

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We are looking forward to welcoming people to the school tomorrow from 11am for the 90th anniversary of the school buildings. There are lots of activities planned - my thanks to all of the staff and parents involved, a lot of work has gone into the event's organisation. The children will be coming home today with a special memento of the event which the PTA have generously supported. You will also be able to see some of the fantastic artwork that has been created by the children with the two artists who have visited this week, Janet Watson and Jessica Hartshorne



You may have seen over the Easter holiday some discussion in the media about SATs. These are tests which are set nationally and sat by children in years 2 and 6. As is often the way when the mainstream media report on educational stories, some of the nuance around the issue has been lost, so I thought I would write about the subject.

During a speech at teachers' union conference Jeremy Corbyn pledged to scrap SATs. During the speech it was said that "extreme pressure testing" left children, among other things, in "floods of tears". I have never seen a child cry over SATs at either Dunchurch Infants or Dunchurch Juniors. I am not in a position to write about the experiences of at other schools, but we work hard to protect children from any undue pressure. It is also important to stress that SATs in year 2, only help to inform the level children are assessed at; the teacher's own assessment of what children can do day-in, day-out, take precedent. In year 6, science and writing are no longer assessed by test, again, teacher assessments are used instead.

While schools are held to account for the results of pupils, it is my and my colleagues' job to make sure that pressure is not unduly put onto the children. Generally I think we do a very good job of this and it would be unfortunate if reports in the media about SATs gave a different impression. I should stress that none of this is meant to make a political point - I can find issue with other party's policies on education too!

Ian Dewes

Executive Headteacher

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	12.40 – 1.10PM Monday French Club (Barn Owls) 3.15 – 4pm Martials Arts
TUESDAY	12 – 1pm Singing 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 1 – 3pm Violin/Cello Lessons

Reminders/changes for 6 – 10 May

MONDAY 6	Bank Holiday
TUESDAY 7	Blue Room Nursery ask that each child brings in a toilet or kitchen roll inner
WEDNESDAY 8	PTA Meeting 7.00 pm
THURSDAY 9	
FRIDAY 10	

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 12 April 2019				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	94.7	1	93.7	
★ Elf Owls	98.3	1	97.3	WELL DONE! ★
Barn Owls	96.7	1	95.7	
Snowy Owls	95.2	7	88.2	
Spectacled Owls	98.7	7	91.7	
Tawny Owls	97.7	3	94.7	

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD

Awarded to Spectacled Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Lodge'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 Midday Supervisors

Rainbow Room	Ava S
Blue Room	Seth M
Red Room	George M
Little Owls	Zach M-L
Elf Owls	Esme B
Barn Owls	Moon Y
Snowy Owls	Ethan B
Spectacled Owls	Ishan B-R
Tawny Owls	Milo B

YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY Rainbow Room</p> <p>We have welcomed lots of new children into the room this week, who have all settled in fantastically. All the children have enjoyed using the Duplo in the paint to create different effects, as well as contributing to the 90th birthday masterpiece! The multi-coloured rice has been popular, with the children using their co-ordination to pour and fill different sized containers. We look forward to seeing lots of you tomorrow at our 90th birthday celebrations in the school grounds.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>Both rooms have been super busy this week, with Red Room exploring their home made dino eggs and Blue Room developing their estimating skills. They have also both created a piece of art work to celebrate our 90th birthday, using paint & Calpol syringes! Outside, the children have been learning about size in the gravel area, as well as using the water to create large marks on the wall.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Red Room</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Little Owls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RECEPTION</p> <p>The children have all settled into the routine of school again after the holiday. Most said that they were happy to be back! We have searched for signs of spring outside. The children have used the iPads to take photos of any evidence. We used the photos for our writing this week. In maths we have begun to share objects into equal groups in a very practical way. The creative table has been popular. The children have been busy making shoes with the challenge being to walk across the room without their new shoes falling off. Modifications have been made and the children have shown resilience.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Elf Owls</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Barn Owls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week in maths we have been looking at numbers to 100. We have been finding one more and one less than any number to 100 and finding ten more and ten less than a number to 100. In English we have been learning about the prefix un and have been applying this to our writing. Our topic this half term is I'm alive. This week we have looked at parts of plants and trees and have looked at what makes a plant healthy. We have planted cress and beans and will observe the changes throughout the half term</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Snowy Owls</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Spectacled Owls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR TWO</p> <p>In English this week we have been researching about wolves. The children have researched and planned a non-chronological report about wolves and all the interesting facts they have found out. In maths we have started learning about time and continuing our work on number in particular - inverse. In topic we have been learning about our school, celebrating 90 years and created a leaflet about why children should come to our school.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Tawny Owls</p>

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

TERM DATES 2019

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 DIARIES

May

4 90th Anniversary Fair- See Poster Below

June

11 Class Photos and Leavers' Individual Photos

14 12.30pm Year 2 Father's Day Lunch

17 Y2 junior school transition 1 – 3 pm

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26 Y1 Synagogue trip

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27 County Transfer Day

July

10 Y2/Y3 Sports 2 – 3 pm

11 Y2 Maypole Family Dance 5.30 – 7 pm

12 Y2/Y3 Teddy Bear Picnic 12 noon–1.30 pm

13 PTA Family Fun Barn Dance

16 Sports Day 9.15 – 11.15 am

17 Reserve Sports Day 9.15 – 11.15 am

18 Y2 Play to parents

19 Y2 Leavers' Assembly 9 10 am

19 School closes for summer break

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PTA

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'

