

# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



## Autumn Term Issue 13

**7 December 2018**

### Headteacher's Message

If, as a parent, you are trying to keep a lid on Christmas, knowing that there are a couple of weeks to go and you don't want your child to combust with excitement, I apologise because school is probably not helping at the moment.

Following on from the Christmas lights switch-on in Dunchurch last Sunday, attended by many of our children, decorations have appeared in classrooms and nativity rehearsals are in full swing.

This evening, we have the PTA Christmas parties, the first being for Early Years children and the second for Key Stage 1. Many thanks for all of the hard work, the PTA have put into this event.

Next Friday, is our Christmas Fun Day, another seasonal event which I am sure the children will love but, again, I am grateful for the help of colleagues and parents in making it happen.

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### Extra-curricular Activities 10 – 14 December 2018

<b>Monday 10th</b>	12.40-1.10pm Monday French Club (Barn Owls) 3.15 – 4pm Martial Arts
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	12-1pm Singing Club
<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	12-1pm Friday French Club (Snowy Owls/Year 2) 3.15 – 4pm Spanish Club 3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
<b>Thursday 13th</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
<b>Friday 14th</b>	1-3pm Violin/Cello Lessons 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 1 Sports Club


## CALENDAR

### Reminders for 10 – 14 December 2018

<b>Monday 10th</b>	
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	7pm Rugby Dunsmore Rotary Club's Christmas Carol Concert
<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	<b>ALL PLAY COSTUMES TO BE IN SCHOOL BY TODAY</b>
<b>Thursday 13th</b>	
<b>Friday 14th</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper/Fun Day (non-uniform)</b>

# PUPIL AWARDS

## ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 30 November 2018

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	96.3	1	95.3	
Elf Owls	96.0	5	91.0	
Barn Owls	91.5	1	90.5	
Snowy Owls	96.8	7	89.8	
Spectacled Owls	97.0	5	92.0	
Tawny Owls	98.3	2	96.3	

## WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Barn Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Randle'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	Luke T
Blue Room	Kryton V-d-W
Red Room	Ela B
Little Owls	Diago O
Elf Owls	Emma A
Barn Owls	Rakan N
Snowy Owls	Florence O
Spectacled Owls	Jack D
Tawny Owls	Nathan F

# YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

<p><b>RAINBOW ROOM</b></p>	<p><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>The children have loved exploring some new small world imaginative resources this week, making up some stories and acting out scenarios. They have also enjoyed using their fine motor skills to fish items in the water tray &amp; to use the scoopy scissors in the artificial snow, to find the bells &amp; buttons. Then they have been counting their items, with encouragement to use one number for each item. <i>Please could all children bring a photograph of their decorated Christmas tree or decorations for discussions next week; thank you.</i></p>	
<p><b>BLUE ROOM &amp; RED ROOM</b></p>	<p>The children in Red Room have loved continuing the medical theme by caring for their pets this week, discussing any visits they have made to the vets. Following on from last week, in Blue Room, the children have made stretchy dough, as well as paper plate chickens to complement their learning about 'The Little Red Hen'. Both Rooms have been busy practising their Christmas performance songs for you to enjoy!</p>	
<p><b>LITTLE OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p>In Literacy we looked at the story of 'The Stick Man', the children used their phonics to write simple sentences about things that happened in the story. We looked at different lengths in Maths and placing them in order from the shortest to the longest. We also started to look at ordering numbers to 20! Reception have had a great week junk modelling in the creative area - thank you for bringing in boxes, cartons etc, they have helped to create brilliant models. We've had robots, a laptop and even a fishing rod! <i>Please remember to have your nativity costumes in next week; we are all very excited about it!</i></p>	<p><b>ELF OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>BARN OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR ONE</b></p> <p>The children have been adding and subtracting on a number line in Maths this week. They have finished reading the book 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and are now writing sentences about it. We have also been practising our Christmas play and have made sliders in DT.</p>	<p><b>SNOWY OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>SPECTACLED OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>This week Year 2 received a letter from Audrey 'The Amazing Inventor' asking us to make an exciting invention! We were all very excited and have decided to write a letter back! In Maths we have started to answer word problems involving addition and subtraction and working out how to solve these by referring to the terminology in the problem and in Topic we have designed our inventions to create next week. We all thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Coventry Cathedral yesterday and the children all behaved really well.</p>	<p><b>TAWNY OWLS</b></p> 

# NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

## CONGRATULATIONS

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

**Flynn M** for completing the Santa Fun Run

**Poppy T** for being promoted to a higher level in Jiu-Jitsu

**Well done!**



Find 'Dunchurch Infant & Nursery School PTA' on Facebook or e-mail [dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com](mailto:dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com) if you would like to find out more

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Minutes of all PTA Meetings are now available on the school website [www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk](http://www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk) under 'Parent Zone'

## A REMINDER THAT SPANISH CLUB FINISHES ON 12 DECEMBER



Only **7** more days until Santa visits us! Don't forget to bring your permission/payment slip into school!

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

To make life easier for the Year 2 pupils that will be emptying the post box and sorting and delivering the pupils' Christmas cards, could you please ensure that the envelopes have the class name on the front, together with the child's full name, if you know it, or at least their first name.

