

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



Autumn Term Issue 12

1 December 2017

Headteacher's Message

Thank you to the parents (and grandparent) who joined me on Monday evening for a Parents' Forum Meeting. We discussed issues around childcare services which are offered by the school and how we use technology. It was interesting to hear people's views and I will share a summary of them in next week's newsletter.

Also on Monday evening, I attended a meeting of the Dunchurch Festival Group who have generously decided to donate £750 to the school, the cheque for which I will receive at an event on Saturday. The Festival Group arrange a number of events across the year, including the Summer Fete and donate money to village organisations. The money will be used to subsidise the cost of trips over the rest of the academic year, meaning that we can continue to offer exciting trips for the children without asking for too much from parents.

We have two festive events coming up which the children are invited to. On Sunday we will be singing Little Donkey at the Dunchurch Christmas Lights Switch On. All children are welcome to attend this annual event; please meet outside St. Peter's Church at 3.50pm. The children have also been invited to the Rotary Club Carol Service on 12 December, 7pm at St. Peter's. All children from Reception up, are welcome to come and sing with us. For both events Miss Morgan has been practising the songs with the children and their singing has sounded lovely. We hope as many people as possible can join us.

And finally, congratulations to Anna Shrimpton who gave birth to Tommy in the early hours of this morning. Tommy weighed in at 7lbs; we all wish the family well.

Ian Dewes

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Extra-curricular Activities 4 – 8 December 2017

Monday 4th	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
Tuesday 5th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Wednesday 6th	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
Thursday 7th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Friday 8th	12.00 – 12.30pm Yr 1 French Club 12.30 – 1.00pm Yr 2 French Club 1.30 – 3pm Violin/Cello Lessons 3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 1 Sports Club

CALENDAR


Reminders for 4 – 8 December 2017

Monday 4th	
Tuesday 5th	
Wednesday 6th	<i>School Christmas Lunch (don't forget your hat!) 1.30pm Red Room Theatre Trip</i>
Thursday 7th	
Friday 8th	<i>1.30pm Little Owls Theatre Trip PTA Christmas Parties</i>

WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

Attendance Award

FOR THE WEEK ENDING 23 NOVEMBER 2017

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Cup awarded to
Little Owls	95.5	4	91.5	
Elf Owls	80.8	1	79.8	
Barn Owls	84.2	0	84.2	
Snowy Owls	81.3	0	81.3	
Spectacled Owls	94.2	1	93.2	
Tawny Owls	94.6	1	93.6	



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	Oriana Whitehead
Red Room Nursery	Lara Garrett-Dambow
Little Owls	Surin Tsiklauri
Elf Owls	Matthias Loke
Barn Owls	Leilani Storr
Snowy Owls	Zach Benton
Spectacled Owls	Alfie Chamberlain
Tawny Owls	Sofia Chabi

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

<p>RED ROOM</p> 	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>Over the next couple of weeks we will be developing our confidence & communication in new social situations, as we continue to practise our Christmas performance and go on our trip to see 'Snow Mouse'. We will be strengthening our pencil grip through various activities and constructing a super hero cave, to follow on from some of the children's interests.</p> <p>Please bring something 'winter related' for Show & Tell.</p>	<p>BLUE ROOM</p> 
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>Literacy: We will be reading 'The Stickman', predicting the words using our knowledge of rhyme. We will also be writing about parts of the story.</p> <p>Maths: We will be ordering sticks (and other things!) by length and using the appropriate mathematical language.</p> <p>Phonics: 'ch', 'sh' and 'th' & 'or' and 'ar'.</p> <p>We will also be rehearsing our Christmas blockbuster 'A Miracle in Town'.</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>English: We will be making predictions and applying our punctuation to retell a story.</p> <p>Maths: We will start to learn about 2D shapes, including describing their properties.</p> <p>Phonics: We will continue to learn about the 'oa' family.</p> <p>Topic: In DT we will be learning about levers and sliders.</p> <p><i>On Monday 18 December, we will have a visit from the children's author David Lucas. Many thanks to the PTA for funding this learning experience. If any of the children have a David Lucas book, he has said he is happy to sign it for them over lunchtime.</i></p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>Maths: Height and applying knowledge of $<$ $>$ $=$</p> <p>English: The Christmas Story</p> <p>Topic: Winter Walk</p> <p>SPaG: Suffix 'ly'</p> <p><i>We will need parent helpers for our Winter Walk on Wednesday 6 December. If you are able to help at 9am, please let the School Office know asap – thank you!</i></p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations this week
go to

Lily Nicholls for achieving her 5m swimming
award.

Well done Lily!



