

# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



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## Autumn Term Issue 6

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### Headteacher's Message

Our Nursery building is very close to being finished; we are hopeful that we will soon be able to use the Don Cerce Close entrance. A few people have asked about why, when it will be called the 'Rainbow Room', it has been painted the same colour as Blue Room. This was because it was decided it would be aesthetically more pleasing for the rooms to match. We will, however, make sure the rainbow theme is evident on the inside.

Today is Miss Shrimpton's last day at school before she starts her maternity leave. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to welcoming her and her baby back into school soon. The children said goodbye to her in assembly and the staff held a 'baby shower' on Wednesday (a new experience for me). Mrs Wooldridge will be teaching Miss Shrimpton's class for the rest of the year.

In Assembly we have been talking about the importance of carefully practising skills. We looked at examples of people who have spent a long time perfecting something. Can you child remember what these two people do?



We want children to believe that their ability in something is not fixed and that they can improve if they put the effort in.

**Ian Dewes**

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### Extra-curricular events 16 – 20 October 2017

<b>Monday 16th</b>	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	12.00 – 12.30pm Yr 1 French Club 12.30 – 1.00pm Yr 2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
<b>Thursday 19th</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Friday 20th</b>	1.30 – 3.00pm Violin Lessons 3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 1 Sports Club

## CALENDAR


### Reminders for 16 – 20 October 2017

<b>Monday 16th</b>	
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>	
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	<i>French Club today, for this week only</i>
<b>Thursday 19th</b>	
<b>Friday 20th</b>	<i>No French Club today</i>

# WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

## Attendance Award

FOR THE WEEK ENDING 6 OCTOBER 2017

	No. of Late Arrivals	Attendance %	Overall Score (inc. late arrivals)	Cup awarded to
Little Owls	1	100.0	99.0	
Elf Owls	0	95.4	95.4	
Barn Owls	0	96.7	96.7	
Snowy Owls	4	91.7	87.7	
Spectacled Owls	3	100.0	97.0	
Tawny Owls	0	97.4	97.4	



## WEEKLY GREEN AWARD

Awarded to Little Owls

Well done to the children from Miss Shrimpton and Mrs Wooldridge's class for keeping their classroom and working environment tidy throughout the week.

*Awarded by our Caretaker, Mr Haggan, and his Assistant, Mrs Turtle*

## LUNCHTIME GOOD BEHAVIOUR AWARDS

Awarded by Mrs Burdett and her lunchtime staff

Blue Room Nursery	Henry Hall
Red Room Nursery	Finn Griffiths
Little Owls	Isaac Foulds
Elf Owls	Serenna A'Hara
Barn Owls	Teddy Cave
Snowy Owls	Eli Jarju
Spectacled Owls	James Garthwaite
Tawny Owls	Shoshanna Jenner

# YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

<p><b>RED ROOM</b></p> 	<p><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>Throughout next week, we will be using lots of tools &amp; equipment to develop our knowledge of using items safely, through cooking, getting creative and using ICT equipment. We will be touching on Halloween; using activities to aid our counting and fine motor skills. We will also be following the children's interest of watching the builders by introducing real tools to our deconstructed role play area.</p>	<p><b>BLUE ROOM</b></p> 
<p><b>LITTLE OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p><b>Literacy/Understanding the World:</b> We will be reading the story of 'Billy's Sunflower' and looking at seeds. We will label parts of a sunflower.</p> <p><b>Maths:</b> Looking at 2D shapes and using mathematical terms to describe them.</p> <p><b>Phonics:</b> Learning l, b, h &amp; f. Blending and segmenting with Phase 2 and j, v, w &amp; x.</p>	<p><b>ELF OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>BARN OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR ONE</b></p> <p><b>English:</b> We will be writing instructions for our cupcakes</p> <p><b>Maths:</b> Looking at 2D shapes and symmetry</p> <p><b>Computing:</b> Logging on, skills of copy and paste</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> Evaluating our space buggies</p> <p><b>SPaG:</b> Four different sentence types</p>	<p><b>SNOWY OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>SPECTACLED OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR TWO</b></p> <p><b>English:</b> We will be continuing a rhyming string and performing poetry</p> <p><b>Maths:</b> Learning how to subtract</p> <p><b>Science:</b> Learning about Autumn including going on an Autumn walk. Please send in a pair of trainers or wellies that can get muddy.</p> <p><b>Phonics:</b> Learning about the 'ai' family</p>	<p><b>TAWNY OWLS</b></p> 

# NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations this week  
go to .....

**Nathan Fox** for achieving his Level 1 Little Swimmers Certificate

**Ella Buckland** for achieving her Level 1 British Gymnastics Trampoline Proficiency Certificate

**Henrietta McVeigh** for being made Captain at the Pauline Quirke Academy performance of 'Wizard of Oz'

**Well Done Everyone!**



## SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

If you need to apply for Reception or Junior School places for September 2018, the national deadline is:

**15 January 2018**

Apply online at:  
**[warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions)**

## APPLYING FOR 30 HOURS FUNDING FOR JANUARY 2018

Parents wishing to access their place in January 2018 need to start applying now. The deadline for applications for the Spring Term 2018 is:

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

*Any queries, please speak to Natalie Herbert (Nursery) or Julie Young (Office).*

## THREADWORMS

We have had reports of pupils in school with threadworms.

