

Dunchurch CofE Infant School and Nursery

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Friday, 10 March 2023



A message from Mr Andrews

Dear families,

With such a chilly feel to the end of the week, it feels slightly as if we've returned to the middle of winter, even though Easter is around the corner! The severe weather this morning forced the decision to close both schools; something that was common across the whole of Rugby and Warwickshire. The decision to close schools is always made in the best interests of ensuring the safety of pupils, their families and our staff. We hope that our community understands the challenge in making such decisions and we appreciate your continued support.

You will have received an email and letter yesterday from our Chair of Governors and me, updating everyone on our now confirmed academisation target of June 1st. We hope that as many of you are able to join us at the junior school at 6pm on the 22nd March to hear from the leadership team at the Coventry Diocese Multi-Academy Trust, and to learn a little more about the support they offer their academies and the logistical side of converting.

For those unable to join in person, please do send through your questions via the MS Form, or join us online via the Teams link set up.

It is an exciting time to be part of the Dunchurch Federation, and we are looking forward to being able to bring the community together more as we edge towards the summer term.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

**Best wishes,
Mr Andrews**

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week we have considered how we can persevere without learning and in our everyday lives, finding out how this links with religious stories from the bible. We have also learnt about the Hindu festival of Holi. There are lots of similarities between Hinduism and Christianity.

We have also started to prepare for our Easter visit to St Peter's church, learning the song 'Sing out an Easter song' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

Stars of the Week

Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

All Children

Red Room

Lunchtime

All Children

Blue Room

Lunchtime

All Children

Elf Owls

Lunchtime

All Children

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Lexi H

Little Owls

Lunchtime

All Children

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Marcus A

Barn Owls

Lunchtime

All Children

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Zarah T

Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

All Children

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Amy McN

Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

All Children

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Martin K

Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

All Children

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Giovanna S

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NURSERY

We've had an exciting week in Nursery this week! The children in Pre-School have continued their learning about shapes, recapping knowledge of squares, rectangles, circles, and triangles. They have drawn them, printed them, described them, and created pictures with them! After every register time, the children play a game that is based on early Phonics skills, predominantly initial sounds. This week we have also started to directly teach the children about alliteration, using their names initial sounds as a starting point. They have been thinking really hard about animals that begin with the same sound as their name. In the Rising 3's class this week, children have loved engaging in hair-dressing role play with each other and the adults! They have also been practising their listening skills in group time, by playing a game of 'Who is it?'. With the play dough, children have been using their fine motor strength to roll, squash and cut.

And after busy learning, then came the snow! The children (and the staff!) loved playing in



the snow and it was fantastic to be able to engage them in learning with such curiosity. Lots of fun was had by all!



RECEPTION

We have swapped pancakes for pizzas this week.

We read the story 'The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza' and talked about how to make pizzas. The role play has become a pizza restaurant. We made pizzas on Monday - the favourite part was, of course, eating pizzas! We were able to talk about the steps to make a pizza and put some actions to the instructions. We were very pleased with the children's writing of the instructions. The pizza star learning saw many excellent attempts at writing about our favourite pizza toppings -mushroom, sweetcorn, pepperoni and even pineapple - super application of phonics! The children have been very imaginative in making collage pizza slices at the creative table.

In the investigation area the children used a torch to see which materials allow light to shine through and which materials don't. We learnt the words transparent and opaque. In phonics we have continued to recap Phase 3, especially longer words with double letters e.g. hammer and buzzer. In maths we have worked on ways to compare numbers.

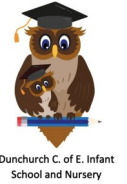
We enjoyed helping to clear the snow on Thursday. It was good fun and helped to develop core strength as well as helping to keep warm!



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YEAR 1

As marvellous mathematicians this week we have been partitioning numbers up to 50 into tens and ones, representing numbers using apparatus and drawings, using number grids to find one more and one less than a number and comparing numbers using the language of greater than and less than.

