

# Dunchurch CofE Infant School and Nursery

*Forgiveness ... Honesty ... Kindness ... Patience ... Respect*

Friday, 05 May 2023



## A message from Mr Andrews

Dear families,

It's been a lovely end to the week across each school as a result of the Coronation Day celebrations.

All of the children look fabulous in their red, white and blue (plus a dash of other colours too).

It has been another busy week across the Federation.

The Coventry DMAT leadership team have been in reviewing practice at the Infant school. Thank you to everyone for your kind comments about provision. It is much appreciated. A big thank you to all the staff for engaging with the team and working with them throughout the day. And well done to the pupils for your brilliant leadership and explanation of your learning throughout the day.

As a school, we have been looking at additional ways to support families and signpost for additional help and guidance. As such, Mrs Maguire has put together an extensive list of support services, should you require them at any point. These can be found on our website. Please follow the link:

<https://www.dunchurchinfantschoolandnursery.co.uk/parent-zone/parental-support>

As with last week, we hope you enjoy the extended Bank Holiday weekend, and if you are celebrating the Coronation, enjoy waving those flags!

With best wishes,

Mr Andrews

## Collective Worship

This week we have celebrated the Coronation of King Charles. The children enjoyed learning about the Coronation, including a collective worship based on King Charles as the Head of the Church of England. Each child has brought home with them a keyring to help them commemorate the Coronation; thank you to the PTA for funding this for the children.

In collective worship we have also explored the value of compassion, including how we can demonstrate this to others in our everyday lives.

## Stars of the Week

### Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Rufaro

### Red Room

Lunchtime

Grace

### Blue Room

Lunchtime

Christina

### Elf Owls

Lunchtime

Jiyanna

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Jacob

### Little Owls

Lunchtime

Ibtihaj

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Tiara

### Barn Owls

Lunchtime

Albie

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Ava

### Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

Ellis

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Ella P

### Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

Florence

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Shrenika

### Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

Hugo Z

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Anaya

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## NURSERY

In Pre-School this week, the children have been learning to compare the size and length of items using mathematical language. They have also been representing length using counters, number blocks, and each other! They have also re-planted the beans that have grown too big for the bags, recalling what they could remember about what plants need to grow. During group learning and continuous provision, the children have been developing their reading comprehension, learning that print has meaning and reads from left to right.

This week in the Rising 3's classroom, the children have been making bunting, using their fine motor strength to use scissors and resources to decorate their pieces. Outside, the children have used natural resources to create a large-scale crown, again using their fine motor skills to stick. The children have been developing their imaginative play by having tea parties, and using play to extend their ideas.

All children have loved reading the story of 'The King's Hats' and learning about the Coronation. The children have made crowns, and biscuits, and watched clips of the Royal Family. We look forward to hearing all about their Coronation celebrations next week! Have a fabulous long weekend!



## RECEPTION

A short but busy week. We read of the story of 'Lucy's Picture' about a girl who makes a collage picture for her blind Grandpa to feel. The children enjoyed making their own collages on the creative tables using lots of different resources. They have been very creative and imaginative. The children have described objects from a feely bag to their partner. They have tried to make Lucy's picture using small world resources.

We have looked at the work of guide dogs. We have used blind folds to find out what it's like when you can't see. The children took it in turns to be guided by a partner. The children were very caring and careful.

The water area was popular with the children using a magnet to pull objects out of the water.

We enjoyed the Coronation picnic and learning a little about the Coronation ready for this weekend.

In maths we have continued to work with numbers to 20 and beyond. We have moved onto looking at shapes and how shapes can be rotated, this has included looking at tangrams. In phonics we have continued to work on Phase 4 with reading words containing 5 phonemes. New Tricky Words have included – were, here, little and says.

We are missing a few reading books. Please check at home and return any books – we are struggling to make a full set for the next weeks reading practice.

Thank you.



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## YEAR 1

As mathematicians, we have been exploring creating and adding equal groups, (we noticed our counting in 2s, 5s and 10s came in very handy)! We then went onto look at what an array is and where we might spot them in the environment.

In English, we have been surprised by gigantic footsteps and magic beans! We have been posing questions and making predictions about these strange events! Where did they come from? Who left them here? We have also been adding to our Bean Diary to keep track of the growth and changes in our plant.

As Scientists, we have planned and resourced our own experiment to explore the best growing conditions for cress seeds and made our own predictions about the results.

On Friday we celebrated the upcoming King's Coronation in style by creating our own crowns, enjoying a picnic lunch, creating Royal themed acrostic poems and enjoying activities linked to the story of 'The King's Hat'.

Have a fantastic weekend Year One, see you Tuesday!



## YEAR 2

The end of our first 4-day week! I think we could all get used to this!

As writers, the children have written their own narratives and have edited their work. The year 2 staff have been blown away by the quality of the writing which has been produced. The children have worked exceptionally hard and have really shown progress from the beginning of the year.

As mathematicians, the children have been using mathematical vocabulary such as 'tallest', 'taller', 'shortest', 'shorter', 'longer' and 'longest' when measuring different items in cm.

As scientists, the children have been looking at a range of different materials and have found items from around school that are made from wood, plastic, glass and metal. The children then produced a tally chart to consolidate their previous maths learning to show which items they found the most and least of.

To top off the week today has been wonderful! We have celebrated King Charles' Coronation! The children all made bunting and crowns and have enjoyed taking part in these historical celebrations with a special coronation lunch. All of the children looked fantastic and it's been a pleasure celebrating with them.

We hope that everyone has a brilliant extended weekend.



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## DIARY DATES

Monday 8th

Tuesday 9th

Wednesday 10th

Thursday 11th

Friday 12th

**School Closed for  
Coronation Holiday**

**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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## VACANCIES

### **DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY**

**PLAYWORKER** Infant School- Monday - Friday 3.15pm - 4.45pm, term time £10.98 - £11.18 per hour, plus holiday pay (7.5 hours per week)

### **LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS**

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

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

## FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Month of May

Monday 8th May

W/C: 12th June

Wednesday 21st June

Monday 26th June

Wednesday 5th July

Tuesday 25th July

Friday 1st & Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Year 2 SATs

King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday (school & nursery closed)

Year 1 Phonics

Class photos

Teacher Training day

Warwickshire schools Induction Day

School and Nursery finish for summer

Teacher Training days

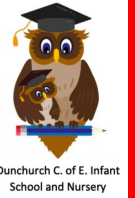
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## Local News



WE ARE BACK ! TJ SPORTS ACADEMY are running 3 days of Multisports and 1 day of Football fun during the half term holiday at Dunchurch Junior School. The Multisports is running on the 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June. The Football Fun day is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Letters have already been handed out and the response has been amazing as always! Spaces are limited and will be given on a first come first served basis. If you have any queries or questions please don't hesitate to contact me at [tjsportsacademy1@gmail.com](mailto:tjsportsacademy1@gmail.com) or alternatively speak to myself (Mr James) around school. Thanks again for all your continued support, see you all soon for a SPORTY half term. Mr James and the TJ SPORTS ACADEMY team.



Follow this link for the latest news from Warwickshire County Council and their cost of living advice. [Families Website](#)

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