You are probably aware that threadworms are easily spread and not always possible to prevent infection of, but you can significantly reduce risk by always maintaining good hygiene. Please encourage your child to wash their hands regularly, particularly after going to the toilet and before mealtimes. This is always encouraged in school and we would greatly appreciate it if it is stressed at home too.

Thank you for your co-operation

## FORTHCOMING PTA EVENT

There will be a 'Spooky PTA Cake Sale' after school on Friday 20 October.

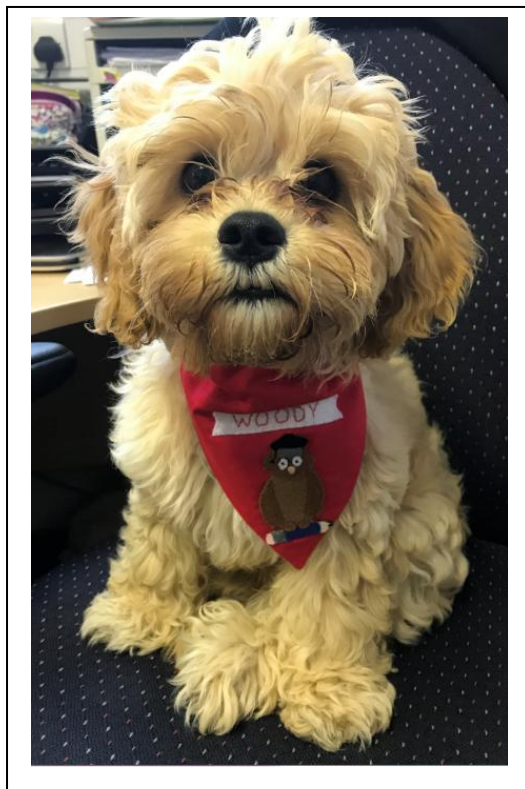
Halloween themed cake donations will be gratefully received at morning drop-off, on the day, in the playground.

*Thank you in advance ☺*

Alongside the cake sale, there will also be a second-hand uniform sale. If anyone has any items that they would like to donate, please drop them into the School Office asap; thank you.

We look forward to seeing you all there!





## WOODY'S BLOG

On Thursday 19 October I will be taking part in the Rugby Dog Training Club charity event. This will involve me doing a 'down stay' for at least 15 minutes. The chosen charities are 'Taking the Reins', which use horses to help children overcome many problems and 'Medical Detection Dogs', who train dogs to detect certain illnesses in people. If you would like to sponsor me for these excellent causes, please send your sponsorship money in a marked envelope to the School Office by Tuesday 31 October. Any amount would be very much appreciated, no matter how small. I think the big challenge will be Mrs Beech trying to get up off the floor after sitting with me for 15 minutes!

I've had a lovely week in school, attending registration in a different year group every morning, having fun with children in Woody's Buddies Club and visiting the children in Red Room Nursery.

Have a good weekend. Woof, woof from:

*Woody xx*

### Find

**'Dunchurch Infant & Nursery School**

**PTA' on Facebook or e-mail**

[dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com](mailto:dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com)

**if you would like to find out more**

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**Minutes of PTA Meetings are now**

**available on the school website**

[www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk](http://www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk)

**under 'Parent Zone'**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2017/18

### October

18<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 7.00pm Parents Meetings

19<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 6.00pm Parents Meetings

### November

14<sup>th</sup> Individual School Photos

17<sup>th</sup> Children in Need

22<sup>nd</sup> Flu Immunisations

### December

19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Play - Dress Rehearsals

9.15am – Elf Owls & Red Room

10.15am – Little Owls & Blue Room

1.30pm – Year 1

20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Play - 1<sup>st</sup> Performance

9.15am – Little Owls & Blue Room

10.15am – Year 1

1.30pm – Elf Owls & Red Room

21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Play - 2<sup>nd</sup> Performance

9.15am – Year 1

10.15am – Elf Owls & Red Room

1.30pm – Little Owls & Blue Room

***This list will be added to, as and when other events become apparent. Please keep an eye on it, so that you have up-to-date information.***

## THIS WEEK'S TOP TIPS FOR E-SAFETY

Encourage children to use technology (computers, tablets, games consoles etc) in a public part of the house and not in the bedroom, where it is easier to monitor what they are doing and who they are talking to.

# Donations for Dunchurch Infant Second Hand Uniform Shop gratefully received

Please leave any unwanted or outgrown  
items at the School Office.



Many thanks  
Dunchurch Infant PTA



For further details contact Leanne on 07977 656951



## YEAR 2 PARENTS

You will have noticed in the 'Dates for your Diaries' section, that Year 2 are not performing a Christmas play this year. Instead, as with last year's leavers, they will be showcasing their talents with an end of school performance in the Summer Term. They will, however, still be taking part in Christmas activities leading up to the end of this term.



## TERM DATES 2017 - 2018

### Autumn Term 2017

Half Term

Monday 23 – Friday 27 October

**Teacher Training Day**

**Friday 24 November**

Term Ends

Friday 22 December

### Spring Term 2018

**Teacher Training Day**

**Friday 5 January**

Term Starts

Monday 8 January

Half Term

Monday 19 – 23 February

Term Ends

Thursday 29 March

### Summer Term 2018

Term Starts

Monday 16 April

**Bank Holiday**

**Monday 7 May**

Half Term

Monday 28 May – 1 June

**Teacher Training Day**

**Friday 22 June**

Term Ends

Friday 20 July

**Please note:**

**Family holidays must be booked during  
the school holiday period only**