

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



Autumn Term Issue 13

8 December 2017

Headteacher's Message

We were visited by Rev. Pat Townshend from St Peter's Church this week. She helped me explain to the children in Assembly about Advent. The school will also be visiting St Peter's next Thursday afternoon for a Carol Service. There is a notice further in the newsletter about parents helping. Pat will return to us on the last day of term when we hold our annual Christingle Service. The children will be bringing home a cardboard candle in which children can insert spare coins. The money collected will be given to the Children's Society. You can find out about upcoming services at St Peter's [here](#).

A parent spoke to me earlier this week, a few moments after her daughter and she had had a near miss, after some careless driving by another person. We do not know whether the driver was a parent from this school, but I thought I would take this opportunity to ask everyone to drive carefully around the school.

There has been a forecast of some wintry weather. In the very unlikely event that I consider the weather to be bad enough to close the school, a text message will be sent out to parents. You can also check Warwickshire's school closure website [here](#).



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Extra-curricular Activities 11 – 15 December 2017

Monday 11th	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
Tuesday 12th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Wednesday 13th	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
Thursday 14th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Friday 15th	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 11 – 15 December 2017

Monday 11th	
Tuesday 12th	10am Blue Room Theatre Trip 7pm Rotary Club Christmas Concert
Wednesday 13th	Reception Eye Screening
Thursday 14th	1.30pm Whole School Carol Service at St. Peter's Church
Friday 15th	Christmas Fun Day & Christmas Jumper Day 1.30pm Elf Owls Theatre Trip

WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

Attendance Award

FOR THE WEEK ENDING 1 DECEMBER 2017

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Cup awarded to
Little Owls	97.6	4	93.6	
Elf Owls	97.7	2	95.7	
Barn Owls	95.7	0	95.7	
Snowy Owls	93.7	6	87.7	
Spectacled Owls	95.0	0	95.0	
Tawny Owls	99.3	3	96.3	



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	Ethan Shaw
Red Room Nursery	Florence Marlow
Little Owls	Caitlin-Rose Smith
Elf Owls	Bence Fecske
Barn Owls	Natalya Warwood
Snowy Owls	Oskar Wierzbicki
Spectacled Owls	Chloe Ogburn-Storey
Tawny Owls	Charleigh Vennard

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

<p>RED ROOM</p> 	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>Next week, we will be using our gross motor skills to draw large lines and circles outside on the mark-making wall, as well as painting large boxes to create snowmen.</p> <p>We will be making Father Christmas 'kabobs' with fruit and writing in our Christmas cards.</p>	<p>BLUE ROOM</p> 
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>Literacy: Sequencing and writing about 'The Snowman'</p> <p>Maths: Using our knowledge of length to make Christmas cards</p> <p>Phonics: 'th' and 'ng' & 'ur' and 'ow'</p> <p>We will be rehearsing 'A Miracle in Town'</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>Phonics: Learning about the long 'oo' family, as in 'moon'</p> <p>English: Applying our use of punctuation when writing a story</p> <p>Maths: Learning about 3D shapes</p> <p>Topic: Creating moving pictures</p> <p><i>We will also be continuing to practise our Christmas play and would appreciate it if the children could learn any lines that have been sent home.</i></p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>English: An alternative Christmas story</p> <p>Maths: Temperature</p> <p>Topic: Christmas traditions in other countries</p> <p>Recapping everything taught in Autumn Term</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations this week
go to

Mason Compton and **Bence Fecske** for
completing the Santa Fun Run.

Laycie Larque for winning Ash Stage
Productions 'Early Years Special
Achievement' trophy.

Ishan Bains-Rousseau for completing the
Park Run ten times.

Well done everyone!



CHRISTINGLE

Each child in the school and nursery will soon bring home a 'Children's Society' Christingle Collection Candle, if they haven't already. If you would like to, please fill it with any loose change that you may have and return it to the School Office before **Tuesday 19 December**; thank you.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS

As in previous years, each of the Christmas plays will be recorded and a DVD available to purchase, at a cost of £10 (cash). To order a copy, please complete a form on the day that you come to watch the play, and hand it in, with the money, to the School Office, as you leave; many thanks.

THIS WEEK'S TOP TIP FOR E-SAFETY

Watch 'Thinkuknow' films and cartoons with
your child.

The www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents website
has films, games and advice for children from
3 to 16 years old.

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

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.parenteveningsys
tem.co.uk](http://www.dunchurchinfants.parenteveningsystem.co.uk)

The booking line will close at midnight on
Thursday 14 December.

*This year, again, we will be supporting
'Zoe's Place' Baby Hospice. A charity
providing palliative, respite and end of
life care to babies and infants from birth
to 5 years suffering from life-limiting or
life-threatening conditions. Please give
generously. ☺*

YEAR 1 PUPILS

On Monday 18 December, Year 1 will have a
visit from David Lucas, a children's author,
which has been paid for with PTA funds. If they
have a David Lucas book, he is more than happy
to sign it for them over the lunch break.



