

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



Autumn Term Issue 9

9 November 2018

Headteacher's Message

As you'll be no doubt aware, Sunday marks the centenary of the World War I armistice. This was a hugely significant event and I think that the passing of time means it is even more important for schools to mark it, as the lack of those who were alive at the time means there is a danger that we will lose an understanding of what happened and the lessons we can learn. Having said that, it is important that such a difficult topic is handled in an age appropriate way and the teachers have spent time thinking of different ways of doing this. One such way is the display in our corridor which has been decorated with poppies made by the children. You may have also seen our award winning Rugby in Bloom display outside the Year 1 classrooms.

Traditionally our school, along with Dunchurch Juniors and Leamington Hastings have finished at 2pm on the last day of term. I am interested in whether parents would like to continue with this as some parents have said it is inconvenient in terms of arranging childcare. If you have an opinion, let me know by person or email or by leaving a message with the school office.

We have a Parents Forum meeting scheduled for Wednesday 28 November at 6.30pm at Dunchurch Juniors. This is open to all parents and carers at both Dunchurch schools. At the meeting I would like to get parent views on the curriculum we offer in the school. We will discuss topics such as how much time you think we should spend on English and Maths, as opposed to other subjects, and what differences there should be between the curriculum for our younger children compared to our older children. All are welcome to attend.

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Extra-curricular Activities 12 - 16 November 2018


Monday 12th	12.40-1.10pm French Club (Barn Owls) 3.15 - 4pm Martial Arts
Tuesday 13th	12-1pm Singing Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Year 2 Sports Club
Wednesday 14th	3.15 - 4pm Spanish Club 3.15 - 4.45pm DM Football
Thursday 15th	3.15 - 4.45pm DM Football
Friday 16th	12-1pm French Club (Snowy Owls/Year 2) 1-3pm Violin/Cello Lessons 3.15 - 4.15pm Year 1 Sports Club

CALENDAR

Reminders for 12 - 16 November 2018

Monday 12th	Deadline to return completed PTA Scavenger Hunt forms
Tuesday 13th	Individual School & Nursery Pupil Photographs (am)
Wednesday 14th	Anti-Bullying Day - all pupils to wear odd socks!
Thursday 15th	
Friday 16th	Children in Need - Spotty Non- Uniform Day for all pupils

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 26 October 2018				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	96.0	2	94.0	
Elf Owls	93.7	3	90.7	
Barn Owls	96.2	0	96.2	
Snowy Owls	95.6	3	92.6	
Spectacled Owls	97.7	2	95.7	
Tawny Owls	96.7	2	94.7	

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 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	Megan O
Red Room	Anya P
Little Owls	Theo P
Elf Owls	Harry H
Barn Owls	Serrena O'H
Snowy Owls	Ethan B
Spectacled Owls	Jacob H
Tawny Owls	Amy K

YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

<p>RAINBOW ROOM</p>	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>The children have been developing their knowledge of shape; learning to recognise what the four basic shapes are and having a go at representing them. They have enjoyed tasting naan bread, poppadoms and mango chutney as part of their learning of Diwali; particularly loving the poppadoms! Earlier in the week they made chocolate sparklers and discussed their own experiences of watching fireworks.</p>	
<p>BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM</p>	<p>The children have loved using creative resources to make firework pictures and rockets from junk modelling to salad spinner paintings! They have also been developing their listening skills further by listening to stories without words, having to identify different sounds and create a narrative. The dark tent has continued to be very popular with the children using the torches and props to learn about light/dark and shadows and retelling familiar stories.</p>	
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>The children have enjoyed learning in our hospital role play area. They have looked at different parts of the body and bandaged any injuries! In Maths we have ordered containers using the language of full, half full and empty. Please encourage this vocabulary at home. We have read the story of 'Funnybones' and the children have used their phonics brilliantly to write captions. We have continued practising anti-clockwise movements in handwriting so that our letters are formed correctly.</p> <p>Reminder: PE kits for Monday (if not already in school)</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>In Year 1 this week, we have been learning how to write sentences. We have been thinking carefully about our capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. In Phonics, we have been learning the different ways of making the 'oa' phoneme. In Maths, we have continued to make numbers using tens and ones and have been finding one more/one less and ten more/ten less than a number to 20.</p> <p>Next week, in Topic, we will be looking at toys. Please could the children bring in a toy from home. This must be CLEARLY named and must fit in your child's book bag; thank you.</p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>This week, Year 2 have been creating their own syllable poetry about Diwali. Some children were able to read it out to the class and they all thoroughly enjoyed writing it. In Maths, the children have started to learn how to add 10's and 1's on a number line. This is a new concept and we will be following this on next week, too. In Topic, we have learnt about 4 famous inventors (Alexander Graham Bell, Marie Curie, Charles Macintosh and Thomas Edison). From this the children have started to learn what a non-chronological report is, to then write one about one of the inventors learnt this week.</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Flynn M for completing the 2018 Rugby Half Marathon

