

# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



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## Autumn Term Issue 8

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### Headteacher's Message

You will have seen this week that the children have been given an opportunity to buy a poppy as part of the British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Children in Year 2 have been selling them at playtime. This goes alongside many other charitable endeavours in school this week.

We recently raised £350 with our MacMillan Cake Sale and we have plans for Children in Need in two week's time. Throughout the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November, children will have the opportunity to take part in a 'Spot Woody' competition. They will be able to look out for pictures of Woody, in and around the school. Also, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, children will be able to wear spotty non-uniform in return for a donation. Some of you will also be collecting gifts in a shoebox for the T4U organisation who distribute the presents to Eastern Europe. Many thanks for all of your help with these activities.

In Assembly, we have talked about the above activities and considered the importance of charity and helping others. The children have been thinking about the importance of being able to empathise with those less fortunate than themselves.

Ian Dewes

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### Extra-curricular Activities 6 – 10 November 2017

<b>Monday 6th</b>	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
<b>Tuesday 7th</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Wednesday 8th</b>	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
<b>Thursday 9th</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Friday 10th</b>	12.00 – 12.30pm Yr 1 French Club 12.30 – 1.00pm Yr 2 French Club 1.30 – 3.00pm Violin Lessons 3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 1 Sports Club

## CALENDAR


### Reminders for 6 – 10 November 2017

<b>Monday 6th</b>	<i>Year 1 – remember your toys this week!</i>
<b>Tuesday 7th</b>	
<b>Wednesday 8th</b>	<i>PTA Meeting at 7pm</i>
<b>Thursday 9th</b>	
<b>Friday 10th</b>	<i>Christmas Shoe Box Appeal &amp; PTA Movie Night Deadline. PTA Hot Chocolate Friday at 3.15pm</i>

# WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

## Attendance Award

FOR THE WEEK ENDING 20 OCTOBER 2017

	No. of Late Arrivals	Attendance %	Overall Score (inc. late arrivals)	Cup awarded to
Little Owls	1	97.2	96.2	
Elf Owls	0	97.3	97.3	
Barn Owls	4	94.3	90.3	
Snowy Owls	1	98.7	97.7	
Spectacled Owls	1	93.0	92.0	
Tawny Owls	1	94.2	93.2	



## WEEKLY GREEN AWARD

Awarded to Snowy Owls

Well done to the children from Miss Clarke'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	Darcey Leek
Red Room Nursery	Ava Hopkins
Little Owls	George Barnacle
Elf Owls	Emily McDonald
Barn Owls	Ella Buckland
Snowy Owls	William Weir
Spectacled Owls	Charlie Malpass
Tawny Owls	Kavin Godavathi

# YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

<p><b>RED ROOM</b></p> 	<p><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>Next week, we will be learning about amounts and how we can change the quantity by adding some or taking some away. We will be practising our cutting skills when making rockets and lanterns and will also be introducing a weekly 'Show &amp; Tell' for the children to talk about something from home with a specific theme each week. Please bring something BLUE into Nursery next week; thank you.</p>	<p><b>BLUE ROOM</b></p> 
<p><b>LITTLE OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p><b>PSED</b> – We will be talking about being a good friend  <b>Literacy</b> – We will be reading 'Is That What Friends Do' and using the Alphablocks to spell words  <b>Maths</b> – We will be looking at patterns  <b>Phonics</b> – Phase 3 j, v, w / ch, sh, th</p>	<p><b>ELF OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>BARN OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR ONE</b></p> <p><b>Maths</b> – We will be continuing to learn about place value with numbers to 20  <b>English</b> – We will be learning how to use exclamation marks  <b>Phonics</b> – We will be continuing to learn about the 'ee' family  <b>Topic</b> – We will be learning about toys from the past and comparing them to present day toys</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 looking at character profiles and retelling a story  <b>Maths</b> – We will be learning about subtraction on a blank number line, applying their knowledge  <b>SPaG</b> – We will be learning spelling rules for the suffix 'ed'  <b>Topic</b> – We will be looking at aerial photos and locating features</p>	<p><b>TAWNY OWLS</b></p> 

# NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations this week  
go to .....

**Ryan Jennings** for winning the FDS football trophy for 'most improved' at penalty shoot outs.

**Well Done Ryan!**



## PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will be on Wednesday 8 November, at 7pm, in the School. All parents and carers are welcome.

## CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

The deadline for donating your Christmas Shoe Box is Friday 10 November.



*Please don't forget!*

## 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)

## PTA MOVIE NIGHT

### Reception and Years 1 & 2

The deadline for booking your child a place at the Movie Night, which is taking place on Wednesday 15 November, is Friday 10 November.



## PTA EVENT

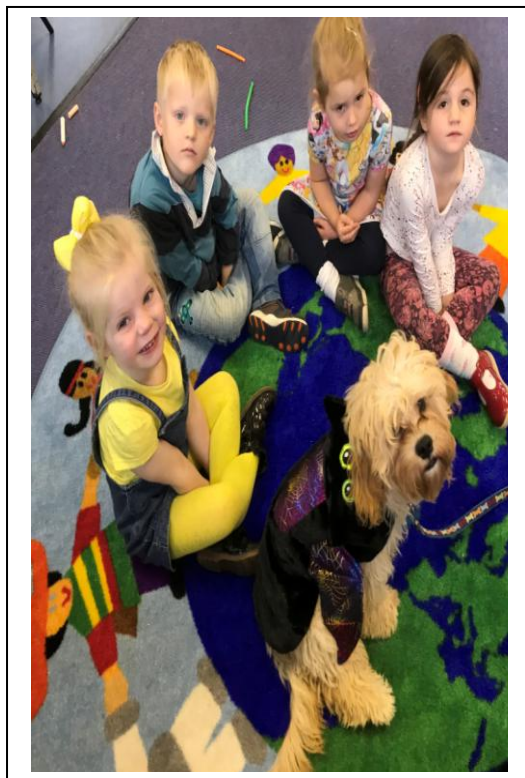
Hot Chocolate Friday is on  
10 November @ 3.15pm  
in the playground



