

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



Spring Term Issue 5

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Headteacher's Message

Visitors to the front of the school entrance, after half term, will notice some differences. We are enlarging the office space used by Mrs Eames, Mrs Hackley and Mrs Young by knocking through a wall into an area where a photocopier and some cupboards are kept (next to the library). This part of the school has been a bit unloved and currently the Administration Team have a very small space to work in. Hopefully this will create a better working space and make the school even more welcoming for visitors.

Another change in the front of the school is my office, which I now share with Mrs Barnes. With part of my time being spent at the Junior School, it makes little sense for me to have an office to myself. We have had some nearly-new furniture, thanks to Wolseley Plumbing in Leamington Spa, who donated some of their unwanted furniture after a recent office move.

Sadly, our Sports Coach, Angela Horley, will be leaving us at Half Term to join another school. I am grateful for all of Angela's hard work during her time with us.

As a result of Angela leaving, there will be no After School Sports Clubs on Tuesdays and Fridays from after Half Term until at least the Easter break.

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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 11-15 FEBRUARY

Monday 11th	
Tuesday 12th	3.30 – 7pm Parents' Meetings
Wednesday 13th	3.30 – 6pm Parents' Meetings
Thursday 14th	
Friday 15th	NON-UNIFORM DAY 3.15pm PTA Uniform & Valentine's Cake Sale

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 1 February 2019				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	91.7	3	88.7	
Elf Owls	91.7	2	88.7	
Barn Owls	99.2	0	99.2	
Snowy Owls	96.4	6	90.4	
Spectacled Owls	99.7	1	98.7	
Tawny Owls	97.3	0	97.3	

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD

Awarded to Elf Owls

Well done to the children in Mrs Carrington'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	Durphine G
Blue Room	Hollie F
Red Room	Thorin M
Little Owls	Freddie M
Elf Owls	Eleanor B
Barn Owls	Ashton L
Snowy Owls	Surin T
Spectacled Owls	Amy J
Tawny Owls	Leila S

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

<p>RAINBOW ROOM</p>	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>The children have enjoyed creating Chinese New Year lanterns this week, as well as tasting some Chinese food and it went down well! They have loved engaging in imaginative play around babies & families, following on from their interests last week. To develop their recognition of basic shapes, they have been practising drawing them in shaving foam, with the addition of plastic shapes to prompt them.</p>	
<p>BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM</p>	<p>Both rooms enjoyed a visit from a dental nurse on Tuesday, where they listened well to Lucy talking about looking after our teeth; they even got to meet Wayne the Donkey and have a go at cleaning his teeth! In Red Room the children have been creating healthy lunch boxes and learning about keeping their bodies healthy. In Blue Room the children have continued their learning around Space, as well as developing their knowledge of shape properties.</p>	
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>This week in Reception we looked at how the Chinese New Year is celebrated. To prepare for the special day the children all helped to clean the Reception Unit. They dressed up in traditional clothes and had a go with chopsticks. We introduced subtraction by eating pretend pizzas and the children did a great job of mixing primary colours, creating some fantastic rainbows, which are going to be displayed in our school hall.</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week, in English, we have been retelling the story of 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We have been applying our use of exclamation marks and joining two sentences together with 'and'. In Maths we have been partitioning numbers to make addition easier. We have been making the 10 first and finding out how many are left. In Topic we have learned about keeping ourselves safe online and have been continuing with Andy Warhol in Art. We have learned about the Chinese New Year and created our own Chinese dragons.</p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>In English we have been researching penguins in order to write a non-chronological report. The children have selected their own sub-headings and will then use this to write their report next week. We have also focused on the features of a non-chronological report - present tense, factual, sub-headings and a title. In Maths we have introduced division. The children have explored this practically and created their pictorial representations. We will continue this work next week. In Topic we have been learning about food chains and what each part gives the next animal etc.</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Joey T for being 'Player of the Week' at SoccerRockz

Caitlin-Rose S for being rewarded with Gymnastics and Funky Dance medals

Well done!



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'

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Easter & Summer Breaks

We will, again, be organising a two week Holiday Club for the Easter break and a 4 week one for the first four weeks of the summer break.

More details about dates, cost and themes will follow shortly, together with information about how to obtain booking forms.

There will also be another 'early bird' offer if you book before a given deadline, too.

Watch this space for more details!



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

WOODY'S BLOG

Hello everyone!

I hope you have all had a good week?

I've had a busy week: I've been to see my doggy friends at our Training Club. I'm learning lots of new things to do but I don't always get it right, unfortunately ☹ but, like Mrs Beech says, practice makes perfect! So, I had best keep practising, hadn't I..... Hopefully it won't be long before I get the hang of them!