CONGRATULATIONS

This week our congratulations go to

Ethan B for working so hard to gain his 5m, 10m, 25m, 50m And 100m swimming certificate and badge all on the same day

Dexter M and **Rachel M** for being awarded their Starland Krew certificates for Selfie Game and Positions

Flynn N for Player of the Week at Soccer Rockz Football

Tom D awarded the trophy of Player of the Week with DMFC

Pippa F for receiving her Rainbow Guides Promise certificate and her Certificate of Achievement from SDR Fitness

Laycie L was awarded a trophy for Player of the Basketball Easter Camp

Sophie G for being awarded her 3rd certificate and badge for British Gymnastics Proficiency

Sam L received his certificate of investiture to Beaver Scouts

Ava T awarded her Swim England Learn to Swim Stage 3 certificate and badge

WELL DONE!

WOODY'S BLOG

Hello

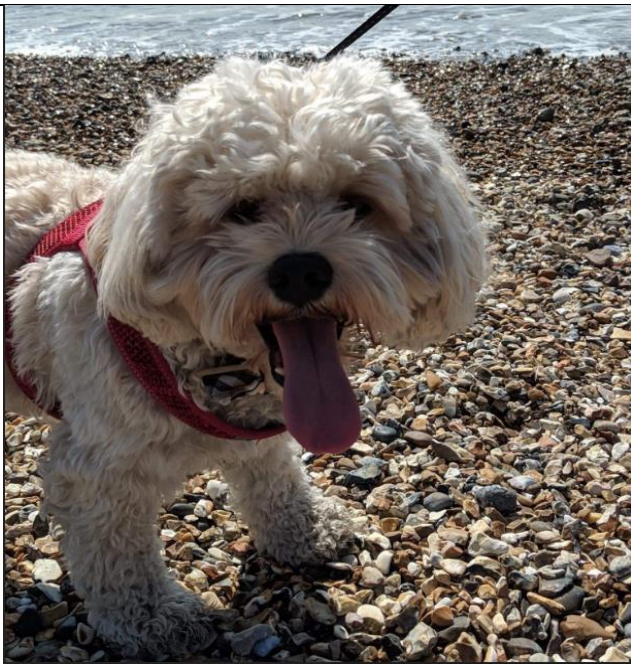
I hope you all had a lovely Easter. I went to the seaside, but I really didn't like the waves. I ran away when the waves came in as I didn't want to get my feet wet!

This week I've started Woody's Buddies Club for the reception children. We went for a lovely walk in the sunshine and we also saw two horses in the field. I was very well behaved as I didn't want to frighten them.

Don't forget to come and see me on Saturday at our 90th Anniversary Fair as I will have a Name the Dog stall, with a dog nearly as cute as me for you to win.

Woof, woof from

Woody xx



TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please note that if you need to contact Owls Club or Dan Mumford Football Coaching after 4.15 pm you will need the following phone numbers:

Owls: 07810175463

DMFC: 07835023939



DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY PTA

Family Fun Barn Dance

Saturday 13th July

Dunchurch Village Hall

6-9pm

All welcome

More details to follow

90th Anniversary Celebrations

On Tuesday half of school worked with the artist Janet Watson who has created 3 owls. They incorporate all of our Owl class names and the children each created part of the owl's body using acrylic paint.

On Wednesday the other half of the school worked with Jessica Hartshorne to create our '90th Birthday Tree'. Each child painted a leaf and Year 2 helped to collage the bigger leaves with words or pictures that are special to the school.

Nursery also go involved with some 90th Birthday art and used syringes to squirt paint on to canvas.



Calling all bakers - your school needs you!

As part of the Dunchurch Infant School & Nursery 90th anniversary celebrations on Saturday 4th May, the PTA will be raising funds to support the school by running a tea room and hosting a Dunchurch bake off.

Are your brownies the best? Is your Victoria sandwich fit for royalty? Is your show stopping bake sublime?



We need donations of delicious baked (or bought!) treats for our tea and cake sale....and there will be star bakers awarded in these categories:

Showstoppingly Stunning Cake
Fastest Selling Bake
Coollest Cupcake
Mini Star Baker (under 14)

If you would like to support the event by baking a cake and throw your hat into the ring to be crowned one of Dunchurch's star bakers, please contact Verity Timmins (Facebook or 07779590365) to let us know you'll be getting involved. All donations are welcome and letting us know in advance will be an enormous help.

Cakes and bakes can be brought to school on Friday 3rd May (drop off and pick up) or brought to school before 10:45am on a Saturday 4th May.

You can also help by volunteering to serve cakes and drinks on the day. We need people to sign up for 30 minute slots please.

Finally can you lend a cake stand or tea pot to help us dress the hall and set the scene?



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90TH **Anniversary** **Fair**



SATURDAY
4th MAY 2019
11am TO 2pm

**to celebrate our 90th year
please come and join us in
the school grounds**

- Refreshments - Various stalls - Face painting