

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



Autumn Term Issue 10

16 November 2018

Headteacher's Message

Last week I posed the question about the finishing time on the last day of term before the Christmas and Summer holidays. Eight parents responded and all but one wanted to keep the 2pm finish. This surprised me a little, so I am grateful to the parents who shared their views.

I have also consulted staff who (perhaps not surprisingly!) were also happy to continue with the 2pm finish. The same question was asked of Leamington Hastings parents, who on the whole were keener to change to a later finish time. However, Leamington Hastings' Head, Mrs Marson, and I have agreed that we need a clear consensus to make the change and so we will continue finishing at 2pm on the last day of the Autumn and Summer Terms for Dunchurch Infants and Leamington Hastings and 2.15pm at Dunchurch Juniors. This will allow those parents who collect at one school and then collect older siblings, particular those who have to travel from Leamington Hastings, time to travel. This mirrors the difference in collection times we have every other day in the school year.



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Extra-curricular Activities 19 - 23 November 2018

Monday 19th	12.40-1.10pm Monday French Club (Barn Owls) 3.15 - 4pm Martial Arts
Tuesday 20th	12-1pm Singing Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Year 2 Sports Club
Wednesday 21st	12-1pm Friday French Club (Snowy Owls/Year 2) 3.15 - 4pm Spanish Club 3.15 - 4.45pm DM Football
Thursday 22nd	3.15 - 4.45pm DM Football
Friday 23rd	TEACHER TRAINING DAY


CALENDAR

Reminders for 19 - 23 November 2018

Monday 19th	
Tuesday 20th	8pm PTA Committee Meeting at Dunchurch Social Club
Wednesday 21st	Year 1 visit to St Peter's Church & Friday French Club
Thursday 22nd	
Friday 23rd	TEACHER TRAINING DAY

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 9 November 2018

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	98.7	1	97.7	
Elf Owls	98.7	4	94.7	
Barn Owls	94.6	0	94.6	
Snowy Owls	98.8	4	94.8	
Spectacled Owls	96.7	2	94.7	
Tawny Owls	93.3	2	91.3	

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	Aurelia M
Blue Room	Nathan R
Red Room	Chase H
Little Owls	Zachary M-L
Elf Owls	Grace McN
Barn Owls	Henrietta McV
Snowy Owls	Isaac F
Spectacled Owls	Hugo N
Tawny Owls	Alfie E

YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

<p>RAINBOW ROOM</p>	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>The children have enjoyed learning about people who help us, following on from Remembrance Day. This helped to extend knowledge based vocabulary, whilst discussing how everyone helped. The children have been warming up for Christmas, getting very glittery, creating a friendship & kindness tree with glittery hands, reinforcing how to be kind to one other. Outside, we made huge marks with the chalks and made them disappear with a water spray bottle, practising our mark making & developing our hand/arm strength.</p>	
<p>BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM</p>	<p>Red Room learnt about space; using blow up planets to aid imaginative play, creating marbling effects & paint mixing, making up stories with a small world planet & searching for space-themed clues during a treasure hunt, writing how many we found. The children in Blue Room learnt about nocturnal animals, using the dark tent to support their role play. The maths area has been busy, with the children practising ordering numbers, selecting the correct amount from a bigger group & recognising numerals significant to them.</p>	
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>This week in Reception, we have looked at the story of 'Is that what friends do?' and discussed ideas that could make the characters feel happy. The children then wrote short captions about what they could do – they applied their phonics brilliantly and really thought carefully about their 'baby shark' pencil grip. We looked at using the language of 'more' and 'fewer' in Maths and used our odd socks from Anti-Bullying Day to help with this! Once the children identified which sock had 'more' or 'fewer' spots they were able to count how many spots there altogether!</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>In Year 1 this week we have been consolidating our learning of how to write a simple sentence. We have looked at making sure our sentences begin with a capital letter and ends with a full stop, as well as using lollipop sticks and counters to help with our finger spaces. In Maths this week we have been learning about odd and even numbers and how to partition numbers to 20. In Topic we have explored our own toys from home and compared them to toys from the past. We have been looking at the 'oo' family in Phonics and discovered new graphemes which help us make the 'oo' sound.</p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>This week, Year 2 have been reading an exciting book about an inventor. They have worked hard unpicking the language and writing the four different sentence types (statement, question, exclamatory and command) about the character. In Maths, the children have been practising adding on a number line and started to subtract 10s and 1s this week too. The children have also started to write their non-chronological reports on their chosen inventor. They have chosen their own sub heading and have been researching lots of facts to write into a paragraph.</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Jack D for receiving a certificate for outstanding participation at the Soccer Rockz Autumn Club Tournament

