

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



Autumn Term Issue 8

26 October 2018

Headteacher's Message

Children in Reception and Year 1 have been learning about road safety this week with a visit from the Warwickshire Road Safety Team. Among other things, children in Reception have learnt the importance of holding hands with an adult and stopping at the kerbside, before crossing the road.

In Year 1, the children learned about adults who can help them cross the road.

The Road Safety Team will be returning in the Spring to work with the Year 2 children.

All the children have been taught the following:

THINK about roads
STOP before the kerb
LOOK and **LISTEN** for traffic
THINK about what to do
CROSS safely, looking and listening all the time

You may have noticed our recent road markings on the playground. The Warwickshire Road Safety Team arranged for these to be installed so we have a space to teach children about crossing the road. Parents can find out more about road safety [here](#).

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Extra-curricular Activities 5 – 9 November 2018

Monday 5th	12.40-1.10pm French Club (Barn Owls) 3.15 – 4pm Martial Arts
Tuesday 6th	12-1pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 2 Sports Club
Wednesday 7th	3.15 – 4pm Spanish Club 3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
Thursday 8th	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
Friday 9th	12-1pm French Club (Snowy Owls/Year 2) 1-3pm Violin/Cello Lessons 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 1 Sports Club


CALENDAR

Reminders for 5 – 9 November 2018

Monday 5th	Red & Blue Room pupils to bring in a photo of something that they did in the half term break
Tuesday 6th	
Wednesday 7th	
Thursday 8th	
Friday 9th	Tawny Owls Non-Uniform Day PTA Hot Chocolate Friday Christmas Shoe Boxes Deadline

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 19 October 2018

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	97.3	0	97.3	
Elf Owls	97.3	1	96.3	
Barn Owls	97.3	1	96.3	
Snowy Owls	98.8	5	93.8	
Spectacled Owls	98.7	4	93.7	
Tawny Owls	100.0	0	100.0	

Congratulations to Tawny Owls for achieving 100% attendance with no late arrivals. As a reward, you will all be able to wear non uniform on Friday 9 November! 😊

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Tawny Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Guy'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	Ralph H
Blue Room	Amber M
Red Room	Jayden A
Little Owls	David B
Elf Owls	Matilda D
Barn Owls	Joseph T
Snowy Owls	Bethany P
Spectacled Owls	Sam G
Tawny Owls	Emma B

YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

<p>RAINBOW ROOM</p>	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>The children have been developing their knowledge of shapes this week, using circles, squares, rectangles & triangles to create 'shape monsters'. They have also loved taking their birthday party theme to the next level by making cakes & playing pass the parcel, to promote turn-taking & fine motor skills. It has been a messy week with sticky spider webs, shaving foam cakes and sandy ice creams!</p>	
<p>BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM</p>	<p>Red Room have loved exploring the dark tent with their torches, discussing light & dark as well as making spooky shadows! Blue Room children have had fun in their witch kitchen, making up potions and their own spells using their knowledge of rhyming. Both rooms have really enjoyed making potions in the garden with malleable resources, using lots of descriptive and imaginative language, along with hunting around the outdoor learning area for pictures and mark-making on their clip boards.</p>	
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>In Literacy this week, we have been looking at the story of 'Billy's Sunflowers' and the children have continued to use the alphablocks but this time we created simple sentences! We have focused on anticlockwise movements to help with handwriting so the children are ready to write the curly caterpillar letters and have started to look at 3D shapes - cuboids, spheres, cylinders, square based pyramids and cones. See if you can spot any around the house, or out and about!</p> <p>Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school as we will need it after the half term break.</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week, we have been learning about tens and ones in Maths. We have also looked at numbers to 20 and used resources to represent the tens and ones. In English we have continued to look at poetry and rhyme and have read the book 'Rhyme Crime'.</p> <p>We went on an Autumn walk around the Junior School field to observe the changes of the season. We collected leaves and did some leaf rubbings back in the classroom and found out which trees our leaves had come from.</p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>This week, Year 2 pupils have been writing a character profile of an alien from 'The Way Back Home'. They have used adjectives to describe his appearance and conjunctions to develop their sentences when describing his personality. In Maths, the children have been learning to use more than (>) and less than (<) signs when problem solving and reasoning. As it is the last day before half term, Year 2 are having a firework art day to celebrate bonfire night. Lots of creative art using cardboard, salt and watercolours!</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Max B for receiving a football medal for
great tackling

Henrietta McV for making her Rainbow
Guide Promise

Well done both of 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'

CHILDREN IN NEED RAMBLE

Our lovely ladies in the Nursery completed their
charity walk around Draycote Water as planned,
and, in the process, raised an amazing £330!!

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL



Happy Halloween!

TERM DATES 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

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

There was great excitement yesterday as I entered each classroom to give out a little Halloween treat to all the children in the school and the nursery; they really enjoyed seeing me in my pumpkin costume! I had some pumpkin glasses to wear too, but Mrs Beech thought they looked better on her 😊

It has been a very busy and long half term, so I am sure that all the children are ready for a good rest. Have a lovely week off together and have fun trick or treating at Halloween but please remember to stay safe on Bonfire Night when watching fireworks!

Woof, woof
From Woody xx



Food For Life Roast Dinner Day

“Enjoy the tastiest food
made from fresh,
natural ingredients!”



Wednesday 14th November 2018

Lunch Menu

Roast Sliced British Beef
served with
Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

or
(v only) Vegetarian Sausage Toad
in the Hole with Gravy

Crispy Roast Potatoes
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

(v) Homemade Jam Tart
and Custard
or
Fresh Fruit Wedges



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FUTURE PTA EVENTS

PTA Committee Meeting

Tuesday 20 November
8pm in School
All welcome



Christmas Parties

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



A MESSAGE FOR BLUE & RED ROOM NURSERY PARENTS

On Monday 5 November, when we return from half term, please could your children bring in a photograph of something that they have done during the break.

Thank you!

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
Last day of term

SUPPLY STAFF VACANCIES

We are looking for Supply Midday Supervisors
to cover long term

**Daily hours are
11.50am – 1.10pm**

If you, or someone you know, is interested in
joining our friendly team, please make contact
with Linda Beech for further details on

01788 810292

or

lindabeech@dunchurchinfants.co.uk

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

Remember, remember the fifth of November
Gunpowder treason and plot
I see no reason why gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot

*Please remember to stay safe if you are
having your own firework display at home, or
better still, go to an organised display!*

