

# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



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## 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

<b>Monday 4th</b>	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
<b>Tuesday 5th</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
<b>Thursday 7th</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Friday 8th</b>	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

<b>Monday 4th</b>	
<b>Tuesday 5th</b>	
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	<i>School Christmas Lunch (don't forget your hat!) 1.30pm Red Room Theatre Trip</i>
<b>Thursday 7th</b>	
<b>Friday 8th</b>	<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><b>RED ROOM</b></p> 	<p><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>Over the next couple of weeks we will be developing our confidence &amp; 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 &amp; Tell.</p>	<p><b>BLUE ROOM</b></p> 
<p><b>LITTLE OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p><b>Literacy:</b> 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><b>Maths:</b> We will be ordering sticks (and other things!) by length and using the appropriate mathematical language.</p> <p><b>Phonics:</b> 'ch', 'sh' and 'th' &amp; 'or' and 'ar'.</p> <p>We will also be rehearsing our Christmas blockbuster 'A Miracle in Town'.</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 making predictions and applying our punctuation to retell a story.</p> <p><b>Maths:</b> We will start to learn about 2D shapes, including describing their properties.</p> <p><b>Phonics:</b> We will continue to learn about the 'oa' family.</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> 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><b>SNOWY OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>SPECTACLED OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR TWO</b></p> <p><b>Maths:</b> Height and applying knowledge of &lt; &gt; =</p> <p><b>English:</b> The Christmas Story</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> Winter Walk</p> <p><b>SPaG:</b> 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><b>TAWNY OWLS</b></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](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'

## 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 wintery 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

- 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch
- 6<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Red Room Theatre Trip
- 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parties
- 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
- 14<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Whole School Carol Service
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fun Day (inc. Santa visit)
- 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 Autumn Term

### January

- 5<sup>th</sup> Teacher Training Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> 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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**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](mailto: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](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions)**

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ACTIVITIES \* VISIT FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS \* LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS

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

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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/w/st-peters-christmas-party-tickets-35725068642>

With names, ages of children and any dietary requirements