

# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



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## Autumn Term Issue 10

17 November 2017

### Headteacher's Message

This year, the children will be taking part in a series of sessions on road safety. Last week, we had a visitor from the Warwickshire Road Safety Club who worked with the children in Reception and Year 1. They learned, amongst other things, about the importance of staying close to an adult when being near roads. After Christmas, Year 2 children will be learning about how difficult it can be for drivers to see them and needing to stop at the kerb.



Next Friday is a Teacher Training Day. I appreciate that such days can cause some inconvenience for families, but we do try to use the time as well as possible to help the children. Different colleagues are taking part in different training. There are sessions on asthma and anaphylaxis, general paediatric first aid, child protection and aspects of the English curriculum.

**Ian Dewes**

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### Extra-curricular Activities 20 – 24 November 2017

<b>Monday 20th</b>	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Wednesday 22nd</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 23rd</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Friday 24th</b>	<b>TEACHER TRAINING DAY</b>

## CALENDAR


### Reminders for 20 – 24 November 2017

<b>Monday 20th</b>	
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>	
<b>Wednesday 22nd</b>	<i>School Flu Immunisations</i> <i>French Club today</i>
<b>Thursday 23rd</b>	<i>PTA Christmas Tree Order deadline</i>
<b>Friday 24th</b>	<b>TEACHER TRAINING DAY</b>

# WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

## Attendance Award

FOR THE WEEK ENDING 10 NOVEMBER 2017

	No. of Late Arrivals	Attendance %	Overall Score (inc. late arrivals)	Cup awarded to
Little Owls	8	96.0	88.0	
Elf Owls	1	99.6	98.6	
Barn Owls	1	99.0	98.0	
Snowy Owls	4	94.0	90.0	
Spectacled Owls	0	95.3	95.3	
Tawny Owls	1	97.3	96.3	



## WEEKLY GREEN AWARD

Awarded to Elf Owls

Well done to the children from Mrs Carrington'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	Kevin Wright
Red Room Nursery	Heidi Lambert-Craske
Little Owls	Orla Bull
Elf Owls	Moon Yuen
Barn Owls	Kartar Gakhal
Snowy Owls	Harry Down
Spectacled Owls	Ewan Griffiths
Tawny Owls	Roshan Mistry

# YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

<p><b>RED ROOM</b></p> 	<p><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>Next week, we will be working on our gross motor skills, climbing confidently, and using the apparatus in PE. We will be shape printing with sponges and potatoes to support our shape knowledge. We will also be continuing to explore textures by making our own slime.</p> <p>Please bring something noisy for 'Show &amp; Tell'!</p>	<p><b>BLUE ROOM</b></p> 
<p><b>LITTLE OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p><b>Literacy:</b> Looking at stories that contain rhyme and continuing a rhyming string.</p> <p><b>Maths:</b> Learning about capacity, ordering containers by capacity and using everyday language to talk about capacity.</p> <p><b>Phonics:</b> qu and Phase 2 blending and segmenting. igh, oa and ar.</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 learning to make inferences using a new text. We will also apply our knowledge of punctuation.</p> <p><b>Maths:</b> We will learn how to subtract by counting back.</p> <p><b>Phonics:</b> We will continue to learn about the 'igh' family.</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> Completing our art work using the painting 'Children's Games' as a stimulus.</p>	<p><b>SNOWY OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>SPECTACLED OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR TWO</b></p> <p><b>SPaG:</b> Spelling rules 'ing'.</p> <p><b>English:</b> Writing diary entries.</p> <p><b>Maths:</b> Inverse and applying knowledge of number bonds.</p> <p><b>Science:</b> Scientific experiments.</p> <p>and a <b>MYSTERY GUEST</b> on Monday!</p>	<p><b>TAWNY OWLS</b></p> 

# NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations this week  
go to .....

**Lara Hughes** for achieving her Stage 1 Learn  
to Swim Award.

**Emily Buckingham** for receiving a medal at  
her ballet class.

**Well done girls!**



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**'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'**

## 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.



## PTA HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

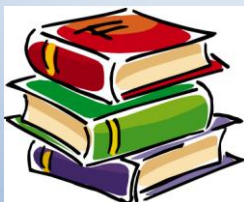
This will next take place on **Friday 22  
December**, after school closes at 2pm.

