

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



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Headteacher's Message

In assemblies this week, we have been thinking about our school rules.

We have one main rule: Respect everybody and everything (you could perhaps see if your child remembers this) and then various other related rules. These were developed around a year ago by staff.

The key to good behaviour in the school is consistency. We are keen to make sure that the pupils remember the rules throughout the school day, so we will soon be putting a sign up on the playground, to remind them of the expectations for behaviour at all times.



Ian Dewes

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Extra-curricular Activities 22 – 26 January 2018

Monday 22nd	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
Tuesday 23rd	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Wednesday 24th	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
Thursday 25th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Friday 26th	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 22 – 26 January 2018

Monday 22nd	
Tuesday 23rd	Reception Pupils' Height & Weight Measurements
Wednesday 24th	7.30pm PTA Meeting at Dunchurch Social Club 8pm booking line for Parents Meetings opens
Thursday 25th	
Friday 26th	

WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

Attendance Award

FOR THE WEEK ENDING 12 JANUARY 2018

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Cup awarded to
Little Owls	89.6	3	86.6	
Elf Owls	97.2	0	97.2	
Barn Owls	93.3	1	92.3	
Snowy Owls	94.0	5	89.0	
Spectacled Owls	97.0	1	96.0	
Tawny Owls	99.7	1	98.7	



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 whole 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	Audrey Xu
Red Room	Ivy Goddard
Rainbow Room	Amrin Tsiklauri
Little Owls	Florence Oppon
Elf Owls	Edward Lord
Barn Owls	Isabelle Haswell
Snowy Owls	Sam Geissler
Spectacled Owls	Olivia Hawkins
Tawny Owls	Dexter Barrett

YEAR GROUP CLASS INFORMATION

<p>BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM</p>	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>The children have enjoyed using traditional tales to support their ability to describe main events, characters and repeated phrases in stories. They have been recapping their knowledge of squares, talking about features, spotting them in the environment and using them to create pictures. Please continue to bring in items from home that are square.</p>	
<p>RAINBOW ROOM</p>	<p>The children have loved making rainbows with tissue paper for the windows, using their skills to stick on the strips and talk about colours. They have been using props to support their preferences of some songs, rhymes and stories.</p>	
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>On Monday, the children were excited to see the new role play of 'Percy the Park Keeper's Hut'. They have re-enacted the story of 'One Snowy Night' in the role play and then wrote about part of the story in literacy. In maths, we have used the human number line again. This time, it helped us to work out 1 less than a given number. In phonics we have looked at 'ai' and 'ee' and the difficult trigraphs 'air' and 'ure'</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week, we have been reading the story of 'Dogger'. We have continued to extend our vocabulary and have been thinking of adjectives to describe the characters. Our phonemes this week have been 'oy' and 'ea' (as in head, bread, breakfast). In maths we have been counting forwards and backwards in steps of 1, 2, 5 & 10. Some of the children have been finding this a bit tricky and need to continue to practise this at home. As part of our 60s topic, we have been looking at the artist Bridget Riley and have learned about the moon landing.</p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>This week we have been learning about: English: Alternative Cinderella – Adelita Maths: Multiplication using arrays Topic: Compass directions SPaG: All four sentence types</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations this week
go to

Aurelia Salisbury for being the best dancer
in her ballet class and 'team star' in her tap
and gym classes, last week.

Well Done!



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'

E-SAFETY

The website below has useful information about
current apps that children are using. Whilst most
of these apps are aimed at older children than the
children at this school, it does contain some
useful information about setting up a 'YouTube'
kid's account, which will allow your child to see
age-appropriate material. A recent survey has
shown that a large amount of children are
accessing YouTube on their devices.

<http://parentinfo.org/article/the-6-apps-and-services-that-every-parent-should-know-about>

NURSERY OPENING MORNING RAINBOW ROOM

The date for the Open Morning has changed from
the one previously advertised. It will now take
place on **Saturday 3 February**
between 9.30 – 11.30am.

We look forward to seeing prospective
parents then.

PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting is due to take place on
Wednesday 24 January at 7.30pm at the
Dunchurch Social Club.

Everyone is welcome to come
along – we look forward to seeing you there!

TERM DATES 2018

Spring Term 2018

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

I have been busy this week listening to some readers with Mrs Marlow and Mrs Aird. Both lovely ladies were very patient with me as I am still training, and sometimes I have difficulty concentrating! I am pleased to say all the children read beautifully.

Last night was very exciting at Rugby Dog Training Club as I was presented with a trophy for raising the most money at the recent 'down stay' charity event. Well done to all who donated and raised a whopping £120 for 'Taking the Reins' and 'Medical Detection Dogs'. I now have a special crystal trophy that I need to take good care of.

Have a good weekend.

Woof, woof from:

Woody xx

PARENTS MEETINGS

Wednesday 14 February - 3:30 - 6:00pm

Thursday 15 February - 3:30 - 7:00pm

Parents of school children, from Reception to Year 2, will be able to book a slot with their child's teacher to discuss progress, to date.

**PLEASE NOTE: Each appointment is only 10 minutes long.
Please be considerate to the appointments following you, by not over-running your allocated time, as it has a knock-on overall effect on the evening; thank you.**

Visit our online booking system from
8.00pm on Wednesday 24 January until midnight
on Friday 9 February at:

www.dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.co.uk

Parents of nursery children will be able to sign up for their time slots via the notice board in their child's nursery cloakroom from Wednesday 24 January onwards.

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




RECEPTION PARENTS

Last term, you were given a letter from Compass, the School Health and Wellbeing Service, with regards to your child taking part in a Height and Weight Check. It explained that every year in England, children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) and if you did not wish your child to take part, there was an opting out process.

This is a reminder for you that the check will be taking place on the afternoon of Tuesday 23 January.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Public Health Warwickshire has recently purchased three acclaimed, evidence-based, online courses to help build parental confidence:

-  Understanding your Child (for parents of 0-18 year olds)
-  Understanding your Baby (newborn)
-  Understanding your Pregnancy

By the time children reach 14 years of age, 50% of mental health problems are already established. Public Health Warwickshire want parents to act earlier, to help grow confidence, understanding and responsiveness to their children.

The three courses are designed to support mums, dads and carers in developing positive relationships with their children. In turn, this will help to strengthen emotional resilience and wellbeing, so children are able to bounce back from life's various challenges.

For more information on the courses, please visit:

warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides



**Dunchurch Baptist Church
Coventry Road
CV22 6RF**

**Saturday 10 February
10.30-12.30**

***Crafts Lunch Celebration
for all the family***

£1 per person
(payable on the day)

Book your place asap:
messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk

www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

2018

January

23 Reception Heights & Weights Programme

February

14 3.30 – 6pm Parents Meetings

15 3.30 – 7pm Parents Meetings

April

16 National Offer Day for Reception & Junior places

MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS

Please remember that the school and nursery are **NUT FREE ZONES**. We have several pupils with severe nut allergies, so please do not send your child in with items in their lunch box which contain nuts.

MANY THANKS

APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION AND JUNIOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Following recent applications, in the event that the Infant School is over-subscribed, then the following criteria will be used when allocating places:

1. Children in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, the local authority and children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted.
2. Children living in the priority area who will have a sibling at the Infant or Junior School at the time of admission.
3. Children living in the priority area who have attended Dunchurch Nursery for a minimum of two terms.
4. Other children living in the priority area.
5. Children living outside the priority area who have a sibling at the Infant School at the time of admission.
6. Children living outside the priority area who have attended Dunchurch Nursery for a minimum of two terms.
7. Children living outside the priority area who have a sibling at the Junior School.
8. Other children living outside the priority area.