The wind has really been ruffling my coat these last few days and, I believe that, if Mrs Beech hadn't got me on a lead, I would have blown away in it, just like Mary Poppins!

Have a great weekend everyone
Woof, woof from
Woody xx



PARENTS' MEETINGS

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

PLEASE NOTE:

Each appointment is **10 minutes long**.
Please consider the appointments after you, by not
over running your allocated time, as it has a knock-on
overall effect on the evening; thank you.

FORTHCOMING PTA EVENTS

Friday 15 February
3.15pm onwards
Valentine's Cake Sale
(donations welcome that morning)

Friday 29 March
Mother's Day Gift Shop
(more details to follow)

Friday 5 April
Save the date!
PTA Quiz Night
(more details to follow)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

March

- 5 Reception Heights & Weights Check
- 7 World Book Day 2019
- 27 Year 2 Mother's Day Lunch
- 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)

June

- 14 Year 2 Father's Day Lunch

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

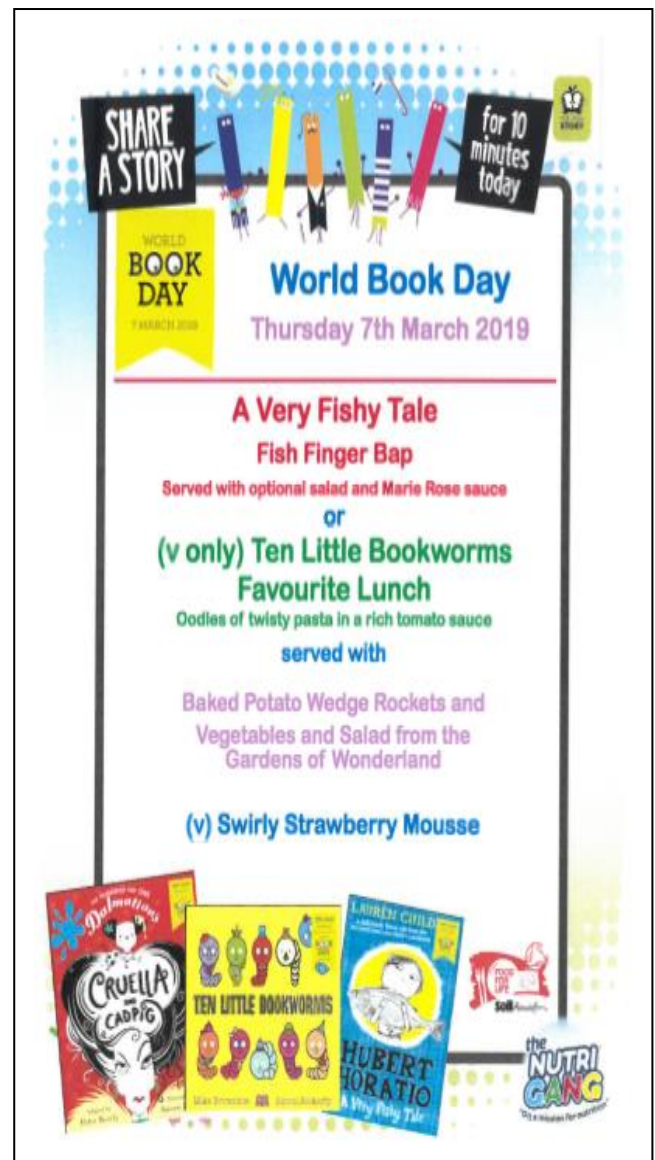
A wide selection of 'pre-loved' Infant School uniform is available from the PTA, all in excellent condition.

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 to find out if we have the items/sizes you require.



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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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RECEPTION PARENTS

Many Reception pupils have been sent home in clean tights or trousers recently due to 'little accidents'. We do not appear to be receiving these items back, once washed.

If you have any of the above items that belong to the school, could you please return them at your earliest convenience; thank you.

If any parents happen to have any tights or trousers that their child has grown out of and no longer need, Reception classes would welcome increasing their stock. Please either hand them straight to the teacher/TA or into the School Office, when they will be passed on.

Many thanks ☺

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-peters-spring-into-easter-tickets-55929847680>

ST PETER'S CHURCH INVITES YOU TO

SPRING INTO EASTER

Join us on Saturday 2 March, 10am-12pm, for a journey through Lent.
With pancake decorating, craft activities and more...



£2 per child, pay on the door
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THURSDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm

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£2 PER CHILD (ADULTS FREE)

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RUGBY

VALENTINE'S CAKE SALE



Please bring your cake donations on the morning of...

Friday 15th February

...and remember your change at 3:15 to buy a little Friday treat

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