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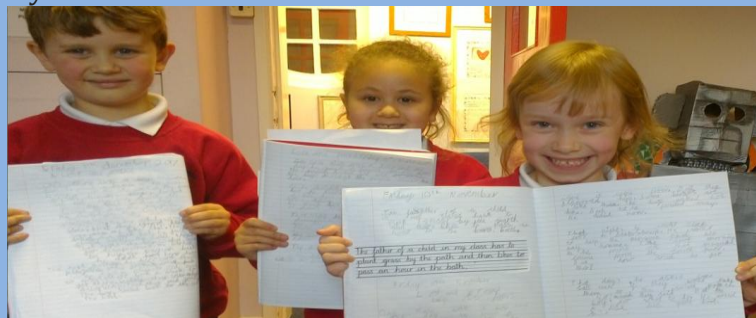
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Headteacher's Message

Previously, I have held meetings called Parent Forums. These are meetings in the evening where parents and carers can come and give their opinions on school related issues. Topics previously discussed include the curriculum, homework and before and after-school care. I will be holding a forum on 28 November at 7pm in school, where I would like to find out about parent views regarding child care (e.g. Holiday Club and Owls) and how we use technology in school; I hope to see you there.

The reason for the latter topic is that we are looking to buy new technology for the ICT Suite and across the school. The PTA has generously agreed to raise money towards this project. Last year they raised over £7,000 for the school and they have plenty of events planned for the rest of this term. Please get in touch if you would be willing to help, even in a small way, such as manning a stall at the Christmas Fair. The school has benefited from many recent purchases funded by the PTA, but the group also helps to build a sense of community around the school, so please get involved if you can.



Well done to these fantastic Year 2 writers, who have created stories based on Oliver Jeffer's *Lost and Found*.

Ian Dewes

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Extra-curricular Activities 13 – 17 November 2017

Monday 13th	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
Tuesday 14th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Wednesday 15th	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
Thursday 16th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Friday 17th	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 13 – 17 November 2017

Monday 13th	<i>'Spot Woody' competitions start</i>
Tuesday 14th	<i>Individual & Sibling School Photographs</i>
Wednesday 15th	<i>Educaterers 'Roast Dinner Day' 3.15 – 5.30pm PTA Movie Night (Collection from outside red Hall door by Year 1 classrooms)</i>
Thursday 16th	<i>'Spot Woody' competitions end</i>
Friday 17th	<i>Children in Need Spotty Non - Uniform Day (for a donation) 3.15pm PTA Hot Chocolate Friday</i>

WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

Attendance Award

FOR THE WEEK ENDING 3 NOVEMBER 2017

	No. of Late Arrivals	Attendance %	Overall Score (inc. late arrivals)	Cup awarded to
Little Owls	4	98.8	94.8	
Elf Owls	0	98.5	98.5	
Barn Owls	0	99.0	99.0	
Snowy Owls	2	98.0	96.0	
Spectacled Owls	1	99.3	98.3	
Tawny Owls	1	99.0	98.0	



WEEKLY GREEN AWARD

Awarded to Little Owls

Well done to the children from 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	Emma Austin
Red Room Nursery	Sophie Gower
Little Owls	Archie Henry
Elf Owls	Lucy Carey
Barn Owls	Harvey Close
Snowy Owls	Eloise Cannell
Spectacled Owls	Danielle Quansah
Tawny Owls	Ella McNally

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

<p>RED ROOM</p> 	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>Next week, we will be filling in missing words/phrases when reading familiar stories, as well as using props to act them out. We will be continuing to practise our cutting skills, but this time using scissors and play dough. Outside, we will be mark-making with cars in the paint. Please also look out for our new monthly parent questions in both cloakrooms!</p>	<p>BLUE ROOM</p> 
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>Literacy: Reading the story of 'Elmer' and using our segmenting skills. Maths: Continuing our work on repeating patterns; creating and describing. Phonics: X, Y, Z and blending and segmenting all Phase 2 - ng, ai and ee Children in Need on Friday: Please could all children bring in a Teddy Bear for the day.</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>English: Writing a letter based on 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. Maths: Counting on to add. Phonics: The 'igh' family. Topic: Old and new toys.</p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>English: A new text 'what could it be' ... linked to current affairs. Maths: Inverse and number bonds. Topic: Designing their own rugby ball. Science: Investigating materials. SPaG: Suffix 'ing'</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations this week
go to

Kavin Godavathi for performing a
Bollywood dance in front of an audience of
300 during the Diwali celebrations.

