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Headteacher's Message

As previously mentioned, we have a Parents' Forum next Wednesday. At the meeting I will be asking parents their opinions about the curriculum we offer. Questions I will be asking include:

- Is it more important that we teach knowledge or skills?
- Is it best for older children to be taught by subject specialists?
- Do we spend too long teaching English and Maths? Should we teach other subjects more?
- What role is there for outdoor learning in the curriculum?

On the Teacher Training Day in January, I will be asking similar questions of the staff and before then we will find out the views of pupils too, but I would like to kick start the process by seeking parents' thoughts. The meeting is at 6.30pm at the Junior School, all parents and carers from the Infant and Juniors are welcome. If you cannot make the meeting, I would welcome views by email.

As you will know, tomorrow is a Teacher Training Day. I know that these days can cause childcare challenges for some families, so I think it a good idea to share what we are doing on these days. Tomorrow we have two visiting trainers. Some colleagues from the infant school are being trained in first aid, while the majority of staff from both the Infants and Juniors are learning about how to support children with attachment issues.

Ian Dewes

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Extra-curricular Activities 26 - 30 November 2018


Monday 26th	12.40-1.10pm Monday French Club (Barn Owls) 3.15 - 4pm Martial Arts
Tuesday 27th	12-1pm Singing Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Year 2 Sports Club
Wednesday 28th	12-1pm Friday French Club (Snowy Owls/Year 2) 3.15 - 4pm Spanish Club 3.15 - 4.45pm DM Football
Thursday 29th	3.15 - 4.45pm DM Football
Friday 30th	1-3pm Violin/Cello Lessons 3.15 - 4.15pm Year 1 Sports Club

CALENDAR

Reminders for 26 - 30 November 2018

Monday 26th	
Tuesday 27th	
Wednesday 28th	12 - 1pm Friday French Club 6.30pm Parents' Forum at DBJS
Thursday 29th	
Friday 30th	Year 2 Trip to MAD Museum All Day Violin/Cello Lessons to make up for Teacher Training Day

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 16 November 2018				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	92.7	3	89.7	
Elf Owls	95.7	3	92.7	
Barn Owls	95.0	0	95.0	
Snowy Owls	99.6	1	98.6	
Spectacled Owls	99.3	0	99.3	
Tawny Owls	96.3	1	95.3	

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Snowy Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Clarke'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 McD
Blue Room	Robert S
Red Room	Oliver W
Little Owls	Carolina C
Elf Owls	Cody W
Barn Owls	Leo S
Snowy Owls	David K
Spectacled Owls	Zach B
Tawny Owls	Michael E

YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

<p>RAINBOW ROOM</p>	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>The children have loved talking about their features & making their own mirrors, discussing what makes them similar or different. This followed on from them making 'All About Me' rainbow clouds, where we displayed our favourite things; how old we are, how many people live in our house etc. The children have also been using their shape knowledge to create pictures of everyday objects, describing which shape they have used & how many sides it has. Can children please bring in a toy sales catalogue (e.g. Argos or similar) any day next week.</p>	
<p>BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM</p>	<p>Red Room have continued learning about Space; junk modelling rockets & using other creative resources. Outside the children have enjoyed making microphones! This stemmed from the children wanting to sing songs for each other at the end of last week. They have been putting on some lovely performances! Can Red Room please bring in a photo or prop relating to their parents' occupation. In Blue Room, the children have been using the white boards to mark make, describing their drawings & practising their pencil grip. The role play area has also been popular with a sea cave & treasure to look for & count!</p>	
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>This week in Reception, the children have completed work around the story of 'Elmer'. They used their phonics fantastically to label the different colours of Elmer and began to write short captions about where he lives. In Maths the children had a go at recognising and creating patterns with shapes, colours and other familiar objects. They started to look at repeating patterns, describing them and predicting what would be next. In Handwriting we have moved on to the 'Robot-Arm letters' where we focused on using our 'baby shark' pencil grip and remembering to start from the correct point for each letter.</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week we went on an exciting trip to St Peter's Church in the village. The children did a range of activities in & around the church which they all enjoyed. They behaved very well & it was a delight to take them. In Art we have been looking at the artist Pieter Bruegel & his 'Children's Games' painting where we were able to look closely at the picture & decide what we loved & what we would improve. In English we have been focusing on identifying questions & statements & looking at the different question words we can use. We have been practising counting on in Maths & making sure we always start with the biggest number & answering different problem solving questions.</p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>This week in Maths, the children have been learning to subtract on a number line. They began by taking away 10, then 10's and 1's and now bridging 10. They have worked really hard on this and persevering in their lessons. In English, we have continued our work on 'Audrey the Amazing Inventor' and the children have written a character profile about her including their SPaG work on the suffix 'est'. In Topic the children have researched further about an inventor that they found interesting and continued to write a non-chronological report about them.</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Keegan A-Y, Rachel M & Henrietta McV
for receiving PQA Poppet Certificates

