

# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



## Spring Term Issue 4

**1 February 2019**

### Headteacher's Message

With the recent icy weather, I am grateful to Mr. Hagan our caretaker for gritting the school site. With a reasonably large site, there is a lot to do in very cold conditions. I have had a couple of conversations with parents in the last couple of weeks about pavements leading to the school. I have been told (after Mr. Hagan gritted some of the pavement in School St. last year) that we are not allowed to grit outside of the school's grounds. As ridiculous as this is, I hope parents understand that we do not make the rules and have to abide by them.

Next week the children in reception, year 1 and year 2 will be going to the Junior School to take part in Sign2Sing. The children have done a great job of practising the song and have really enjoyed it. If they want to sing at home this weekend, they can see the video [here](#).

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### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES


<b>MONDAY</b>	12.40 – 1.10pm Monday French Club (Barn Owls) 3.15 – 4pm Martial Arts
<b>TUESDAY</b>	12 – 1pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 2 After School Sports Club
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	3.15 – 4pm Spanish Club 3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
<b>THURSDAY</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
<b>FRIDAY</b>	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 4 – 8 FEBRUARY

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Deadline for PTA Movie Night Applications</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3.15pm PTA Movie Night 8pm Parents' Evening Booking Line closes</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	

# PUPIL AWARDS

<b>ATTENDANCE AWARD</b> <b>For the week ending 25 January 2019</b>				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
<b>Little Owls</b>	95.3	3	92.3	
<b>Elf Owls</b>	98.3	2	96.3	
<b>Barn Owls</b>	98.5	0	98.5	
<b>Snowy Owls</b>	94.8	4	90.8	
<b>Spectacled Owls</b>	99.3	3	96.3	
<b>Tawny Owls</b>	99.3	2	97.3	

## 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

<b>Rainbow Room</b>	<b>Ava M</b>
<b>Blue Room</b>	<b>William E</b>
<b>Red Room</b>	<b>George M</b>
<b>Little Owls</b>	<b>Frankie-Lee G</b>
<b>Elf Owls</b>	<b>George H</b>
<b>Barn Owls</b>	<b>Elijah W</b>
<b>Snowy Owls</b>	<b>Sam L</b>
<b>Spectacled Owls</b>	<b>Aurelia S</b>
<b>Tawny Owls</b>	<b>Thomas D</b>

# YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

<p><b>RAINBOW ROOM</b></p>	<p><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>We loved practising our scissor cutting skills, cutting along a straight line, as well as different patterns; they were very good! There have been some lovely photographs of their houses coming in, and they have enjoyed discussing them with their friends and describing them. Even in this very cold weather, they have been enthusiastic about going outside to explore the ice and even went for a short walk to see what sounds they could hear.</p>	
<p><b>BLUE ROOM &amp; RED ROOM</b></p>	<p>In Blue Room the children have loved exploring the topic, Space! They have engaged in group learning, drawing &amp; learning the names of the planets, discussing how astronauts eat &amp; sleep in space and using their imagination in the moon sand. In Red Room, the children have been showing interest in shapes within the environment and making patterns. They have also enjoyed their doctor's role play area. Both rooms have enjoyed exploring the ice and even had a go at some sledging!</p>	
<p><b>LITTLE OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p>This week we have had lots of fun in our role play Pizzeria; the children explored the language of addition when placing toppings on their pizzas and they have also started to record number sentences to demonstrate their understanding too. We have looked at the story of 'The Little Red Hen makes a Pizza' and the children wrote about items that the Little Red Hen needed to get in order to create his pizza! To tie in with the weather, our investigation area allowed the children to explore 'ice' and its properties, they soon realised objects were trapped in the ice and came up with ideas about how to set them free.</p>	<p><b>ELF OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>BARN OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR ONE</b></p> <p>In Maths this week the children have been using tens frames, part, part whole and number lines to add together two numbers (to 20). We have continued looking at the text 'Where The Wild Things Are!' and the children have been using the word 'and' to join two sentences together. In Topic this week we have been on a Winter walk and observed what happens to plants and animals. We have learned about the artist Andy Warhol and the 'pop art' style.</p>	<p><b>SNOWY OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>SPECTACLED OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>This week we have been writing a character profile of the boy from 'Lost and Found'. The children have worked on their expanded noun phrases and justifying their opinion by referring back to the text. All of their writing was fantastic. In Maths the children have developed their reasoning skills with multiplication problems. They have learnt how to reason and explain themselves. In SpaG we have taught possessive apostrophes and how to write with and without plurals. We have continued our work with animal habitats.</p>	<p><b>TAWNY OWLS</b></p> 

# NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

## CONGRATULATIONS

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

**James S & Tom D** for being awarded their Certificate & Medal of Achievement from Rascals U7 Football Academy

**Olivia R** for achieving her Level 7 Gymnastics Proficiency Award

**Hugo N** for receiving the 'Player of the Week' trophy from Rugby Town FC U7's

**Lucy Carey & Lily Pasternak** for recognition of their visit to the Mayor's Parlour

**Nathan Fox** for his awards in Ballroom and Latin American dancing

**Well done everyone!**

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

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)

Book your place asap:

[messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk)

 Dunchurch Baptist Church Messy Church  
or at Noah's Ark

[www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk)

### MID-DAY SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

We are looking to recruit mid-day supervisors to start work as soon as possible within school/nursery.

If you, a friend or a family member are interested, please contact the school office for an application form:

01788 810292  
office@dunchurchinfants.co.uk

## WOODY'S BLOG

Hello everyone!

Do you like my new hair cut? I've kept the fur on my ears a bit longer to keep my head warm as I feel a bit silly in a hat. I'm hoping we get some snow because I just love playing out in the garden and running around in it. If there's enough snow I'm going to build a snowman! Have a great weekend.