In the new year, this event will be held on the  
first Friday of each month, so the first one  
will be on **Friday 12 January**.



## 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.



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

Remember that social network sites  
have a minimum age limit of 13. Even if  
children have a private account set up  
with a limited group of friends, they  
can still receive messages and will still  
be exposed to advertising and groups  
that are aimed at adults.

## PARENT FORUM MEETING

Due to an unexpected commitment, the  
above meeting, advertised last week as  
taking place on Tuesday 28 November at  
7pm, will now take place on **Monday 27  
November at 6.30pm**; the venue will still  
be the School Hall. We apologise for any  
inconvenience caused and hope to see you  
there!





## WOODY'S BLOG

The children have been busy this week trying to 'Spot Woody' for Children in Need. Many thanks to those that took part in the competition; you raised £130 for this fantastic cause. Grateful thanks go to Dunchurch Service Station for kindly providing the prizes for our competition, which I took great pleasure in presenting in Assembly today.

From January 2018, I would like to spend more time in the classroom with the children. I'm looking for a volunteer parent/carer who could spare some time during the week to accompany me to take part in activities in the classroom or outdoor areas. It would only be for short sessions, two or three times a week. If you love dogs and are keen to help with my training as a school dog, please contact Linda Beech in the School Office or e-mail [lindabeech@dunchurchinfants.co.uk](mailto:lindabeech@dunchurchinfants.co.uk). I'm sure we could have lots of fun together!

Woof, woof from:

**Woody xx**

## MESSAGE FROM A CONCERNED SCHOOL NEIGHBOUR

A parent driving a white **Kia**, number plate **FL61 CHV**, failed to put the handbrake on their car when parked in Dew Close, and it rolled down the road onto a resident's front garden, causing damage. This could easily have happened when children were around, but thankfully, it didn't.

## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Many thanks to everyone who kindly filled a shoebox with Christmas gifts for the Teams4U charity. We had a good number, which have now been collected and will shortly be on their way to a vulnerable child, or family, via a school, nursery, hospital or orphanage in Eastern Europe.

*Thank you! ☺*

## 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

22<sup>nd</sup> Whole School – Flu Immunisations

27<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm – Parent Forum Meeting

### December

1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Fair

6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch

6<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Red Room Theatre Trip

8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

8<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Little Owls Theatre Trip

12<sup>th</sup> 10am Blue Room Theatre Trip

12<sup>th</sup> Rotary Club Christmas Concert

13<sup>th</sup> Reception – Vision Screening

15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fun Day

15<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Elf Owls Theatre Trip

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 - 1st Performance

9.15am – Little Owls & Blue Room

10.15am – Year 1

1.30pm – Elf Owls & Red Room

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

9.15am – Year 1

10.15am – Elf Owls & Red Room

1.30pm – Little Owls & Blue Room

22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am Christingle

22<sup>nd</sup> 2pm finish – last day of term

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

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery PTA

## Christmas Party 2017

Friday 8th December

Nursery & Reception 5 - 6pm

Year 1 & 2 6.30-7.30pm

In the school hall

More details to follow



## 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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## WARWICKSHIRE ROAD SAFETY CLUB VISIT

Children in Reception and Year 1 welcomed Road Safety Officer, Kate Castle, and Warwick the bear into their classroom last week to learn about Warwickshire Road Safety Club Code to ...

**THINK** about roads  
**STOP** at the kerb and wait  
**LOOK** and **LISTEN** for traffic  
**THINK** about what to do  
**CROSS** the road safely with an adult

The children put on their thinking hats and learned key road safety messages, including stopping at the kerb, looking and listening carefully for traffic, and most importantly to always cross the road with a trusted adult.

A lively, fun and engaging session filled with games, songs, stories and interactive activities was enjoyed by all!

## MESSY CHRISTMAS

The Great ADVENT-ure!

Dunchurch Baptist Church, Coventry Road, Dunchurch, CV22 6RF  
Saturday 2 December, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Crafts, lunch and celebration for all the family  
£1 per person, payable on the day

Spaces are limited, so please book asap via [messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk)

## SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

There are still 27 pupils in Year 2 that have not applied for their Year 3 Junior School places and 20 Nursery pupils that haven't applied for their Reception school places.

Please remember that the national deadline for your applications is:

**15 January 2018**

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

