

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



Spring Term Issue 2

18 January 2019

Headteacher's Message

With the possibility of worse weather in the coming weeks, I thought it would be a good time to remind parents about what happens in the case of extreme weather. Following a closure last year I asked parents to give their views on how we should deal with such situations. In particular, I was interested in whether parents want us to delay making a decision and increase the chances of keeping the school open, or we make an early decision and give more notice. In the past I have preferred the former option, but as the majority of parents wanted the latter, this year I will endeavour to make a decision about closing the school by 7pm the evening before. Hopefully this will make organising childcare easier. Parents will be notified through both www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures and our text messaging service.

Parents may not have noticed the plaque on the wall in our hall. It commemorates the building of the school which was ninety years ago this April. To mark this we are planning a number of events. One of which will be an Open Morning on Saturday 4 May where past and current pupils, as well as local residents, will be invited into school. We would like to have the event opened by our youngest pupil and the oldest ex-pupil we can find, so, if you know of any former pupils of a certain vintage, please encourage them to get in touch with school. Regardless of age, we would like as many alumni to attend, so please spread the word to people you know. Further details will be shared nearer the time.

Continuing from last week I would like to summarise some more of the responses from parents when asked about our approach to the curriculum. The third question was about how often children should be learning outside. For Early Years pupils there was a strong consensus towards pupils being outside every day. For pupils in KS1 one answer, which was the favourite among parents, was clear that parents valued being outside and would like this to be an important part of the curriculum. I will feedback more in next week's newsletter.

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WEEKLY EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	12.40 – 1.10pm Monday French Club (Barn Owls) 3.15 – 4pm Martial Arts
TUESDAY	12 – 1pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 2 After School Sports Club
WEDNESDAY	3.15 – 4pm Spanish Club 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


NEXT WEEK

REMINDERS/CHANGES FOR 21 – 25 JANUARY 2019

Monday 21st	
Tuesday 22nd	
Wednesday 23rd	
Thursday 24th	
Friday 25th	Tawny Owls – Non-Uniform Day for 100% attendance

ATTENDANCE AWARD

For the week ending 11 January 2019

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	93.3	1	92.3	
Elf Owls	99.2	2	97.2	
Barn Owls	95.2	2	93.2	
Snowy Owls	99.5	4	95.5	
Spectacled Owls	99.2	1	98.2	
Tawny Owls	100.0	0	100.0	

Congratulations to Tawny Owls for achieving 100% attendance with no late arrivals!
As a reward, they are able to wear non-uniform on Friday 25 January!

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD

Awarded to Tawny Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Guy'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	Harry B
Blue Room	Olivia W
Red Room	Max R
Little Owls	Oriana W
Elf Owls	Nia-Raine O
Barn Owls	Evangeline W
Snowy Owls	George B
Spectacled Owls	Roma T-K
Tawny Owls	Poppy T

YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

<p>RAINBOW ROOM</p>	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>The children have been learning & recapping the nursery rules as they get used to having more children, along with building up their relationships with new friends. They have been using various creative resources to make snowflakes & icy painting. Even our youngest children have been practising their fine motor & control skills, through playing a penguin game; having to balance all the penguins on the ice! For next week's learning, please could the children all bring a photograph of the outside of their house; thank you.</p>	
<p>BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM</p>	<p>Red Room have done some beautiful paintings of penguins & polar bears during their learning of the Arctic & Antarctic. They have also been using listening skills to differentiate between sounds in words during phonics. Blue Room have been using mittens with amounts on, to practise counting & matching numerals. There has been more fine motor skills work in the construction area where the children have been building with sugar cubes. Please could parents be aware of the limited space in the cloakrooms, & refrain from bringing in unnecessary items, or sitting for long periods of time; thank you.</p>	
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>The Reception children read the story of 'The Mitten' by Jan Brett this week; then they had a go at making their own mittens out of paper, with the challenge to fit their hand inside them. This proved quite tricky for some but all of them enjoyed having a go and showed some resilience. They have also worked hard to write about parts of the story by being encouraged to think of their own sentence and remembering it when writing. We were very pleased with the results. In Maths we have been counting and finding one more and one less than, using a group of objects. We then tried to do this straight away without using any objects. It has been a busy week!</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week, Year 1 has been using a variety of resources to construct and partition numbers up to 50. They have also been using 100 square grids to help find 1 more/1 less and 10 more/10 less of a number up to 50. In English we have been creating our own fact file on caterpillars and looking at the features found in non-fiction text. For our 1960's topic, we have looked at the 1969 moon landing, as well as learning about Bridget Riley who was a famous optical illusion artist.</p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>This week in English, we have been retelling the story of 'Lost & Found' by creating puppets. Also, the children have been learning about sentences using exclamation marks, conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. In Maths we have continued our work on multiplication by using arrays, repeated addition and have just started word problems. In Topic the children have learnt more about the location of the continents, making comparisons, and learning about the Equator. In SPaG they have learnt about compound words, finding them in texts, as well as writing them in their own sentences. <i>Please continue to practise 2, 5 & 10 timetables with your child.</i></p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Amy J for being promoted to Red Band in Martial Arts and **Ewan F** for being promoted to Orange Band