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 effect on the evening; thank you.**

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

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

This will be available until 8pm on Tuesday 5 February

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Parents of nursery children will be able to book their time slots via the notice board in their child's cloak room until  
**Tuesday 5 February**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### February

- 5 PTA Movie Night
- 12 Parents' Evening
- 13 Parents' Evening
- 15 Non Uniform Day in aid of PWSA Charity
- 15 PTA Valentine's Cake Sale

### March

- 5 Reception Heights & Weights Check
- 7 World Book Day 2019
- 29 Year 2 Gurdwara Trip

### April

- 5 PTA Quiz Night
- 16 National Offer Day for September '19 places

### May

- 4 Save the date!  
(details to follow)



## MEDICAL ABSENCES

We thought it beneficial to remind parents of the School/Nursery's requirements with regards to their child's medical absences, which are as follows:

- ✓ If your child is ill, please ensure that you inform the School Office **BEFORE** 9am on the first morning, either by answer phone or email
- ✓ When doing so, please give details of your child's illness, do not just state that they are 'unwell/poorly/ill/not coming in'. We need to know what is wrong so that we can see if we have an illness that is spreading across the School or Nursery. The School Office holds HSC guidance on infection control, should you be unsure as to whether your child can attend
- ✓ If your child is suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea they **MUST** stay off school for 48 hours **AFTER** their last bout. If you return them any sooner, we will ring and ask you to collect him/her
- ✓ If your child needs to attend a medical/hospital/dental appointment, please inform the School Office/Nursery Manager **IN ADVANCE** of the appointment (unless booked as an emergency) and show a copy of the letter/appointment card, so that a photocopy can be placed on file and the absence diary completed

**Thanking you in advance for your co-operation**



## LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE OF PUPILS

When arriving late, or picking your School/Nursery child up early, you must arrive/depart via the School Office.

There is a form that needs completing by parents before departing the school and we have noticed recently that parents do not put the reason why their child is arriving late, or leaving early.

As stated on that form, if the reason is not given, the child's absence will be marked as unauthorised. Therefore, can we please request that this information is detailed at all times.

**Thank you for your co-operation**

## FORTHCOMING PTA EVENTS

**Friday 1 February**

**3.15pm onwards**

Hot Chocolate &  
Second Hand Uniform Sale

**Tuesday 5 February**

**3.15 - 5pm**

PTA Movie Night  
*'Toy Story'*

**Friday 15 February**

**3.15pm onwards**

Valentine's Cake Sale  
*(donations welcome that morning)*

**Friday 5 April**

***Save the date!***

PTA Quiz Night  
*(more details to follow)*

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE ZIG ZAG LINES AROUND THE SCHOOL –  
THEY ARE THERE FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY, NOT FOR PARKING ON!**

## SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

A wide selection of 'pre-loved' Infant School uniform is available from the PTA, all in excellent condition.

Suggested donation per item is:

- Jumper/cardigan with school logo - £2
- T-shirt with school logo - £1

This is a great way to raise funds for the School/Nursery and save yourself some money too!

Email [melbraybs@gmail.com](mailto:melbraybs@gmail.com) to find out if we have the items/sizes you require.



## *Dunchurch Festival Group*

Present

Saturday  
2nd March

# QUIZ NIGHT

Dunchurch Village Hall

£20 team of 6

Doors open 7.00 for 7.30

Prize for the winning team

Bar & snacks

To book call Rob on 01788 817307

See our website [www.dunchurchevents.org](http://www.dunchurchevents.org) or facebook

[www.dunchurchevents.org](http://www.dunchurchevents.org)

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### Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery PTA

SAVE THE DATE

# Quiz

The PTA introduce their 3rd Annual Quiz & Fizz Night!

Friday 5 April, 7:30 - 11pm in the Dunchurch WI Hall

Teams of six can be organised ahead of time or join a team on the night

£8 pp - tickets on sale soon; book early to avoid disappointment

Licenced Bar and pulled pork batches (veggie option also available)

Winners will be awarded the prestigious Quiz & Fizz Trophy

This social evening is for grown ups, so please leave your little ones at home

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## **NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR PUPILS AT BOTH THE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS**

**Friday 15 February**  
**Suggested donation of £1 per child gratefully received**

Both schools are trying to raise money to support PWSA, which offer invaluable help and support to Prader Willi families.

A family at the Junior School have a son with PWS; this is an insight into their life:

Natasha's son, Max, was born in 2008. When he came into the world he didn't open his eyes or cry, he was as floppy as a rag doll and wasn't able to breast feed. He was taken into Special Care and was tube fed in a motionless state. After many intrusive tests, Natasha and her husband, Dan, were finally sat down and told that Max had a rare genetic disorder called Prader Willi Syndrome.

Max won't be able to have children and will need lots of support and constant supervision for the rest of his life. He has learning difficulties which include having a short concentration span, making learning a challenge. He has poor fine motor skills and speech and language difficulties. Max has a damaged area in the brain called the Hypothalamus, which means that he never feels full up after meals. He suffers with very low muscle tone (inside and out) and has a slow metabolism, making burning off his calories very hard. Without strict daily monitoring of his calorie intake, Max could very quickly become overweight and this could lead to life threatening obesity.

It costs £350,000 per annum to keep PWSA running. Any money raised will also go towards research into finding a cure.

Max already benefits from research in the form of a daily growth hormone injection. It has changed his world. His life is a big challenge with many frustrations every day but he is always smiling and laughing and has a mountain of support that his parents can never be thankful enough for, so thank you, in advance, from the Warwood family.

**All money raised will be donated to the Prader Willi Syndrome Association**  
**Charity No: 1155846**