Natalya W for achieving her Level 4
Trampoline Proficiency Award

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 2019

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

FAMILY HOLIDAYS MUST ONLY BE BOOKED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Thursday 20 December

Clarification for Nursery Parents

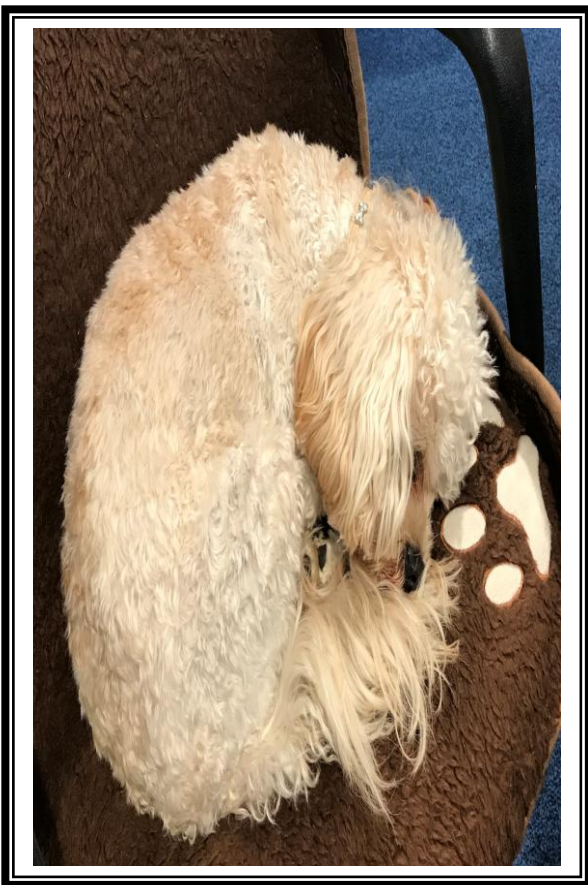
The Christmas Lunch is only available to those nursery children who normally attend Thursday lunchtimes.

If your child does attend but would normally bring his/her own packed lunch, then he/she is very welcome to join their friends for the meal at an extra cost of £2.20. This additional cost will be added to your January invoice.

Please let your Nursery Room or the School Office know if you wish for your child to have the Christmas Lunch, **before Tuesday 27 November.**

Thank you!





WOODY'S BLOG

Hello everyone

I've been really busy with the children at the Junior School this week, which I have really enjoyed. I am always rather tired afterwards so I curl up on my cosy mat and have a little snooze.

I have noticed the weather has become very cold this week so, like you, I will make sure that I wrap up and keep warm. I have a couple of new jumpers that Mrs Beech has bought for me; I think I will have to start wearing them soon!

Enjoy your extended 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, please.

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:

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



FUTURE PTA EVENTS

Christmas Parties

Friday 7 December

5 – 6pm Nursery & Reception

6.30 – 7.30pm Years 1 & 2



Hot Chocolate Friday's 2019

Friday 11 January

Friday 1 February

Friday 1 March



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2018/19

November

- 28 Reception - Vision Screening (am)
- 28 6.30pm Parents' Forum Meeting
- 30 Year 2 trip to MAD Museum – am
Tawny Owls/pm Spectacled Owls

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 Whole School Christingle at St
Peter's Church
2pm Finish

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

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

15 January 2019

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 until 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.

Missing PTA Christmas Card Order

An envelope containing £14 cash was handed in for the PTA for a Christmas Card order but didn't contain a name or order form.

If you think this was yours, please contact the School Office as the PTA may still be able to make a late order for you.

All other cards and tags have now gone out in book bags.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thanks to your generosity, the school and nursery raised a massive **£217.60!**

Thank you to everyone that donated 😊



MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

We are looking to recruit two Midday Supervisors in January. If you or a friend or family member would be interested, please follow this link to view the advert on WMJobs.

<https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/45312/midday-supervisors/>



MISSING SPORTS/UNIFORM ITEMS

Can parents of pupils that do Martial Arts on a Monday, please check that they do not have another child's white trousers, as we have a boy in Reception who has lost his.

Also, could all parents of boys in Reception, please check that they don't have another boy's school trousers at home.

Both items are named – thank you.

Formed by likeminded residents who love Dunchurch and its heritage and wish to protect and enhance its environment in order to make the village a better place to live in, work in and visit.

FRIENDS OF
DUNCHURCH
SOCIETY

Come and join us
Christmas
SOCIAL EVENING
WITH FRIENDS OF DUNCHURCH
ENJOY
**A BAR CHRISTMAS MUSIC
SKITTLES DARTS BAR -
BILLIARDS PLUS RAFFLE**
**DUNCHURCH SOCIAL CLUB
THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 8PM**



**GRAND RAFFLE
DRAW AT 9PM**

**MANY PRIZES
INCLUDING A M&S
LUXURY CHRISTMAS
HAMPER**

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE RAFFLE
GO TO FRIENDS OF DUNCHURCH



**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

★
**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**

