

Dunchurch CofE Infant School and Nursery

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



Friday, 19 May 2023

Dear families,

What a difference the weather makes! This week, it has been lovely to see all the year groups making the most of outdoor learning and spending more time outside.

Congratulations to Year 2 who have been working hard on their KS1 SATs. One week down, one to go. We've all been really impressed with their positive, calm yet determined approach. We are very proud of you already.

Next Friday sees another long-standing member of the office team depart for pastures new. Julie Young has been with the school for 16 years and knows many of the families well. I know you would like to join me in thanking Julie for her hard work and commitment and wish her all the very best for the future.

We hope to be able to announce replacements ASAP and welcome them to the Dunchurch team.

Next week is the final week before half term, and we look forward to it being another very positive one.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Andrews

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week we have explored the values of patience and respect and how we can live these out in our everyday lives. We also learnt about Ascension Day, finding out about the ascension of Jesus into heaven 40 days after Easter.

September Training Days

The Federation will have two set Training Days in September. They will be on Friday 1st September and Monday the 4th of September.

School will be open for the children on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

All planned training days for the whole 2023-24 academic year will be available on the website before the end of term.

Stars of the Week

Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Reeva

Red Room

Lunchtime

Arundeeep

Blue Room

Lunchtime

Leo

Elf Owls

Lunchtime

Amelie A

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Flynn

Little Owls

Lunchtime

George L

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Shekinah

Barn Owls

Lunchtime

Marni-Love

Learning Behaviour of
the week

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Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

Ella P

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Abira

Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

Shrenika

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Olivia H

Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

Georgie

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Reina

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NURSERY

In Pre-School this week, the children have continued to be interested in and learn about minibeasts. They have been monitoring the caterpillars closely to see how they've grown and if they are ready to cocoon yet. They have used ladybird templates and spots to practice their counting, changing the amounts and describing if they have taken away or added to the amount. During group time, the children in Blue Room took part in Dough Disco, where the children manipulate play dough to music, developing finger and hand strength. To complement this, the children have been challenged to use tweezers to pick out tiny ladybirds from the sand. Outside the children have been making minibeast masks and creating exciting courses with the den-building equipment!

In Rising 3's this week, the children have continued comparing objects, describing their length or size. They have also compared amounts when making salt dough butterflies. Although not comparing the numerical amounts they discussed whether the recipe called for more or less of an ingredient. The children had lots of fun bug hunting in the garden and found woodlice and a worm! They have also been practicing their scissor skills, snipping natural resources and paper. This helps to build the children's hand-eye coordination as well as their hand and finger strength. Have a lovely sunny weekend all!



Reception

This week we have read a new book called *All Aboard for the BoBo Road*. It is set in Africa and it has helped us to learn a little bit about Africa. We have tried to retell the story in the small world area. The children have continued to investigate magnets, this week they have used magnets to play games. We have seen lots of concentration and perseverance at the creative table where the children have had a go with weaving.

We have worked hard in maths this week to learn about 'part, part, whole' to work out the answers to mathematical problems. We have also used the language of 'first, then and now' for addition calculations. In phonics we have learnt the last 2 Tricky Words for the year – *out* and *today*. We will now spend time recapping on all the Tricky Words. We have also looked at words ending in 'ing', 'ed' and 'est'.

Please can you make sure that all clothing items are named. The weather is becoming warmer and the children want to take off their sweatshirts/cardigans. We want to make sure that the children are reunited with their own clothing at the end of each day.



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YEAR 1

What a wonderful week!

As mathematicians, we have continued sharing into equal groups pictorially and enjoyed new learning about finding a half of a shape and a half of an amount.

In English, we have continued adding to our Bean Diary to keep track of the growth and changes in our plant. We have completed the writing of our own narrative traditional tales and absolutely astounded our teachers with our presentation, punctuation and super use of exciting vocabulary. We have moved onto looking at an alternative version of the tale called *Jack and the Jelly Beanstalk*.

As Scientists, we have recapped animal groups and have been describing the differences and similarities between them and exploring their diets.

In RE, we enjoyed the creation story and discussing the elements of it we are thankful for. One to make you smile "Thank you for creating humans because it means I have family and friends to spend my time with."

Let us hope that sun keeps shining, have a great weekend Year One!



YEAR 2

We do not have enough adjectives to describe how AMAZING the children have been this week! We have genuinely been blown away by the children's maturity and determination to do the best that they can in their SATs tests. The children have worked so hard all year and it's been a pleasure to mark their tests and to see all of their hard work pay off. We repeatedly tell the children that we just want them to 'try their best' and that's certainly what they have done... really well done to all of the children. Only 3 more tests to go until our Art and DT days next Thursday and Friday!

It hasn't been all about tests though! As historians, the children have enjoyed comparing old and modern cars and have described their similarities and differences. They have also designed their own moving vehicle ready to create them next week. As we requested in an e-mail earlier in the week, if you are able to donate any items to support us in creating these vehicles, it would be much appreciated. Please can any donations of items be brought into school by Wednesday 24th May.

Our focus in maths this week has been to revise our arithmetic skills and during English sessions we have been answering comprehension questions based on transport poems.

Next week is the last week of this half term and what a half term it has been!

We will see everyone next Monday.

We hope that you all have a restful weekend.



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DIARY DATES

Monday 22nd

Year 2 SATS

Tuesday 23rd

Year 2 SATS

Wednesday 24th

Year 2 SATS

Thursday 25th

Friday 26th

Break up for half
term

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

Football

Collection from the
back of the Hall

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

W/C: 12th June

Year 1 Phonics screening check

Monday 19th June

School Sports morning

Wednesday 21st June

New to Reception meeting

Wednesday 21st June

Class photos

Monday 26th June

Teacher Training day: school closed

Wednesday 5th July

Warwickshire schools Induction Day

Tuesday 25th July

School and Nursery finish for summer

Dunchurch Schools' Federation have the following vacancies:-

Administrative Assistant - Dunchurch Junior School

[wmjobs.co.uk/job/160234/administrative-assistant](https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/160234/administrative-assistant)

20 hours per week, Monday -Friday 8.30 - 12.30, term time only

Scale D £10.98 - £11.18 per hour

Closing date 24th May 2023

Midday Supervisor - Dunchurch Junior and Dunchurch Infant School

6.25/6.65 hours per week

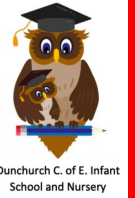
Scale B £10.59 - £10.78 per hour

If you are interested in any of the above roles, please contact Linda Beech for more information or the school office for an application form and job description.

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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 30th, 31st May and 1st June. The Football Fun day is on Friday 2nd 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. Letters are also available from the school office. Thanks again for all your continued support, see you all soon for a SPORTY half term. Mr James and the TJ SPORTS ACADEMY team.

Rugby Lawn Tennis Club



Camps at **Rugby Lawn Tennis Club** will be running on **Tuesday 30 May & Thursday 1 June.**

Full days = 8.30am - 4pm (£27 per day)

Half days = 8.30am - 12pm (£17 per day)

All abilities welcome from ages 4 to 16
(Children must be age 5+ to attend a full day)

Allsorts Magazine

Here is the link to the May/July digital version of Allsorts magazine

https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_MAYJULY23



There are lots of attraction to visit and services to help your family plus a competition to enter.

You can view this issue at www.allsortsmag.com too or on the allsorts Facebook page soon.