Laycie Larque for completing the 500m race
in the 401 Festival of Running.

Well Done !



PTA REQUEST

The PTA would appreciate donations of second-hand children's books that are in reasonably good condition, as they are hoping to have a second-hand book stall at the Christmas Fair. If you have any books that you would like to donate, please hand them into the School Office; thank you.



PTA EVENT

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



Find

'Dunchurch Infant & Nursery School

PTA' on Facebook or e-mail

dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com

if you would like to find out more

Minutes of all PTA Meetings are now

available on the school website

www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk

under 'Parent Zone'

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUBS in 2018

We will only be running a Holiday Club
for the two week Easter break and the
first four weeks of the summer holidays.



THIS WEEK'S TOP TIPS FOR E-SAFETY

Remember that many games consoles come with family settings. For example, Xbox has the option to set parental controls. You can also set an option to mask voices so that your child sounds like an adult or even a robot!

DUNCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting will take place on Thursday
16 November in the Dunchurch Library
from 6.30 – 8.30pm regarding the new
Neighbourhood Plan for the village

Everyone is welcome



WOODY'S BLOG

This week, I have been wearing my poppies. You will notice that I have a purple poppy to commemorate the animal victims of WWI & WWII. I went into Assembly to tell the children a little bit about how dogs were used during the wars and noticed that lots of them were proudly wearing their poppies, too.

I have also been into the Blue Nursery when it was 'Show and Tell'. I took my favourite blue toy with me that contained some treats and I showed the children how clever I was at getting them out and eating them up yummy! I also enjoyed listening to the children talking about their favourite blue item.

Have a lovely weekend.

Woof, woof from:

Woody xx

'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 Monday 13 – Thursday 16 November and the winner announced on Friday 17 November. Competition entry slips are available from teachers for a £1 fee.

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

LOST PE KIT

Felix James, in Year 2, has lost all of his PE kit. Each item is named and contained within a navy blue drawstring fabric bag. His mum has requested that we ask parents to check that it hasn't mistakenly been taken home. If you do happen to find it, can you please bring it to the School Office, or give it to Mrs James direct, if you know her; many thanks.

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2017/18

November

- 14th Individual & Sibling School Photos
- 15th Educaterers 'Roast Dinner Day'
- 17th Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day
- 22nd Whole School – Flu Immunisations
- 28th 7pm – Parent Forum in school

December

- 1st Christmas Fair
- 6th Whole School Christmas Lunch
- 8th Christmas Party
- 12th Rotary Club Christmas Concert
- 13th Reception – Vision Screening
- 15th Christmas Fun Day
- 19th Christmas Play - Dress Rehearsals
9.15am – Elf Owls & Red Room
10.15am – Little Owls & Blue Room
1.30pm – Year 1
- 20th Christmas Play - 1st Performance
9.15am – Little Owls & Blue Room
10.15am – Year 1
1.30pm – Elf Owls & Red Room
- 21st Christmas Play - 2nd Performance
9.15am – Year 1
10.15am – Elf Owls & Red Room
1.30pm – Little Owls & Blue Room

Food For Life Roast Dinner Day

Enjoy the tastiest food
made from fresh,
natural ingredients!



**Wednesday 15th
November**

Red Tractor British Chicken Joint or Fillet
with Fruity Stuffing and Gravy
or
(v) Chef's Omelette made with
Local Free Range Eggs

Crispy Roast Potatoes
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Syrup Sponge and Custard
or
Cheddar Cheese and Biscuits
with English Apple Wedges

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Christmas Menu

**Roast Turkey Breast Fillet with Chipolata
Sausage, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy**

or

**(v) Roast Quorn Fillet, Sage and Onion
Stuffing and Gravy**

**Crispy Roast Potatoes
Garden Peas and Carrots**

(v) Ice Cream

or

(v) Homemade Chocolate Cracknel

Selection of Drinks



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