

Dunchurch CofE Infant School and Nursery

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Friday, 26 May 2023



Federation Update

Dear families,

It's hard to believe we are now at the May half term, and have just 7 weeks left of this academic year.

There has been so much achieved over the past few weeks: SATs, trips, residential, amazing class projects, PTA events, visitors and competitions – just about everything that could have been considered!

A big thank you to the wider community for your continued support. Whether it has been volunteering for trips, supporting a PTA event or even turning up and 'barrowing' some soil for us, you have all contributed to our school community – so thank you again.

Thank you also to the two amazing staff teams for your efforts and support of children and families. Please ensure you enjoy the break and come back ready for another great 7 weeks.

Next half term is of great importance. We are working hard on transition plans, new leadership plans, cover for specific staffing roles (including SENDCo), and will share information in due course about all of these. Rest assured the school, governors and the DMAT will be collaborating to ensure the end of the year is a positive one, and the plans for September and beyond are equally exciting.

As it stands, conversion to academies is due to take place on July 1st, a month delayed from the initial date. All being well, we will join the DMAT family and benefit from their support and guidance.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone the best for the half term ahead and hope that you get the opportunity to enjoy the weather and time away from school.

With best wishes,

Mr Andrews

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have focused our learning on the values of kindness and honesty, including how to live these out in our everyday lives. We have also learnt about Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his ascension. The story of Pentecost can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M&t=9s>

Stars of the Week

Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Rosie-Mae

Red Room

Lunchtime

Sienna

Blue Room

Lunchtime

Ayla

Elf Owls

Lunchtime

Julius

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Otto

Little Owls

Lunchtime

Alex W

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Olivia

Barn Owls

Lunchtime

Thea

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Chloe

Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

Alfie

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Kush

Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

Ralph

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Everyone

Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

Chloe H

Learning Behaviour of
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Everyone

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NURSERY

We have been loving the beautiful sunshine this week! We hope you have too! If you haven't yet provided sun cream for your child, please do so as soon as we return after the half-term break - thank you.

In pre-School this week, the children have been learning about the frog life cycle. This has continued from learning about butterflies and plants. The children have been sequencing the events and recalling the order in which they happen. They have also been learning to write some parts of their name, carefully forming the letters correctly. During group times, there has been lots of practice in holding their pencil comfortably and pushing down hard with their strength to create distinguished marks.

In Rising 3's, children have been making kites, talking about patterns, and arranging decorative pieces into patterns. The children have also been mark-making in shaving foam, creating marks with their fingers. Outside in the garden, the children have been using all their strength to work the new water pump bottle in the texture kitchen, they have loved it and are building up their muscles!

Have a wonderful half-term break, and we'll see you in June!



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RECEPTION

We have continued to learn about Africa. This week we have read *Handa's Surprise*. The children were very interested in how Handa managed to carry a basket on her head. They were very keen to have a go and found that it is quite difficult – but had fun trying! We used the story to help with our maths – subtracting. We were able to show the fruits disappearing from Handa's basket using tens frames and "Part,Part,Whole". We have been very pleased with the children's writing about the story this week, many are now writing independently – good preparation for Year 1.

The children worked hard at the creative table. They decorated a paper plate, then cut and stuck with masking tape to create a basket. A friend was needed to hold the plate whilst the masking tape was applied – excellent team work! We enjoyed the online meeting with Axel Scheffler. He read a story and showed us how to draw characters from *The Gruffalo* and *A Squash and a Squeeze*.

In phonics we have reviewed the last half term as well as completing assessments with the children. Please continue to read and practise phonics with your child as well as learn the 46 "Tricky Words".

Have a super holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back in June for the last half term in Reception!



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YEAR 1

Unbelievably another term has zipped by us!

As mathematicians, we have challenged ourselves with quarters. Finding a quarter of a shape and then onto finding a quarter 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 enjoyed acting out and showing our understanding of *Jack and the Jelly Beanstalk* an alternative version of a well-known classic and imagined what would we like to see at the top of our beanstalk. Many exciting ideas have been buzzing around.

We also had the opportunity to join Axel Scheffler the best-selling illustrator of *A Squash and A Squeeze* and *The Gruffalo*, for a morning of storytelling and live drawing. He read new stories and old favourites, and drew many of his familiar characters. We also had our pencils and paper ready for the opportunity to draw-a-long with Axel, as he showed us 'how to draw' some of his and Julia Donaldson's most iconic characters.

As Designers, we have been constructing our own seed packets.

Have a well-deserved break with your friends and family Year One. Let us hope that sun keeps shining!



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YEAR 2

It's the end of half term and SAT's! Hooray! The children (and staff!) are all exhausted in Year 2 but that's because they have worked their socks off completing these SAT's assessments! We said it last week, (and we say it often), but we are SO proud of all of the children for how well they have managed these last two weeks. The classroom looked different, the daily routine was different and the expectations were different... but they took everything in their stride and all performed to the best of their abilities- and that's all we could ever ask! The children thoroughly deserved having an Art day on Thursday and a DT day on Friday.

On Thursday, the children created collage hot air balloons which are now proudly hanging on display in the classrooms! On Friday, the children created their own moving vehicle, using the plans that they created last week. They really enjoyed making these and then evaluated them. These are also going to be put on display- this time in the corridor!

A huge well done Year 2. Please relax this half term- you deserve it!



WOODY'S SUMMER BLOG



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School Notices

Transition Visit

If your child is in Year 2 and is moving to Dunchurch Boughton Junior School (DBJS), a letter has been sent home this week regarding their visit to DBJS on 29th June. Please drop off and collect from Dunchurch Infant School as usual on this date. The class teachers will walk the children down to DBJS as a whole class.

Non-school Uniform Day

Friday 9th June is a non-school uniform day in exchange for sweets/chocolates for the Dunchurch Festival tombola.

Uniform

Please make sure that all of your child's clothing is named. There has been an increase in un-named clothing sent into school which often ends up as lost property.

Dunchurch Fête

We are looking forward to supporting the Dunchurch Fête on Sunday 25th June. The theme this year is *What I want to be when I grow up*. Children are encouraged to dress up and take part in the walking float.

Please meet Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Marson opposite the Dun Cow at 11.45 am if you want to join the parade. Children should be accompanied by an adult please.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 9th June	Non School uniform day—Tombola donation
W/C: 12th June	Year 1 Phonics screening check
Friday 16th June	Alive Celebration Year 2 Stoneleigh
Friday 16th June	PTA Sock Shop
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
Tuesday 27th June	Sports morning ** Date Changed**
Wednesday 5th July	Warwickshire schools Induction Day
Tuesday 25th July	School and Nursery finish for summer