In English, we have continued enjoying the story of 'The Dragon Machine'. We made predictions about what we thought might happen in the story, created a story map of the ending and even written our own narrative.

As Scientists, we have been exploring the human body by naming and labelling the parts of a body as well as exploring the five senses.

During ICT, we have been learning how to open and operate painting software, label our pieces of work with our name. In our PE lessons, we have been performing Dragon and castle themed dancing.

A lovely week as always in Year One. Have a great weekend all!



YEAR 2

What a fantastic week!

The week finished on a high (snow day!) but started on a low...The children walked into the classroom to see that it had been destroyed! There was rubbish everywhere! They quickly got to work and used their inference skills to look at clues to work out what could have entered the classroom and caused such a commotion! Their detective skills certainly paid off as they realised a pesky fox had burst into our classroom and rummaged through our bins! This was the perfect launch for our English lessons this half term where we will be reading Roald Dahl's 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and will be writing a non-chronological report all about foxes.

As Scientists, the children have continued learning about different habitats and this week focused on microhabitats. We are looking forward to visiting the Haven next week to explore minibeasts that we can find in our local habitat.

In R.E lessons, the children have sequenced the Easter story and all had grumbling tummies when we discussed why we have Easter eggs!

We hope that everyone has lovely long weekends and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.



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DIARY DATES

Monday 13th

Tuesday 14th

Wednesday 15th

Thursday 16th

Friday 17th

Red Nose Day

Non uniform day for a
voluntary donation of

Martial Arts

Collection from the
back of the Hall

Spanish Club

Collection from the
back of the Hall

Performing Arts

Collection from Yr1
doors

Football

Collection from the
back of the Hall

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**Mother's Day Sur-
prise shop in
school day**

VACANCIES

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY— LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS

We are looking for Midday Supervisors to join our hard working lunchtime team.

Hourly rate £10.60 - £10.79, plus holiday pay, plus Local Government Pension Scheme

Hours - Infant School -11.50am - 1.10pm Monday to Friday, term time only

Hours - Nursery -11.30am - 12.30 pm Monday to Friday, term time only

Start date - ASAP

If you are interested, please email office@dunchurchinfants.co.uk or pop into the school office for an application pack.

RED NOSE DAY - FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

Red Nose Day takes place on Friday 17th March with a Mr Men / Little Miss theme. For a suggested donation of £1, children are invited to come into school wearing non-uniform, something red or dressed as a Mr Men / Little Miss character.

Children are invited to bring their favourite joke into school. The class teachers will choose their favourite joke from a selection, with one person from each class sharing a joke with the rest of the school.



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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th March	Parents/Carers in to help tidy our Library
Friday 17th March	Red Nose day - details on page 4
Friday 17th March	PTA Mother's day gift shop
Monday 27th March	SATs meeting for Parents/Carers 9am in school hall
Tuesday 28th March	Yr1 trip to Warwick Castle
Friday 31st March	PTA Easter events
Friday 31st March	School and Nursery finish for Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April	School and Nursery reopens
Monday 1st May	May Bank Holiday (school & nursery closed)
Month of May	Year 2 SATs
Monday 8th May	King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday (school & nursery closed)
W/C: 12th June	Year 1 Phonics
Wednesday 21st June	Class photos
Monday 26th June	Teacher Training day
Wednesday 5th July	Warwickshire schools Induction day
Tuesday 25th July	School and Nursery finish for Summer

We are in need of some help with sorting the library out before we select some new books for the children. If there are any parents who would be able to volunteer any time during the day on Monday 13th March, we would really appreciate it.

Please let the school office know.

OWLS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL AND NURSERY PLACES

We only have 40 daily places available for our Before & After School Club. Due to an increase of children attending Owls this school year, we are currently very busy on most days & we may not be able to accommodate your request if last minute bookings are trying to be made.

If you require places on a regular basis weekly and for the next term, it would be advisable to book in advance as if no places are available on our Magic Booking System unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate your child.

Please do not assume your child will be able to attend owls without prior agreement.