William W for achieving his 200m Rainbow Distance swimming award

Isabella B for winning the Castle Bromwich Poppy Competition

Laycie L for winning a Basketball Trophy for having the best skills

Well done everyone!



A **HUGE** THANK YOU.....

..... to everyone that made or bought Halloween cakes before Half Term and anyone that donated or purchased second hand uniform

A fantastic £202 was raised for PTA funds!

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

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

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

Welcome back everyone!

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break and managed to see a few fireworks. I certainly heard them and wondered what was going on! As you can see I've had a very smart haircut. I think it's because I'm going to London on Sunday and, you never know, I might see the Queen! If I do, I'll tell her about the fun I have with all the lovely children at Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery. I'm also hoping Mrs Beech is going to buy me a nice jumper whilst we are there, to keep me warm this Winter.

Have a lovely weekend.

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



educaterers



FUTURE PTA EVENTS

Hot Chocolate Friday

Friday 9 November

After school in the playground

Adults £1/Children 50p



PTA Committee Meeting

Tuesday 20 November

8pm at Dunchurch Social Club

All welcome



Christmas Parties

Friday 7 December

5 – 6pm Nursery & Reception

6.30 – 7.30pm Years 1 & 2



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

WEEK ONE

Wednesday:

Roast Meal will always be Chicken, not Beef.

Thursday:

Main Meal will always be Chicken & Rice,
not Chicken Curry & Rice.

Friday:

Dessert will always be Orange & Carrot
Cookie, not Pancake with Fruit.

Dunchurch Festival Group invite you to a

WINE

Tasting

on Saturday 24th November
at Dunchurch Village Hall

Our Sommelier is **Alan Blakemore**

7:30pm for 7:45pm start

Tickets £15.00 per head to include all wines

Tel 01788 817307 or from Wanda Fashions

Entree

A Sparkling Treat

Plat Principal

A melange of Whites and Reds

Desert

A pleasing Rose

Accompaniments:

Palate - cleansing nibbles

A fun wine-themed quiz (avec un prix)



Please bring your own cheese and crackers

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www.dunchurchevents.org.uk

PERMANENT CHANGES TO NEW LUNCH MENU STARTING MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER

WEEK TWO

Wednesday:

Roast Meal will always be Beef, not Pork or
Gammon.

Thursday:

Dessert will not be accompanied with
Custard.

WEEK THREE

Tuesday:

Dessert will always be Pancakes with Fruit,
not Fruit Crumble & Custard.



Dunchurch Infant
School & Nursery PTA

Christmas Party

Friday 7 December

Nursery & Reception pupils 5 - 6pm
Year 1 & 2 pupils 6.30 - 7.30pm
in the School Hall
More details to follow

Parenikind
Member Association



**Dunchurch Methodist Church
Cawston Lane**

**Saturday 1 December
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



**Dunchurch Baptist Church Messy Church
or at Noah's Ark**

www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk

CHATHEALTH PARENT LINE

Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service and Warwickshire Young People Substance Misuse Service has launched a new way for parents and carers of school aged children to get confidential advice and support about child health related issues. ChatHealth is an award-winning school nurse messaging service and is available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. There will be automatic bounce-back responses to incoming messages out of hours. Answering the text message will be a nurse who can assist with any queries about general health, child development, behaviour, toileting and emotional health and wellbeing issues.

The text number is 07520 619376

The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and the School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on **03300 245 204**.