

# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



**Spring Term  
Issue 6  
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## Headteacher's Message

I am aware of the pressures many families sometimes have when it comes to balancing work and family life. In particular, childcare can be an issue, which is why we have Owls running at the start of each school day. It is also why we have, in recent years, run a club during much of the school holidays. While there are a number of providers elsewhere offering similar provision, we know there is demand from parents for holiday childcare. A challenge we have found has been staffing the club, so I pleased to say we have a new colleague who will running the provision, Andra Chis.

Mrs Chis joined our Nursery this January and has extensive experience in childcare, as well as being a qualified teacher. From Easter, holiday care will be offered during every holiday with the exception of Christmas and the last two weeks of the Summer break. We will be sending out more details after half term.

I hope you all enjoy the holiday. We have a busy week with building work taking place to improve the School Office over the break. I look forward to welcoming you back a week on Monday.

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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
<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


## NEXT WEEK

### REMINDERS/CHANGES FOR 25 February – 1 March

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	

# PUPIL AWARDS

## ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 8 February 2019

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	95.3	1	94.3	
Elf Owls	98.7	3	95.7	
Barn Owls	96.2	0	96.2	
Snowy Owls	93.6	4	89.6	
Spectacled Owls	97.0	2	95.0	
Tawny Owls	99.0	4	95.0	

## WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Little Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Shrimpton'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	Lucas R
Blue Room	Olivia W
Red Room	Esme F
Little Owls	Freddie B
Elf Owls	Alfie D
Barn Owls	Fraiya H
Snowy Owls	Iris G
Spectacled Owls	Darcey S
Tawny Owls	Lara H

# YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

<p><b>RAINBOW ROOM</b></p>	<p><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>The children have loved acting out every day experiences, such as, making lunch in the kitchen, feeding &amp; walking the dogs, and making tea &amp; coffee in the water area, using real tea bags! During group times they have developed their knowledge of size, identifying what is big or small, and then categorising items. They have also been planting in the garden, learning about the environment around them.</p>	
<p><b>BLUE ROOM &amp; RED ROOM</b></p>	<p>All the children have been developing their recall of stories; showing their ability to discuss characters, events &amp; predicting what might happen next. Some children in Red Room have been getting creative, painting onto different materials - today, cling film! In Blue Room, children have been demonstrating how to use tools safely in the construction area and outside.</p>	
<p><b>LITTLE OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p>Another busy week in Reception! It was lovely to speak to so many of you during parent consultations and we all agree how far the children have come on.</p> <p>The children enjoyed investigating the PE apparatus and used positional language to describe where they were. We have continued working on subtraction and focusing on securing our knowledge of numbers to 20.</p> <p>Please see book bags for homework. Happy Half Term!</p>	<p><b>ELF OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>BARN OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR ONE</b></p> <p>In Maths we have been learning to partition numbers to make 10 before subtracting. In English we have looked at the book 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' and have answered questions about the story and have sequenced and written about it. In Topic we have been continuing to look at Pop Art. We have learned about Roy Lichtenstein and the Ben Day dot technique. We have used the computers to create labels for our artwork and have looked at how to wash our hands effectively. Over the half term break please continue to read with your child and practise number bonds of ten. Here is a useful link to help you <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</a></p>	<p><b>SNOWY OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>SPECTACLED OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>In Literacy, Year 2 have written their non-chronological reports on penguins, thinking about linking their sentences together and using a variety of sentence stems. In Maths we have learnt how to divide on a number line and now working on solving problems and choosing our own method to solve. During Topic we have created a piece of art work based on 'Lost and Found'. We have learned to create different tones of blue for the ocean and sky and are now using different materials to create a 3D piece of work. We would really appreciate it if you could practise writing and reading any words from the common exception sheet for Year 1 and 2 over the Half Term. Thank you! Have a lovely break!</p>	<p><b>TAWNY OWLS</b></p> 

# NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

## CONGRATULATIONS

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

**Lottie F** for coming second in Rugby Gymnastics Floor & Vault Competition

**Amy J** for making good progress in her swimming lessons

**Pippa F** for receiving her Duckling 2 swimming award

**George B** for receiving his Stage 1 swimming award

*and special congratulations go to*

**Oriana W** for having her hair cut short and donating it to the Little Princess Trust!

**Well done everyone!**



## SCHOOL AND NURSERY PARENTS

We will shortly be completing our end of year financial procedures. We would appreciate all Nursery and Owls invoices being paid at your earliest convenience.

Many thanks ☺



is almost upon us .....!

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

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've been feeling sorry for myself this week. I haven't been feeling very well and had to stay at the vets for two days so they could make me better. I was a brave boy but I missed you all very much.

I'm feeling much better now because Mrs Beech has been making me scrambled eggs for breakfast and cooking me some lovely chicken for my tea. I'm sure I will be back to my normal bouncy self after Half Term.

Have a great break everyone

Woof, woof from  
Woody xx



## FORTHCOMING PTA EVENTS

**Friday 29 March**  
Mother's Day Gift Shop



**Friday 5 April**  
PTA Quiz Night



Many thanks to everyone who donated their £1's towards the 'sign2sing' event last week. We had a collection of £108.85!

**sign2sing**

RAISING MONEY FOR THE DEAF HEALTH CHARITY SIGNHEALTH

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



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



### 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

Licensed 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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# Is this clear enough?

Zig Zag lines outside schools are there to protect YOUR children.

NO Picking up  
NO Dropping off  
NO Parking  
NO Excuses!

## A MESSAGE FOR ALL SCHOOL PARENTS

At the suggestion of one of our parents, we are printing this picture in the hope that it brings home to all of our parents why zig zag lines are painted outside school premises.

**Please do not:**

Pick up, drop off or  
park on the zig zag lines outside our school

*Thank you for your co-operation*