

# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery

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### Headteacher's Message

The children and staff have been very busy rehearsing for their nativity performances next week. The children wore their costumes for the first time and they all looked fantastic; thank you for your help with them. We look forward to welcoming you to the performances.

You may have seen in the news yesterday that the government have published league tables for primary schools. Our school does not feature in these; they are only for schools with a year six class. I am not a huge fan of league tables, so I don't feel like we are missing out, but we did receive a letter from the Minister of State for School Standards, Nick Gibb, last month, an excerpt of which is below:

*I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils in your school's outstanding achievement in the 2018 phonics screening check... with 97% of pupils at Dunchurch Infant School reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top 6 per cent of all primary schools in the country.*

Well done to all the staff in Year 1 for last year's results as well as staff who gave those children such good foundations in Reception and Nursery.

Ian Dewes

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### Extra-curricular Activities 17 – 21 December 2018

<b>Monday 17th</b>	12.40-1.10pm Monday French Club (Barn Owls) 3.15 – 4pm Martial Arts
<b>Tuesday 18th</b>	3.15 – 4.15pm Year 2 After School Sports Club
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
<b>Thursday 20th</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
<b>Friday 21st</b>	12-1pm Friday French Club (Snowy Owls/Year 2)


## CALENDAR

### Reminders for 17 – 21 December 2018

<b>Monday 17th</b>	<b>Whole School Christmas Performance Rehearsals</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th</b>	<b>Whole School First Christmas Performances</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>	<b>Whole School Second Christmas Performances</b>
<b>Thursday 20th</b>	<b>Whole School Christmas Lunch</b>
<b>Friday 21st</b>	<b>9am Whole School Christingle 2pm Finish – No Sports Club</b>

# PUPIL AWARDS

## ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 7 December 2018

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	93.3	5	88.3	
Elf Owls	98.7	5	93.7	
Barn Owls	98.1	4	94.1	
Snowy Owls	94.4	7	87.4	
Spectacled Owls	97.3	10	87.3	
Tawny Owls	98.7	2	96.7	

## 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	Ralph H
Blue Room	Noah B
Red Room	Selin B
Little Owls	Joshua O
Elf Owls	Ava H
Barn Owls	Queen A
Snowy Owls	Keegan A-Y
Spectacled Owls	Eloise C
Tawny Owls	Corin M-B

# YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

<b>RAINBOW ROOM</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>The children loved taking part in Christmassy activities this week; making decorations, marbling with paint &amp; shaving foam and writing letters to Santa. They talked about how they celebrate Christmas at home and discussed how they've each decorated their houses! On Wednesday morning they invited their parents to join in with some crafty activities; thank you to all that came, we hope you enjoyed it!</p>	
<b>BLUE ROOM &amp; RED ROOM</b>	<p>Both rooms have been very busy practising their performance this week; the singing is really coming on! In Red Room the children have been making name snowmen, using a snowball for each letter of their name, and writing them. Blue Room children have enjoyed making mint cream chocolates! Yum! Today all the children have enjoyed Christmas jumper crafting!</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LITTLE OWLS</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p>This week, in Reception, the children have looked at the story of 'The Snowman', and then tried to think of words to go with the story - they did a great job! We also compared the weights of different presents, using mathematical language – please try to reinforce the use of the vocabulary we have looked at this week, i.e. light, heavy, heavier, lighter, heaviest, lightest. In Handwriting we completed the 'Zig Zag Monster' letters and we will send them home to practise over the holidays.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ELF OWLS</b></p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BARN OWLS</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YEAR ONE</b></p> <p>This week, in Year 1, we have been looking at how we can divide 2d shapes into halves and quarters and understanding that the shapes are divided into equal parts. In English, we watched a clip from 'Frozen' and wrote cohesively linked sentences, using everything we have learnt from this half term. For Topic we have continued to look at moving pictures and we made our own wheel mechanism. In Phonics we have looked at the different digraphs which make the 'ow' and 'oi' sound.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SNOWY OWLS</b></p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPECTACLED OWLS</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>In English we have been looking at features of a letter, planning our own and all the children wrote one to 'Audrey the Amazing Inventor'; they were fabulous! In Maths we have continued to use and apply our knowledge of number lines to solve problems as well as other challenges that involve addition and subtraction. If you can continue to count backwards and forwards in 10's with your child this would be super! In Topic the children have created an equipment list for their inventions and began to make their toys. They have thought of some wonderful, imaginative ideas. All the children have worked hard to remember their song lines and their words for the play; please continue to practise over the weekend.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TAWNY OWLS</b></p> 

# NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

## CONGRATULATIONS

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

**Bence F** for completing the Santa Fun Run

**Laycie L** for passing the Elves Eye View Navigation Test

**Ava H** for achieving her 5m swimming award

**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'

## 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**

## RUGBY DUNSMORE ROTARY CLUB CAROL CONCERT

The children performed at the above event on Tuesday 11 December and what a performance it was! They all sang beautifully, remembered their actions and were a credit to the school.

I would like to thank you for supporting the event by bringing your children along and hope that you all enjoyed it too.

Thank you, also, to Miss Morgan who worked so hard to prepare the children and Mrs Barnes, Mrs Hillman, Mrs Mosley and Mrs Maguire for supporting us on the night. Mrs Beech came along with Woody and he told the audience that the children were ready to start, and off they went!

It was a very enjoyable evening – Mr Dewes gave a reading, we sang some Christmas hymns and then all went home.

**Well done and a BIG thank you to you all!**







## WOODY'S BLOG

Hello everyone

I really enjoyed myself at St Peter's Church on Tuesday evening at the Rugby Dunsmore Rotary Club's Christmas Carol Concert. I started off the proceedings with a bark to say we were ready and the children sang so beautifully; I was very proud of them all – well done children!

Everyone looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers today, including me!

Have a lovely weekend and remember ..... be good as Santa will be here very soon.

Have a good weekend.

Woof, woof from  
*Woody xx*

## ST PETER'S CHURCH VISIT Christingle Service Friday 21 December 9 – 10.30am

Thank you to everyone that has already put their name down to help us on this occasion; we would very much appreciate everyone's help so please all come to the school car park for 9am.

If there are others that would like to join us – please just come to the school car park directly after drop off – the more, the merrier!!

**Many thanks!**

## PTA CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you to all the parents that kindly donated items for the Christmas hampers. Raffle tickets, to win one of the hampers, will be sold at each of the 12 Christmas performances next week, so please remember to bring your £1 coins to purchase a strip of 5 tickets. The draw will take place after the last performance on Wednesday and winners informed shortly after.

***Good luck everyone!***



## Kick-start your fitness in 2019...

with local weekly group personal training classes  
incorporating cardio, strength and toning exercises:

### **The Monday Melt-H.I.I.T** (from Monday 14th January)

9.15am – 10.00am

Cawston Community Centre  
Scholars Drive, Cawston, Rugby CV22 7GU

### **The Wednesday Work-H.I.I.T** (from Wednesday 9th January)

9.30am – 10.15am

Thurlaston Village Hall  
Church Lane, Thurlaston, Rugby CV23 9JY

### **The Friday Funk-H.I.I.T** (from Friday 11th January)

9.15am – 10.15am

Dunchurch Methodist Church  
Cawston Lane, Dunchurch, Rugby CV22 6QE

**All abilities welcome, just bring yourself,  
a drink and lots of enthusiasm!**

- Train together • Smash Goals • Burn Calories •
- Get Fit • Have Fun • Feel Fab •

To pre-book your place in a class for just £6.50 please contact:

**Karen on 07817 115642**

## 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

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.

***Please note that all performances will be recorded on Tuesday 18 December and a DVD available to order – look out for the order forms at all the performances. Delivery is guaranteed for Friday 21 December – cost is £10 (cash only) please.***



## "BILLY THE KID" PANTO

At Dunchurch Village Hall

A ROOTING TOOTING WILD WEST ROMP!

Evening Performances  
Jan 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th and 26th

Gala Night 23rd Jan (£15 with Meal)

Matinees 19th and 20th Jan

Tickets £7, £6 Snr, £4 up to 16 years  
(Reduced prices opening night)

Written by Sue Protheroe  
Directed by Paul Le Poidevin

30TH ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCE

Tickets from WANDA FASHIONS, DUNCHURCH, 01788 522021  
or WILD AND FREE, BANK ST, RUGBY 01788 570400

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