

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



**Autumn Term
Issue 15
22 December 2017**

Headteacher's Message

In schools, the build up to Christmas starts very early. The Christmas card designs made by the children and sold via the PTA are made in October and while we make a conscious effort not to start rehearsals for the nativities and singing performances too early, they do take some time to put together. All of this can make the wait for Christmas seem even longer for the children, so I am glad the wait is nearly over for them. The children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 have done a great job of their nativities this week. It has been a pleasure to have welcomed hundreds of parents and grandparents into school over the nine performances. I am also glad we have had the chance to remind the children (and ourselves) of the true meaning of Christmas through the stories in the performances.



I would like to publicly thank all of my colleagues for their hard work this year. It has been a long term and everyone deserves a well-earned Christmas break. I hope you and your family enjoy the holiday, too, and look forward to seeing you all again in 2018.

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Extra-curricular Activities 8 – 12 January 2018

Monday 8th	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
Tuesday 9th	No FDS Ball Skills
Wednesday 10th	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
Thursday 11th	No FDS Ball Skills
Friday 12th	12.00 – 12.30pm Yr 1 French Club 12.30 – 1.00pm Yr 2 French Club 1.30 – 3.00pm Violin/Cello Lessons 3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 1 Sports Club

CALENDAR


Reminders for 8 – 12 January 2018

Monday 8th	
Tuesday 9th	No FDS Ball Skills
Wednesday 10th	
Thursday 11th	No FDS Ball Skills
Friday 12th	

WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

Attendance Award

FOR THE WEEK ENDING 15 DECEMBER 2017

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Cup awarded to
Little Owls	98.0	12	86.0	
Elf Owls	96.6	10	86.6	
Barn Owls	97.1	7	90.1	
Snowy Owls	95.0	12	83.0	
Spectacled Owls	99.2	5	94.2	
Tawny Owls	94.5	10	84.5	



TERMLY 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 whole term!

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	Whole Class
Red Room Nursery	Whole Class
Little Owls	Whole Class
Elf Owls	Whole Class
Barn Owls	Whole Class
Snowy Owls	Whole Class
Spectacled Owls	Whole Class
Tawny Owls	Whole Class

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

<p>RED ROOM</p> 	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>During the last week of term we enjoyed lots of Christmassy activities! We created lists for Father Christmas, using our fine motor skills to either write, draw, or cut out the items we would like and we had fun making our Rudolph treats, using our listening skills to follow instruction and count out the correct number of ingredients needed. We also loved performing our Nativity for you; thank you to all that joined us for one of the performances. Lastly, many thanks to everyone that kindly gave the Nursery staff gifts; it is much appreciated. Happy Christmas to you all.</p>	<p>BLUE ROOM</p> 
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>A big 'well done' to all our fantastic performers and for making it through your first term at school. This week we have been performing, making, decorating and talking about all things Christmas! The children have seen some evidence of classroom elves that have come to visit, although the grown-ups can't see anything..... We have included some holiday homework, which is to create a record of a family celebration that your child has enjoyed being involved in. This will be shared during the first week back at school, and used as a springboard for our literacy work. We hope the children have an enjoyable Christmas; please get lots of rest, ready for learning in the New Year.</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week we have been busy performing our Christmas play. We have also been consolidating our knowledge of punctuation and have found out about the properties of 3D shapes such as cube, cuboid, sphere, cone, cylinder and pyramid. We have also created our own patterns using colours and shapes. We have continued to learn about the long oo sound in phonics e.g. ew, u_e, ue and ou. Your child will bring home a copy of the Year 1 common exception words that they have been able to spell. Please continue to practise any words that were spelt incorrectly. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!</p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>Over the Christmas holidays please practice reciting the poems that were sent out at the beginning of the week, ready for the new term. Please also continue to practice spelling and writing the Year 2 Common Exception Words, previous spelling rules and maths homework. Many thanks to all the parent helpers in the classroom and on visits, this term; it really is appreciated. We would like to wish all the Year 2 families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations this week
go to

Amy Jennings for gaining her Green Belt in
Tae Kwon Do

Aurelia Salisbury for gaining her Blue Belt
in Tae Kwon Do

Orla and **Molly Bull** for taking part in the
CATS Kidz Celebration Day

Olivia Rose for achieving her 10m
swimming award

Daisy Chamberlain and **Dolly Elliott**, from
Blue Room Nursery, who performed on
stage for their ballet school's Christmas
Open Day

Laycie Larque for achieving both a Ballet
and Tap award from the Warwickshire
Dance Academy

It's an all-girls week!
Well done girls!



PTA CLASS CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you to everyone that purchased tickets for
the PTA hampers - £514 was raised for school
funds, which is fantastic!