WOODY'S BLOG

I went on a lovely winter walk with Year 2 on Wednesday; it was so exciting to be out with the children and we even went passed my house! I was quite tired after all that excitement and had a nice sleep in my bed when we got back.

I've got a very busy weekend ahead as I'm writing all my Christmas cards; have you written yours yet?

I hope you've all sent your letters to Santa but remember..... be good children.

Woof, woof from:

Woody xx

PTA CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Hamper lists are available for each class, so parents can put their name against a particular item. Raffle tickets to win a hamper will be available at the school plays. The following PTA parents hold a list of items needed for each class hamper:

Little Owls: Mrs Kodagoda

Barn Owls: Mrs Mee

Spectacled Owls: Mrs Warren

Elf Owls: Mrs Butlin

Snowy Owls: Mrs Weir

Tawny Owls: Mrs Carvell/Mrs Catling

Nursery parents: please see lists on the notice board in each cloakroom. Donations to be handed in no later than **Thursday 14 December**, please; thank you for your support.

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

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

Autumn Term 2018

Teacher Training Day

Monday 3 September

Term Starts

Tuesday 4 September

Half Term

Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November

Teacher Training Day

Friday 23 November

Term Ends

Friday 21 December

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2017/18

December

- 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 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*

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

There are still 12 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

WHOLE SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

We would appreciate some parental help next week for our Carol Service at St. Peter's Church on **Thursday 14 December**.

The service starts at 1.30pm, so we would need helpers to meet us in the school car park at 1.00pm, to enable us to arrive at the church in good time. We anticipate finishing at 2.45pm, so hope that you will stay to sing a carol or two with us!

If you are able to help, please give your name in at the School Office.

Many thanks

**DUNCHURCH
PANTOMANIACS
PRESENT**

**RUM BAA BAA
AND THE FOUR
TEA THIEVES**

Book Now

*Written by
Sue Protheroe*

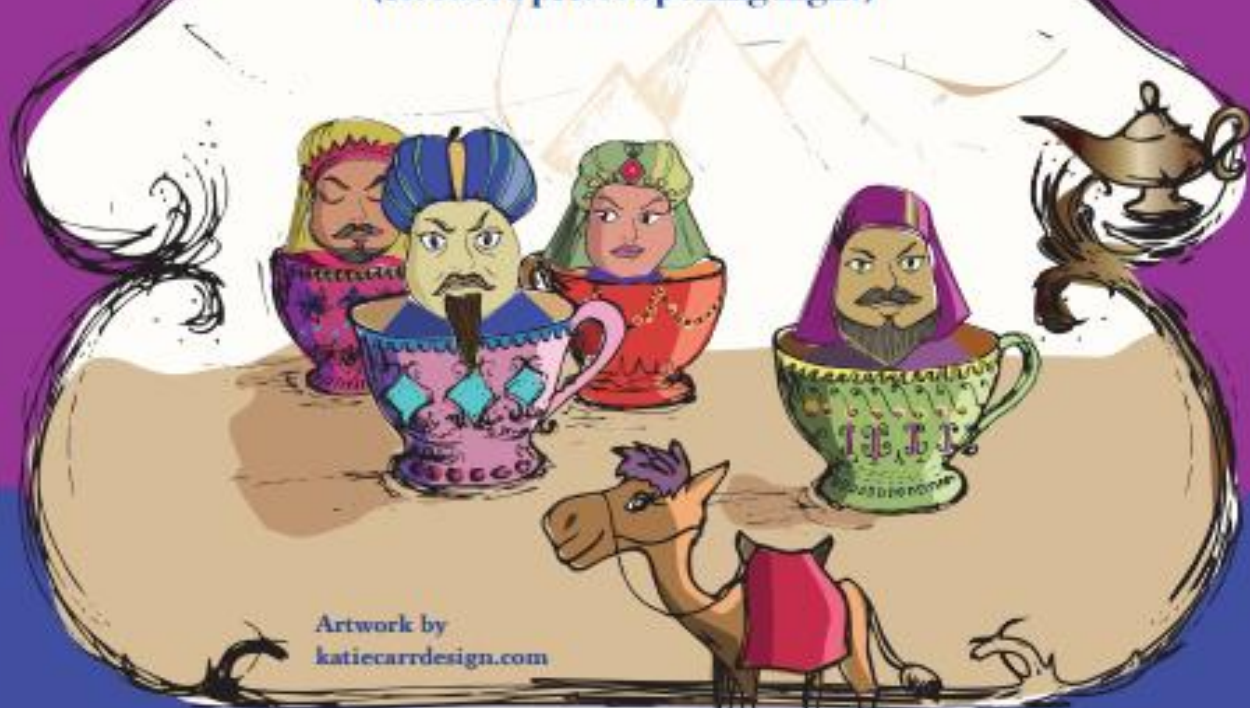
at Dunchurch Village Hall

Jan 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 26th, 27th

Gala Night 25th (£15)

Matinees 20th, 21st

Tickets £7, £6 Snr, £4 children
(Reduced prices opening night)



TICKETS FROM :

**WILD & FREE, BANK STREET, RUGBY 01788 570400
OR WANDAS, DUNCHURCH 01788 522021**