Ewan F for achieving his 5m swimming award, **Caitlin-Rose S** for achieving her 10m and **Lily N** for achieving her 20m

Eloise C, Darcey S, Lily N & Emily B for being awarded their Pre-Primary ballet rosettes

Lucy C for achieving her Level 8 Gymnastics Proficiency Award

Emily S, Layla F & Anika R for receiving their Preparatory Grade ballet awards

Flynn M for receiving a 'Player of the Week' Rugby medal

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

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



Dunchurch Methodist Church
Cawston Lane

Saturday 9 February
10.30-12.30

Crafts Lunch Celebration
for all the family

£1 per person
(payable on the day)

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messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk

 Dunchurch Baptist Church Messy Church
or at Noah's Ark

www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk

WOODY'S BLOG

Hello everyone!

I've got my lovely, cosy, jumper on today but I could really do with some boots to keep my paws warm, too. Brrrr, it is so cold.

I've been on some lovely walks this week with the children. At the Junior School, I have been helping with some writing about how to care for me and I had lots of fuss from the staff and children. I am always happy to be fussed !

Have a great weekend everyone!

Woof, woof from
Woody xx



PARENTS' MEETINGS

Tuesday 12 February - 3:30 - 7pm
Wednesday 13 February - 3:30 - 6pm

Parents of school children, from Reception to Year 2, will be able to book a slot with their child's teacher to discuss progress, to date.

PLEASE NOTE:

Each appointment is 10 minutes long.

Please be considerate to the appointments after you, by not over running your allocated time, as it has a knock-on overall affect on the evening; thank you.

To book your time slot, visit our online booking system:

www.dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.co.uk
(hover over this link, then press control and click to open it)

This will be available, as follows:

8pm on Tuesday 22 January - 8pm on Tuesday 5 February

Parents of nursery children will be able to book their time slots via the notice board in their child's nursery cloakroom from Tuesday 22 January onwards.

FOR AGES 3-13yrs
(PARENTS WELCOME!)



FREE

DUNCHURCH YOUTH CLUB

@ Dunchurch Methodist
Church Centre, CV22 6QE

Every Monday 5pm - 6:30pm




Play Rangers Activity Club
@ Hill Street Community Centre
Every Friday 4pm - 6:30pm

After a fantastic Summer of activities, Hill Street Community Centre & Rugby Borough Council's Play Rangers are now offering a pre-teens activity club with lots of fun and exciting games to get your kids active and meet some new friends! We will be running sessions every Friday at 4-5:30pm for children and young people under 13 years of age (under 8s must be accompanied by a responsible adult). These sessions are **FREE**, so simply speak to the Hill Street staff to get more information or come along to the sessions on the day.

Activities include

- Messy Play
- Circus Skills
- Cowboys and Indians
- Multi-sports
- Goal keeping and penalty shootout

For under 13s

For further information contact Hill Street Community Centre on 01788 576041.

Children under 8 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged 18+. The service provides free of charge, open access drop-in play sessions; and as such Rugby Borough Council cannot accept any responsibility for children's safety if they choose to leave early. All sessions are void for 14 children may get muddy, they may also use paint, glue, etc., as they should be dressed accordingly.



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