENING CLUB REQUEST

The Gardening Club need about six wooden pallets for a new garden creation!

If you, or someone you know, have any lying around that you don't know what to do with, please make contact with Miss Lodge or the School Office.

Thank you ☺

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

Well, I made my debut on the radio this week. It was really interesting experience in the studio with lots of microphones and equipment. I let Mrs Beech do most of the talking but there was mention of me being a radio presenter at some point in the future! If you would like to listen to my interview, it's on the BBC Cov & Warks website. Look for 'Upbeat with Sandra Godley 17/10' and we are about 1 hour 45 minutes into the show, so you can fast forward to that point. I did actually say hello on air and showed them a couple of my tricks and Mr Dewes even got a mention!

I have had a busy week in school too, going for walkies and playing with some of the children.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Woof, woof

From Woody xx

FUTURE PTA EVENTS

Hot Chocolate Friday

after school every first Friday of the month
 starting 9 November



Christmas Parties

Friday 7 December

5 – 6pm Nursery & Reception

6.30 – 7.30pm Years 1 & 2



PTA CAKE SALE

Friday 26 October at 3.15pm

Our cake theme is 'Halloween' and any donations will be gratefully received on the morning of the sale; thank you.

Once the sale is over on the playground, it will move into Owls. There will be a donation box and it is suggested, as a rough guide, that each cake would cost 50p.

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH INVITES
 YOU TO THEIR**

**ALL SAINTS
 CHILDREN'S
 EVENT**

**SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER
 10AM-12PM
 ST PETER'S CHURCH
 DUNCHURCH**

Craft activities, healthy snacks
 and lots of fun! £2 per child.
 Book at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/all-saints-party-tickets-50828133315 or
 via St Peter's Facebook page.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2018/19

November

- 13 Individual School Photos
- 14 Educaterers Roast Dinner Day
- 20 8pm PTA Committee Meeting
- 21 Year 1 visit to St Peter's Church, Dunchurch

December

- 6 Year 2 Trip to Coventry Cathedral
- 7 PTA Christmas Parties
- 11 Rotary Club of Rugby – Dunsmore Christmas Carol Concert
- 14 Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- 14 Christmas Dinner
- 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

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

If you are applying for Reception or Junior School places for September 2019, the national deadline is:

15 January 2018

Apply online at:
warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

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

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



PTA CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS

Order forms are in your child's book bag today.

Orders must be placed before **Friday 26 October** in order for them to be returned in time for December.

APOLOGIES, BUT NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.



TEAMS4U – CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

“People say ‘it’s just a shoebox’ but it isn’t. It tells that child someone, somewhere, has done this for them; that someone cares about them.”

Just before the forthcoming half term break, we will be handing out to the children a leaflet about the above appeal. Many of you have supported this charity over the years and we hope that you will be able to do so again this year.

If you would like to start collecting some items now instead of waiting, here is a short list of some of the items that you could include in each shoebox:

For boys or girls – aged 3-12+:

Toothbrush & toothpaste, soap & flannel, gloves, hat & scarf, socks & underwear, stationery & paper and hair accessories/brush

Please also include:

A soft toy, game or puzzle, small musical instruments, toy vehicles, small rubber ball/ inflatable ball, sweets and a photo of yourself

For the home:

Candles, small toiletries, small Christmas decoration, small decorative item, headscarves, jewellery, make-up, cooking utensils (no knives), plastic containers, t-towels, plastic utensils, bowls & cups, washing up cloths and clothes pegs

Please DO NOT include:

Food (with the exception of sweets), medicines, toy soldiers/toy tanks/toy guns, aerosols or anything highly flammable, sharp items, novels

When your shoebox is complete, please attach the form that will be in the leaflet and enclose it in an envelope with the recommended donation of £2.50 and put it inside your shoebox. Please cover your shoebox with decorative paper and put a strong elastic band around it.

All that is left to do is bring it into school **before Friday 9 November!**



REQUEST FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Please bring in any toilet/kitchen roll inners & old newspapers that you have at home for creative activities next week; thank you!



SUPPLY STAFF VACANCIES

We are looking for Supply Midday Supervisors to cover long term

**Daily hours are
11.50am – 1.10pm**

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

A BIG THANK YOU.....

..... to the village petrol station for recently donating supplies for our Year 2 Maths lessons and also the Year 2 Macmillan Cake Sale.

It was really appreciated! 😊