## PARENTS OF YEAR ONE PUPILS

As we will be learning about toys and comparing toys in the present and the past next week, the children can choose to bring in one small example of a toy to share with the rest of the class. Please make sure that the toy is clearly named, as they will be sharing the toys with their friends. We are intending to keep the toys in school for a few weeks so, if it something that will be missed within this time, it would be a good idea not to send it in.

*Snowy Owls – please bring it in for Tuesday*  
*Barn Owls – please bring it in before Friday; many thanks*



## WOODY'S BLOG

Welcome back and I hope you all had a lovely Half Term break. On Tuesday, I wore my Halloween bat outfit and had great fun with the children. I particularly enjoyed giving out a sweetie treat to each child and, I have to say, their manners were impeccable.

A **HUGE** thank you to everyone that sponsored me to do my 'down stay' at Rugby Dog Training Club. I am pleased to report that children, staff, family and friends raised a whopping £120 for two very worthy causes, 'Taking the Reins' and 'Medical Detection Dogs'.

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 all 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

### November

- 8<sup>th</sup> Reception & Year 1 WCC Road Safety Programme
- 14<sup>th</sup> Individual & Sibling School Photos
- 17<sup>th</sup> Children in Need – Spotty non-uniform day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Whole School – Flu Immunisations

### December

- 12<sup>th</sup> Rotary Club Christmas Concert
- 13<sup>th</sup> Reception – Vision Screening
- 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.*

## 'SPOT WOODY' COMPETITION

In the lead up to Children in Need, children in both the school and nursery will be able to take part in the 'Spot Woody' competition. This will run from 13-16 November and the winner announced on 17 November. A leaflet with more detailed information will be in book bags very soon.

**Please Note:** Friday 17 November will also be a spotty non-uniform day, for a small donation.

# 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

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Every time you buy something online – from your weekly food shop to your car insurance – you could be raising free donations through ‘easyfundraising’ for the school.

Retailers, including Amazon, Tesco, Aviva, Booking.com and Marks & Spencer, are ready to give the school a free donation every time you shop with them.

It's really simple and doesn't cost you anything. All you have to do is:

1. Go to:  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/H5ZNBW/ZMMDNN>
2. Enter 'Dunchurch Infant School & Nursery' in the search box
3. Click 'Join Us' and enter your details then click on 'Create My Account'
4. Choosing from over 3,300 retailers, do your online shopping as normal and the school will receive a free donation at no extra cost to you, for every purchase you make.

*Thank you for your support; you will be helping to make a real difference*



## TERM DATES 2017 - 2018

### Autumn Term 2017

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*

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

A recent survey of the children in our school has shown that 68% of them are accessing youtube. Advice for how to set up parental controls to try and set age appropriate controls for a range of devices can be found using <https://www.kidguard.com/cell-phone-monitoring-and-gps-tracking/how-to-setup-parental-controls-on-youtube-on-browser-iphone-and-android/> or <https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/6172308?hl=en-GB>

Some simple steps to follow might be:

1. **Create an account in Google that is used by the whole family.** When you make a shared Google account you can see exactly what videos your children are watching, uploading and sharing.
2. Once you have signed in to youtube via the Family Google Account, the next thing to do is **switch on restricted mode.** If you scroll all the way to the bottom of the youtube page you will see an option to turn on restricted mode. This will help keep out some, but not all, of the inappropriate stuff you don't want your children to see. Remember that you have to save this option and you have to set it up for every browser that you use. So if you have multiple computers then you will have to do this on each one.
3. **Sit down with your children and go through the things that they like to watch.** Most content they like will be attached to a channel. If you are happy with the content of the channel then ask your children to subscribe to it, this will then promote content to their feed when they log in. It also lets them know when new videos are available and hopefully this will stop some of the searching which may lead them into content they don't want to see.
4. If your children are into creating videos then make sure they are signed into the Family Account when they upload, and make sure they **upload privately.** When they click the upload button they can choose to upload as Public, Private or Unlisted. Private means that only people you choose can view the video. If you choose Unlisted then the video can only be viewed by a link generated within the video and this means that only people that you send the link to can view the video.
5. The last thing to do is **disable the comments.** By disabling this it stops people from making inappropriate comments on any video uploaded by them.

## PTA SPOOKY CAKE SALE

Friday 20 October

A BIG thank you to everyone that donated and/or bought spooky cakes before Half Term. There were some great designs and overall we managed to raise over £250!!

Well Done ☺



## RUGBY IN BLOOM YARN BOMBING

Over the Half Term break, the 'Rugby in Bloom' knitting was removed from the playground and is in the process of being washed. Some of our contributors are donating their knitted items to the Dunchurch WI for use around the centre of the village in a future event. However, if you would like your items returning, please contact Sue Protheroe at:

[sueprotheroe@ymail.com](mailto:sueprotheroe@ymail.com)

In the meantime, thank you to everyone who helped the school achieve the top award of Platinum.



**Remember – stay safe!**