The winners are the parents of:

Red Room – Joshua Eastwood
Blue Room – Aoife Brandsma
Little Owls – Ethan Brown
Elf Owls – Lily Pasternak
Barn Owls – Harvey Close
Snowy Owls – Harry Down
Spectacled Owls – James Catling
Tawny Owls – Dawn Eames (staff)

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'Dunchurch Infant & Nursery School
PTA' on Facebook or e-mail
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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'

TERM DATES 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*

WOODY'S BLOG

First of all, I would like to say a BIG 'thank you' for the lovely cards and presents that I have received for Christmas; I am a very lucky boy. I really enjoyed Assembly today and I hope you liked my poem, which is on the last page of the newsletter. I can't believe that I have completed my first term at school. I have had great fun and I particularly enjoy Woody's Buddies Club at lunchtime. You have all been really kind to me and looked after me very well in school. I am so excited that it is only three more sleeps until Santa comes. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in January.

Woof, woof from:
Woody xx



**DUNCHURCH
PANTOMANIACS
PRESENT**

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

Book Now

*Written by
Sue Protheroe*

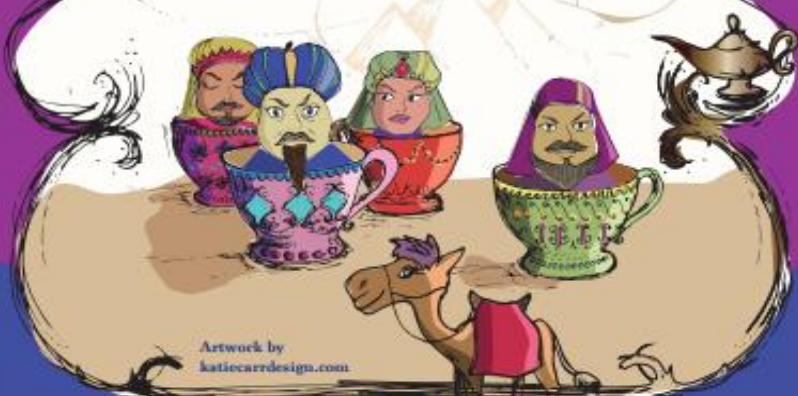
at Dunchurch Village Hall

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
katiecarrdesign.com

TICKETS FROM :

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

**MANY THANKS TO THOSE
PARENTS THAT HAVE GIVEN
GIFTS TO STAFF; IT IS
REALLY KIND OF YOU AND
WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH
YOU ALL A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND BEST
WISHES FOR A HEALTHY AND
HAPPY 2018!**



DATES FOR YOUR 2018 DIARY

January

- 5th Teacher Training Day
- 8th School Returns
- 23rd Reception Year Height & Weight Screening

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

CHARITY DONATIONS

POPPY DAY

Many thanks to everyone who donated or purchased items-
you raised £289.07!

CHILDREN IN NEED

Many thanks to every child and member of staff that wore a spotty jumper-
you raised £319.90!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Many thanks to every child and member of staff that wore a Christmas jumper-
you raised £204.87 for Save the Children!

CHRISTINGLE CANDLES

Many thanks to all the children that collected their family's loose change-
you have raised £156.07, so far, for the Children's Society!

ZOE'S PLACE BABY HOSPICE

Your kind donations have been returned to the charity, in the sealed buckets, and we
will let you know in the New Year how much was raised; thank you.

So far, a total of £969.91 has been raised **BY YOU** for these charities – well done!





WOODY'S CHRISTMAS POEM

Dear Santa, my name is Woody
And I have been very good,
Although I dig up the garden
And chew on big chunks of wood.

I go to school with Mrs Beech
And I have lots of fun each day,
The children really love me
And I'd like a part in the Christmas play.

Mrs Beech bought me a costume
And I'm dressed as Santa Claus,
I'm wearing a silly hat
With a coat just showing my paws.

When Christmas Eve arrives
I really mustn't bark,
I have to make Santa welcome
With some milk and a nice mince tart.

I hope Santa brings me some pressies
I'd like lots of treats and toys,
And at school I'd like lots of cuddles
From those lovely girls and boys.

I've been a little bit naughty
As I refused to sleep in my crate,
Mrs Beech said I could ask Santa
To bring me a little playmate.

The cats don't seem to bother
Sleeping through Christmas all cosy and nice,
And when I want a takeaway
I send them out to find me some mice.

Something interesting appeared today
And it's called a Christmas tree,
It's thoughtful of Mrs Beech to put it there
So I can lift my leg up for a wee!

So 'Happy Christmas' girls and boys
I hope you've enjoyed my blog,
Let's have lots of fun in 2018
With love from Woody, your school dog.

Woof, woof xxx