*Many thanks for your co-operation*

## 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*

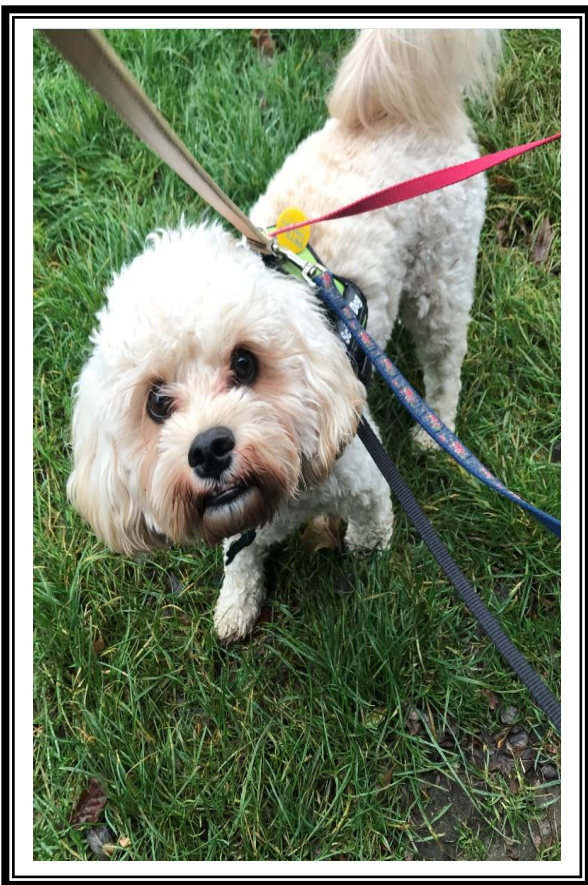
*Friday 22 November*

Term Ends

Friday 20 December

***FAMILY HOLIDAYS MUST ONLY BE BOOKED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD***





## WOODY'S BLOG

Hello everyone

I went on some lovely walks this week but some were very wet and my feet and coat got very soggy! If this weather continues, I think I shall be putting a doggy umbrella on my Christmas list! ☹

There is great excitement in school as the end of term gets nearer and, of course, Christmas! It is lovely to hear all the children rehearsing their special songs for their performances – I think you will really enjoy them too.

Have a good 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 and willing to help, please let the School Office know at your earliest convenience; much appreciated.

**Many thanks!**



## PTA EVENTS

### Hot Chocolate Friday's 2019

Friday 11 January

Friday 1 February

Friday 1 March



## MORNING DROP-OFFS

Whilst the weather is very wet, please try to keep your children off the grass area next to the playground when waiting in the mornings, as mud is being walked into the classrooms and proving difficult to get off the carpets.

Many thanks for your co-operation



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2018/19

### December

#### 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 Service  
at St Peter's Church  
2pm Autumn Term Ends

### January

- 7 **Teacher Training Day**  
8 8.45pm Spring Term Starts

### February

- 12 3.30 – 7pm Parents' Evening  
13 3.30 – 6pm Parents' Evening

## 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](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions)

**There are still 24 nursery pupils that have yet to apply for their Reception place in September 2019**

## 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 that your child will be in.

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.

The booking link is:

[www.dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.co.uk](http://www.dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.co.uk)

After the booking line has closed, if there are still available seats for any of the nine performances, we will open them up for a 3<sup>rd</sup> ticket, per child. Please register your interest in a further ticket via the School Office, who will collate a first come, first served, waiting list.

Please note that all performances will be recorded on Tuesday 18 December and a DVD available to order - more details to follow.



## MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

We are looking to recruit two Midday Supervisors in January. If you, 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/>

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](http://WWW.STPETERS-DUNCHURCH.ORG)

## SCHOOL & NURSERY PUPILS

Please start making your hats for the Christmas Lunch on Thursday 20 December or, if you would prefer, you can bring in a paper hat instead.



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

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY and CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

Friday 14 December

All Nursery and School children can wear non-uniform on the above day, preferably including a Christmas jumper, for a suggested donation of £1, which will go to 'Save the Children'.

Also, Father Christmas will be visiting us this day. A letter has been sent home in book bags for you to sign to say you are happy for your child to see him and receive a small gift. We will also require a £1 donation for this, too, please.





## CHRISTMAS PLAY COSTUMES

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are busy rehearsing their Christmas performances. Your child should have already brought home details of the role that they have in their particular play. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any problems obtaining a costume, as we do have some spare within school. Alternatively, please contact Mrs Nic McNally, who has a selection of nativity costumes available for hire, for a small donation towards PTA funds. Her mobile number is **07792 588996**, if you would like to discuss your requirements.



## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### PARENTLINE -

#### a text messaging service

Parents/Carers can now text a School Nurse from their mobile phone.

ChatHealth, the School Nurse messaging service, is confidential and available Monday to Friday from 9am – 5pm. You can message for advice about general health, child development, behaviour, toileting and emotional health and wellbeing.

**Text: 07520 619376**

### UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD -

a guide for parents with infants and children up to 18 years of age

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides)

### CHILD SAFETY -

A request by parents for a link for more information about child safety

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA)

<https://www.rospa.com/>

## HILLMORTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Hillmorton Junior Football Club is looking to increase the number of boys and girls that they have in their Reception and Year 1 groups in the New Year. They are a family orientated club that provides football sessions for children of all abilities. Sessions are run by qualified coaches in preparation for the children playing their first matches. The best bit is they only charge £5 per month. If you are interested in your child getting involved with an established local football team, please contact:

**Rob Hope on 07748 903353**