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'

CHRISTMAS PLAY REHEARSALS & PERFORMANCES

Dates and times of this year's plays are listed in
the section 'Dates for your Diaries'.

You will be restricted to 2 tickets for each child
taking part; ***not 2 tickets per performance
please.***

***Younger siblings are only allowed to attend
the rehearsals; the other performances are
only for parents/grandparents.***

Tickets can be booked by logging on to
[www.dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.c
o.uk](http://www.dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.co.uk)

The booking line is currently open and will close
at midnight on Thursday 14 December.

CHRISTMAS PLAY COSTUMES

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils will
start rehearsing their Christmas plays next
week. Yesterday, your child should have
brought home details of the role that they
have in their particular play.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if
you have any problems obtaining costumes,
as we do have some spare within school.

Alternatively, please contact Mrs McNally,
who has a selection of nativity costumes
available, for a small donation to the PTA.
Her mobile number is **07792588996**, if you
would like to discuss your requirements.



THIS WEEK'S TOP TIP FOR E-SAFETY

Encourage children to use technology in a public part of the house, not in the bedroom, as it is easier to monitor what your children are doing and the types of websites that they are accessing. There is a wealth of age-appropriate sites online for your children. Encourage them to use sites which are fun, educational and that will help them to develop online skills.



WOODY'S BLOG

This week, I have been listening to the children read with Mrs Aird. I sat quietly and the children read very well indeed. It was very kind of Mrs Aird to let me join in and I'm hoping that it is something that I can do every week.

It's been a very cold week but I've been lovely and cosy in my bed in the office. I've had a haircut today so I think I might get a new coat at the weekend, to keep me nice and warm.

See you next week.

Woof, woof from:
Woody xx

NURSERY PARENTS

Two requests from the Nursery Manager:

1. Please can you bring in any empty toilet rolls/kitchen rolls that you have at home.
2. Can all Nursery children have a named coat, hat, gloves etc. for the wintry weather.

Many thanks for your help
Natalie Herbert

ALL PUPILS

PLEASE MAKE, OR BRING IN, A PAPER HAT FOR THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

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

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2017/18

December

- 6th Christmas Lunch
- 6th 1.30pm Red Room Theatre Trip
- 8th Christmas Parties
- 8th 1.30pm Little Owls Theatre Trip
- 12th 10am Blue Room Theatre Trip
- 12th Rotary Club Christmas Concert
- 13th Reception – Vision Screening
- 14th 1.30pm Whole School Carol Service
- 15th Christmas Fun Day (inc. Santa visit)
- 15th 1.30pm Elf Owls Theatre Trip
- 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
- 22nd 10.00am Christingle
- 22nd 2pm finish – Last day of Autumn Term

January

- 5th Teacher Training Day
- 8th First day of Spring 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



Season's Greetings
from The Nutrigang
and everyone at
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A FOOD
STORY



CHRISTMAS FUN DAY CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY Friday 15 December

All Nursery and School children can wear non-uniform on this day, preferably including a Christmas jumper, for a £1 donation, which will go to 'Save the Children'.

Santa will also be visiting this day. A letter will be coming home in book bags for you to sign to say you are happy for your child to see him and receive a small gift. We will require a £1 donation for this, too.

Look out for the letter with more details!

Dunchurch
Brass Band
Presents

2nd
December 2017



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

STARTS AT 7PM | TICKETS £6/£4 | CAKES | RAFFLE
**AT DUNCHURCH
VILLAGE HALL**

Tickets available from Wanda Fashions, Dunchurch
or email dunchurch.band100@yahoo.com

DUNCHURCH GUIDES & BROWNIES CHRISTMAS FAIR

Wednesday 6 December, 6-7pm

Dunchurch Methodist Church, Cawston Lane, Dunchurch

Stalls include: homemade cakes, books, toys, games, Christmas gifts, decorations, refreshments and children's activities

Come along with your family and friends to support our
Girl Guide fundraising event

Contact: Sue (Guide Leader) on 07969909727

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

There are still 22 pupils in Year 2 that haven't applied for their Year 3 Junior School place and 17 Nursery pupils that haven't applied for their Reception school place.

Please remember that the national deadline
for your application is:

15 January 2018

**Apply online:
warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions**

St Peter's and St Edmund's Churches
invite you to our



ACTIVITIES * VISIT FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS * LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS

An activity event for children with their families or carers at
St Peter's Church, Dunchurch

Saturday 9th December, 2:00pm until 4:00pm
£2 per Child (includes a gift from Santa)

Booking is essential and places are limited, please book at:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/st-peters-christmas-party-tickets-35725066642>

With names, ages of children and any dietary requirements