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Headteacher's Message

This week, the children had a fantastic time performing their nativities. There were four different productions, each being performed to audiences three times. Over five hundred tickets were issued and it was a pleasure seeing the enjoyment in parents and grandparents faces as the children performed. As is always the way with performances involving young children, not everything went quite to plan, but this only added to the charm. Many thanks to my colleagues who spent a lot of time preparing for this week. Thanks also to those of you who came to watch and helped to make them such special occasions.

This morning the children visited St Peter's Church for our Christingle performance. The children sang *Away in a Manger* by candlelight, providing a serene contrast to the busy-ness of the season. Thank you to Miss Morgan for organising the service and to Reverend Pat for hosting. Thank you also to those parents who were able to help us cross the roads.

Ian Dewes

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WEEKLY EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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| MONDAY | 12.40-1.10pm Monday French Club (Barn Owls) 3.15 – 4pm Martial Arts |
| TUESDAY | 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 2 After School Sports Club |
| WEDNESDAY | 3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football |
| THURSDAY | 3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football |
| FRIDAY | 12.10-1.10pm Friday French Club (Snowy Owls/Year 2) 1 – 3pm Violin/Cello Lessons 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 1 After School Sports Club |


CALENDAR

REMINDERS/CHANGES FOR 7 – 11 JANUARY 2019

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|--------------------------|---|
| Monday 7th | TEACHER TRAINING DAY |
| Tuesday 8th | 8.45am Return to School/Nursery |
| Wednesday 9th | 12.40-1.10pm Monday French Club (Barn Owls) – from 7 Jan |
| Thursday 10th | |
| Friday 11th | |

ATTENDANCE AWARD

For the week ending 14 December 2018

| | Attendance % | No. of Late Arrivals | Overall Score | Trophy Awarded to |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|---|
| Little Owls | 92.3 | 2 | 90.3 |  |
| Elf Owls | 99.0 | 3 | 96.0 | |
| Barn Owls | 99.2 | 0 | 99.2 | |
| Snowy Owls | 99.6 | 3 | 96.6 | |
| Spectacled Owls | 97.3 | 5 | 92.3 | |
| Tawny Owls | 97.7 | 1 | 96.7 | |

TERMLY 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 term!

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 | Everyone |
| Blue Room | Everyone |
| Red Room | Everyone |
| Little Owls | Everyone |
| Elf Owls | Everyone |
| Barn Owls | Everyone |
| Snowy Owls | Everyone |
| Spectacled Owls | Everyone |
| Tawny Owls | Everyone |

YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

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| <p>RAINBOW ROOM</p> | <p>NURSERY</p> <p>The children have had a fun filled last week of term, which has included pom-pom printing calendars, moulding play dough Christmas trees & lots of cutting & sticking! They have also been to watch the Pre-School/Reception Christmas performances, which were fab!</p> |  |
| <p>BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM</p> | <p>The children have loved performing for all the adults that came to watch them this week, even though we are a bit Angel Express-d out now! There have also been lots of Christmas craft experiences including Christmas Tree cards, glittery decorations & making magical reindeer food!</p> | |
| <p>LITTLE OWLS</p>  | <p>RECEPTION</p> <p>The children did a great job during all three of their nativities this week; remembering the songs, their words and putting their costumes on correctly - well done! We looked at the importance of Christingles before the children made their own for the church service and we ordered numbers to 20 on Christmas stockings, identifying any missing numbers. We have sent home holiday homework where we would love to see a photo of what you have been up to - we will use this in our learning the first week back. Happy Christmas - have a great New Year!</p> | <p>ELF OWLS</p>  |
| <p>BARN OWLS</p>  | <p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week we performed our Christmas plays and the children all did a fantastic job! We have had lots of Christmas activities, including word searches, colouring by numbers and creating patterns. We made Christmas hats for the Christmas lunch and have learned all about Christingles. Homework: Please continue to read with your child. We will be emailing out a few phonics activities that you can practise at home, too. Feel free to do as many of these as you like – we don't need them returned to school, they are just for practising at home. Have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!</p> | <p>SNOWY OWLS</p>  |
| <p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p>  | <p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>Year 2 had a wonderful time performing to you all this week. They worked very hard practising their lines and thank you very much for all the homemade costumes; Baubles was a great success! The children have also had a fun week creating their toys for Christmas! Please don't forget to practise reading and writing the common exception words that were sent home earlier this week ☺ Have a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for 2019.</p> | <p>TAWNY OWLS</p>  |