Ishan B-R for achieving his Blue Belt in Ju-Jitsu

Poppy T for making her Rainbow Guide Promise

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

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

Autumn Term 2019

Teacher Training Day

Monday 2 September

Term Starts

Tuesday 3 September

Half Term

Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Teacher Training Day

Friday 22 November

Term Ends

Friday 20 December

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

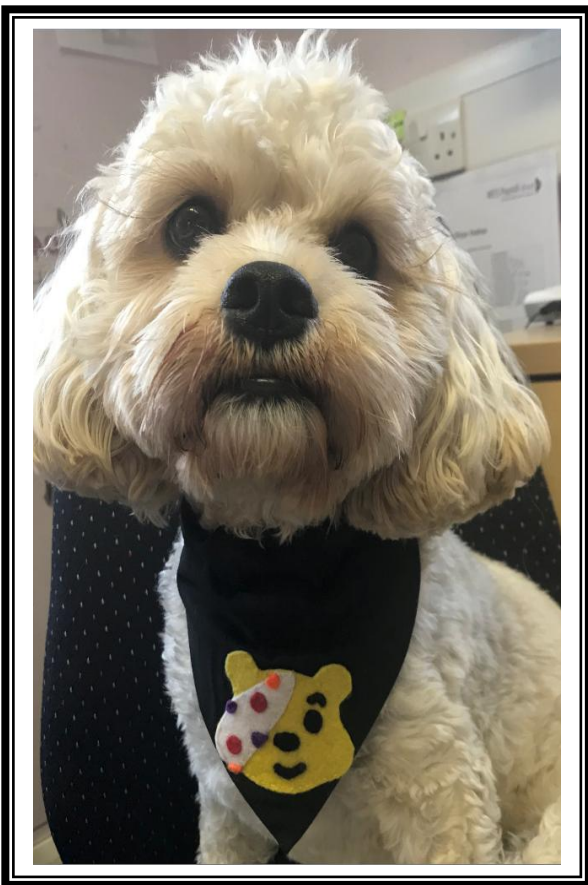
Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send 46 shoe boxes of varying sizes to Teams4U, for distribution in Eastern Europe.

A fantastic effort from you all, which in turn will make the lives of the children that receive them a little brighter this Christmas.

Thank you everyone that donated one



FAMILY HOLIDAYS MUST ONLY BE BOOKED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD



WOODY'S BLOG

Happy Children in Need Day!

I've just been into Assembly and all I could see was spots! I thought there was something wrong with my eyes and that I might need to book an eye test, but it was just the children's outfits, which looked lovely. I was wearing my Pudsey bandana and the children all thought I look very smart.

Mrs Beech asked me to do four tricks and for everyone I managed to do, she said she would donate £5 to Children in Need and..... guess what..... I managed to do all four, so well done to me! I'm sure together we will have raised lots of money for Children in Need, so well done everyone!

Have a lovely weekend!

Woof, woof

From Woody xx

PARENT HELPERS WE NEED YOU!

**Friday 21 December
9 – 10.30am**

We intend to walk all the School and Nursery children up to St Peter's Church in the village centre on the last day of term, for a Christingle Service.

To enable us to do this safely, we would need a good number of volunteer parents to help us.

If you are available that morning, please let the School Office know at your earliest convenience; much appreciated.

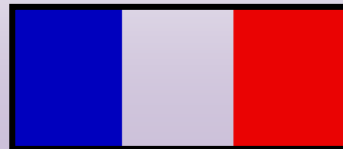
Many thanks!



FRIDAY FRENCH CLUB

Please note the following changes:

23 November moving to Wednesday 21 November
30 November moving to Wednesday 28 November
14 December moving to Wednesday 12 December



FUTURE PTA EVENTS

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

- 20 8pm PTA Committee Meeting
- 21 Year 1 visit to St Peter's Church,
Dunchurch
- 28 Reception - Vision Screening (am)
- 28 6.30pm Parents' Forum Meeting
- 30 Year 2 trip to MAD Museum

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
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
- 20 School & Nursery Christmas Lunch
- 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

LUNCHBOX CONTENTS

It has been brought to our attention that pupils are bringing sweets as part of their lunchbox meal.

We are a healthy eating school and therefore do not promote pupils eating sweets at lunchtime.



**We ask that you make healthier choices
when preparing your child's lunch,
please.**

Many thanks for your co-operation.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES TICKET BOOKINGS

The online booking facility will be available from 8pm on Monday 3 December and will close at 8pm on Monday 10 December.

Only 2 tickets per child will be available but they can be booked across any of the three performances.

We will produce a list of attendees for each performance so that we can tick you off as you arrive.

PLEASE NOTE:

Siblings may **ONLY** attend the Dress Rehearsal performances on 17 December. Please do not bring young siblings or babies to the First and Second Performances, as we will not be able to accommodate them. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation, as this will enable all the children to enjoy more fully their performance for you.

If this causes a problem, please speak to Mr Dewes, or leave a message for him at the School Office.

INCONSIDERATE, DANGEROUS PARKING

From time to time parents or residents share with us photos of parking around the school. Where possible, Mr Dewes will speak to the driver in person but on this occasion, he doesn't know the owner of this vehicle. We hope by printing this photo, the person responsible might consider others in future; thank you.



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



Parentkind
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

ST PETER'S CHURCH INVITES YOU
FOR

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**TEA
WITH
FATHER
CHRISTMAS**

**SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER
3.30-5.30PM**



**AFTERNOON TEA | CRAFTS | RAFFLE
£2 PER CHILD, INCLUDES A PRESENT FROM
FATHER CHRISTMAS | BOOK VIA
WWW.STPETERS-DUNCHURCH.ORG**



You're invited to a
**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

by
Dunchurch Brass Band
at

**St Peter's Church, Dunchurch
7pm, Saturday 8th December 2018**

**Tickets £6/£4
available on the door**

