

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



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Headteacher's Message



We had a special visitor in school today

The children and staff in Nursery, Reception and Year One have been working hard on their nativities over the last few weeks. Thank you for your help in sending in the children's costumes. I look forward to them having the chance to perform in front of an audience next week. Alongside these performances we also had children singing at the Rotary Carol Service on Tuesday. The children's singing was much complimented by the congregation, in particular Shoshanna and Matthew. Thank you to all the staff involved, particularly Miss Morgan who had taught the children the songs.

You will see in the email to which this newsletter is attached, a letter from Eva Goodwin, the Chair of this school's governing body. Please take time to read the message and let me know if you have any questions or comments. Although this does mean a change in my role, it is very much the intention that there will be no noticeable difference to children or parents.

Ian Dewes

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Extra-curricular Activities 18 – 22 December 2017

Monday 18th	No Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts No Spanish Club
Tuesday 19th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Wednesday 20th	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
Thursday 21st	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Friday 22nd	12.00 – 12.30pm Yr 1 French Club 12.30 – 1.00pm Yr 2 French Club No Violin/Cello Lessons No Yr 1 After School Sports

CALENDAR


Reminders for 18 – 22 December 2017

Monday 18th	David Lucas, author, visiting Yr 1 No Singing Club No Spanish Club
Tuesday 19th	See 'Dates for your Diaries' for Christmas Play times Deadline for Christingle Candles
Wednesday 20th	See 'Dates for your Diaries' for Christmas Play times
Thursday 21st	See 'Dates for your Diaries' for Christmas Play times
Friday 22nd	No Violin/Cello Lessons No Yr 1 After School Sports 2pm – School Closes

WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

Attendance Award

FOR THE WEEK ENDING 8 DECEMBER 2017

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Cup awarded to
Little Owls	96.8	3	93.8	
Elf Owls	93.5	2	91.5	
Barn Owls	98.0	0	98.0	
Snowy Owls	96.7	7	89.7	
Spectacled Owls	98.0	2	96.0	
Tawny Owls	95.7	0	95.7	



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	Daisy Chamberlain
Red Room Nursery	Selwyn Mansfield-Brown
Little Owls	Sahib Bhangal
Elf Owls	Lily Pasternak
Barn Owls	Poppy Tilford
Snowy Owls	Darcey Sutton
Spectacled Owls	John Owen
Tawny Owls	Dylan Tew

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

<p>RED ROOM</p> 	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>Next week, we will be in full Christmas mode! We will be making Christmas decorations, finishing writing in our cards and making delicious biscuits. We will be learning to sequence stories, putting events and characters into order. We are also looking forward to performing our Christmas nativity for you!</p> <p>Also, please bring something Christmassy in for 'Show & Tell'.</p>	<p>BLUE ROOM</p> 
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! We will be performing 'A Miracle in Town'.</p> <p>In phonics we will be recapping the phonemes learnt so far and working on the Tricky Words.</p> <p>We will be writing letters to Santa (just like Prince George!)</p> <p>AND Christmas fun</p> <p>Holiday homework will be sent home next week.</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>We are looking forward to our visit from David Lucas on Monday. <i>Please bring in any of his books that you would like to be signed.</i></p> <p>Phonics: We will be continuing to learn about the long 'oo' family.</p> <p>Maths: We will learn about shape and patterns.</p> <p>We will be practising and performing our Christmas play.</p> <p><i>Please ensure your child has their costume in school.</i></p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>English: Retelling a Christmas story from a different country.</p> <p>Maths: Patterns.</p> <p>Topic: Chringle.</p> <p>SPaG: Spelling common exception words.</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations this week
go to

James Shields for receiving a Nuneaton
BMX Club trophy for coming 8th in the 6-7
year age group race.

Olivia Rose for receiving her 10m
swimming award.

Dylan Llewellyn for taking part in the
'Rugby Register' cover design and having his
entry printed in the magazine.

Lola Grimes for making her Rainbow
Promise at the 1st Dunchurch Rainbow Unit

Well done everyone!



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 PLAYS

As in previous years, each of the Christmas
plays will be recorded (just once) 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 year, again, we will be supporting the
charity 'Zoe's Place' Baby Hospice. This is a
charity that provides 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
Thank you



Zoe's Place
Baby Hospice

CHRISTINGLE

Each child in the school and nursery have
brought home a 'Children's Society' Christingle
Collection Candle. 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.

THIS WEEK'S TOP TIP FOR E-SAFETY

Lots of children view TV through on-
demand services. To stop them accidentally
seeing inappropriate programmes,
BBCiPlayer has a 'Parental Guidance Lock'.

You can use this to set a PIN code that has to
be entered before watching any programme
originally broadcast after the 9pm
watershed.

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 hope you all enjoyed the snow this week. I had a lovely time playing in it but I did get lots of tiny snowballs stuck to my legs! I went to St Peter's Church on Tuesday evening for the Carol Service and I felt very blessed indeed. It was an honour to sing with the children, who were a credit to our school.

I hope you were all excited to see Father Christmas this morning; I was very sad that I wasn't in school to meet him ☹; perhaps next year. Always remember though children, Santa's little helpers are watching..... so be good!

Woof, woof from:
Woody xx

ROTARY CAROL SERVICE TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER

I would very much like to thank all the children, and their parents, who turned out to St Peter's Church to attend the Rotary Carol Service; it was a fantastic representation from the school. I have received lots of compliments about the children's singing and, in particular, how well behaved they were.

Thank you to Miss Morgan, as it is not possible to do these activities without her support, to Mrs Hillman and Mrs Mosley for all their support and to Mrs Barnes for the reading that she delivered; I am grateful to you all.

Lisa McConnell



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 10am – 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 9 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 applications is:

15 January 2018

Apply online:
warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

CHRISTMAS PLAY COSTUMES

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils are busy rehearsing their Christmas plays for next week's performances. 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 having any problems obtaining a costume, as we do have some spare within school. Alternatively, please contact Mrs McNally, who has a selection of nativity costumes available for hire, for a small donation to the PTA. Her mobile number is **07792588996**, if you would like to discuss your requirements.

**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)

Artwork by
katiecarrdesigns.com

TICKETS FROM :

**WILD & FREE, BANK STREET, RUGBY O1788 570400
OR WANDAS, DUNCHURCH O1788 522021**

PTA CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

If you wish to try your luck to win one of the eight PTA Christmas Hampers, raffle tickets will be sold at each of the Christmas play performances next week.

As Year 2 are not involved in any Christmas performances, parents can purchase tickets from either Kate Catling or Ronnie Carvell.

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

22 December

2pm

on the playground



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