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Florence O, George B & Bence F for being promoted to Yellow Band in Tang Soo Do

Sophie G for achieving her 10m Rainbow Swimming Award and her 2nd Pre-School Proficiency Badge in gymnastics

Natalya W for being presented with a Certificate of Participation by the Rugby Gymnastics Club

Lara H for achieving her Level 8 Gymnastics Proficiency Award

Dolly E & Lily P for performing in their Ballet School's Christmas Open Day

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

DATES FOR YOUR 2019 DIARIES

January

7 **Teacher Training Day**

8 8.45pm Spring Term Starts

February

12 3.30 – 7pm Parents' Evening

13 3.30 – 6pm Parents' Evening

March

5 Reception Height & Weight Checks

FAMILY HOLIDAYS MUST ONLY BE BOOKED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD



WOODY'S BLOG

Hello!

Hooray..... the Christmas holidays are here! What a busy time it's been. The Christmas performances were wonderful - you obviously worked very hard; I could even hear you singing as I lay in my bed in the office! I hope you enjoyed my Christmas poem in Assembly and thank you so much for my Christmas cards and presents; I'm a very lucky boy.

It's not too long before Santa will be here, so continue to be good and have a very Happy Christmas.

See you in 2019 everyone!

Woof, woof from
Woody xx



"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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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

Email: kjmarlow@ardenfitnessltd.co.uk [f Arden Fitness](https://www.facebook.com/ArdenFitness)

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

There are still **20 nursery pupils** that have yet to apply for their Reception place in September 2019

CHRISTMAS JUMPER/FUN DAY Charity Donations

Many thanks to everyone that donated money on Friday 14 December for non-uniform day; your generosity amassed £242.10 for the charity, 'Save the Children'. In doing so, you will have played an invaluable role in supporting the work done with, and for, the children around the world.



Save the Children

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to all those parents and children that have kindly given gifts and cards to staff across the School and Nursery; it is much appreciated.

We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and send our good wishes for a happy and healthy 2019!

See you all on Tuesday 8 January

UNLAWFUL CAR PARKING

We are very disappointed to have to mention this problem again. There is no excuse for cars to be parked across pavements, thereby restricting a school child or local resident's journey, forcing them to either walk on the road, or the grass. Can the owner of this car please think again before considering this as acceptable parking?

Thank you

PTA HAMPER WINNERS

A whopping 560 raffle tickets were sold to parents and staff prior to the draw for one of the fantastic Christmas hampers! Many thanks to everyone that supported this ☺

Here is a list of the lucky winners:

Rainbow Room – Ms Chaplin
Blue Room Nursery – Miss Brannan
Red Room Nursery – Mrs Hatfield
Little Owls – Mrs Pasternak
Elf Owls – Mrs Unett
Barn Owls – Mrs Turrell
Snowy Owls – Mrs Hicks
Spectacled Owls – Mrs Sutton
Tawny Owls – Mrs Mee





WOODY'S CHRISTMAS POEM

**I'm so excited Christmas is here
And I've written Santa a letter
I told him I've been very good
And my tricks are getting better**

**Now listen carefully everyone
I can hear the sleigh bells ringing
The nativity play is in the hall
And all the children are singing**

**But as for me I'm in the office
All cosy in my bed
The children have taken me for a walk
And now I'm sleeping with ted**

**I've asked Mr Dewes for something nice
- I'm hoping it's a big surprise
So if he's bought me a Christmas present
I just won't believe my eyes**

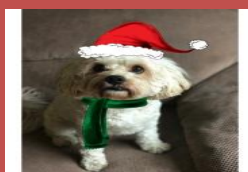
**Now Mr Dewes has some biscuits
And they're hidden under his chair
I think I might just open a box
As we know it's good to share**

**Thank you for my Christmas cards
And I've had some presents too
I really am a lucky dog
And I hope Santa is good to you**

**I'm getting quite excited
That Santa will soon be here
I hope he brings me a great big bone
To last me all next year**

**I love working with the children
I've had a really good year
And I love it in assembly
When you all give me a big cheer**

**I really enjoy being in school
With all the girls and boys
So Happy Christmas to you all
I'm off to play with my toys**



With love from Woody: Woof, Woof xx