

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



Spring Term Issue 3

26 January 2018

Headteacher's Message

The children have been enjoying their new topics this week. Year 1 pupils have been learning about the 1960s and Year 2's topic has been focusing on Mexico. Nursery and Reception children don't have half-termly topics as we find the children don't sustain their attention on one thing for that long. However, you can see what they are up to on a weekly basis in the newsletter.

There are many different types of national 'day', the majority of which we barely notice. (Last Sunday was 'Squirrel Appreciation Day' apparently.) Of greater significance, it is National Holocaust Day tomorrow, Saturday 27 January. Although it would be inappropriate for us to discuss much of the history of the holocaust with children of infant school age, it has still been a stimulus for talking to the children in assemblies this week about being tolerant of differences. The children have listened to a story called 'Odd Dog Out', where the lead character is excluded by others because he is different. We discussed the unfairness of this and how we wouldn't want such a thing to happen in our playgrounds or classrooms.

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Extra-curricular Activities 29 January – 2 February 2018

Monday 29th	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
Tuesday 30th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Wednesday 31st	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
Thursday 1st	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Friday 2nd	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 29 January – 2 February 2018

Monday 29th	
Tuesday 30th	
Wednesday 31st	
Thursday 1st	
Friday 2nd	

WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

Attendance Award

FOR THE WEEK ENDING 19 JANUARY 2018

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Cup awarded to
Little Owls	97.6	5	92.6	
Elf Owls	98.0	1	97.0	
Barn Owls	97.3	2	95.3	
Snowy Owls	98.7	6	92.7	
Spectacled Owls	95.3	0	95.3	
Tawny Owls	98.0	0	98.0	



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 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	Harry Holloway
Red Room	Eleanor Barr
Rainbow Room	Molly Bull
Little Owls	Mason Compton
Elf Owls	Anika Reddy
Barn Owls	James Shields
Snowy Owls	Jaya Hayer
Spectacled Owls	Chloe Doughty
Tawny Owls	Oscar Vessey

YEAR GROUP CLASS INFORMATION

<p>BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM</p>	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>This week the children have enjoyed creating collages of the initial sound in their name - beginning to recognise what it is and what it sounds like. They have also been learning about rhyming and are beginning to match two items that sound the same. Show & Tell: Please could children bring something to nursery that shows their personality (we are going to start discussing similarities & differences).</p>	
<p>RAINBOW ROOM</p>	<p>The children have loved their story of the week, 'The Gingerbread Man' and have created lots of Gingerbread Man art. They have been having discussions around turn-taking and practising this during group times. They have also enjoyed making tracks with the cars in paint! For next week, can the children please bring in a photo of their family.</p>	
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>There has been excitement in the Investigation Area with the appearance of ice balloons. We have worked out ways to melt the ice with spoons, hammers and salt. Some of us have been blowing on the ice to create 'hot air' whilst others have warmed their hands on the radiator before touching the ice. Lots of super language and ideas. There has been some excellent writing about 'The Mitten' story and work will be displayed in the main corridor. In Maths we have begun adding by counting the total number of objects in 2 groups. We have also looked at counting on, by playing board games. In phonics we have looked at 'er' and 2 syllable words, and 'oa' and 'igh'. Next week we will be junk modelling again. Please save and send in any boxes and milk bottle tops.</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week, in Maths, we have been learning how to partition and construct numbers to 50 using a wide range of equipment. In English we have been learning about the story of 'Dogger' and spotting the conjunction 'and'. Some children have also been learning about the conjunctions 'but', 'so' and 'because'. In Topic we have learnt about the artist Bridget Riley and the football world cup in 1966. In Phonics we have been learning about the 'ow' (cow) and 'ou' (sound) graphemes.</p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>This is what we have done this week: English: A character profile of Cinderella, focusing on all four sentence types, adjectives and expanded noun phrases Maths: Multiplication on a blank number line Topic: Science investigation on objects that twist, stretch, bend and squash. We also made some slime to investigate these properties SPaG: Spelling rules for plurals</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations this week
go to

Alfie Turner for receiving the LoveBallet
Dance Company trophy and shield 2017.

George Barnacle for being awarded the
STAnley First Steps 1 & 2 swimming awards.

Gracie Brown for achieving the Level 4
British Gymnastics Trampoline Proficiency
Award.

Aurelia Salisbury for completing her
Girlguiding 'Rainbows Enchanted Forest'
badge.

Well done everyone!



E-SAFETY

When using Google, children can encounter inappropriate images even with a simple search term. Encourage your children to use a child-friendly webpage to search for information, such as Yahoooligans.

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.

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'

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

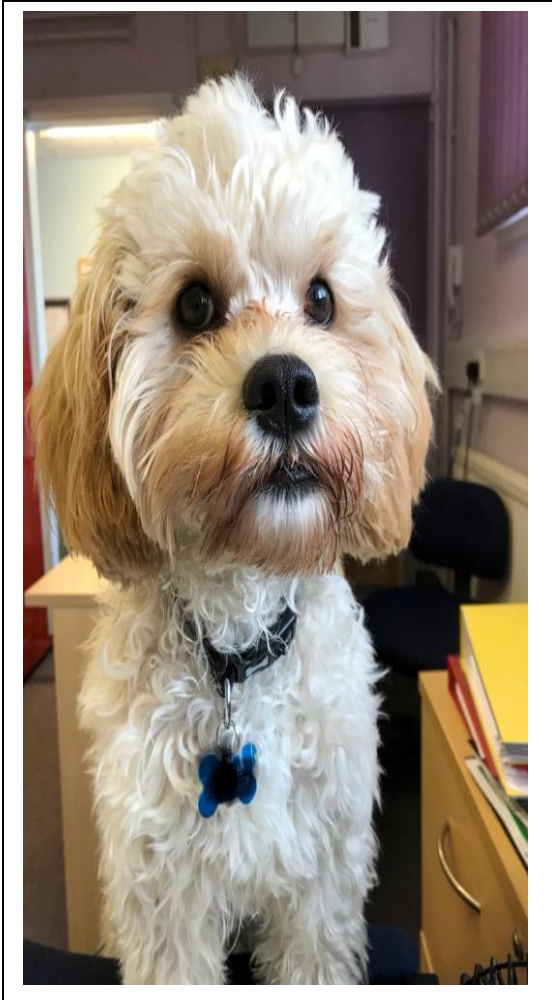
Teacher Training Day

Friday 23 November

Term Ends

Friday 21 December

***FAMILY HOLIDAYS MUST ONLY BE BOOKED
DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY
PERIOD***



WOODY'S BLOG

Hello everyone

I hope you have managed to stay dry during the heavy rain this week; it made my coat go very curly!

I have had great fun in registration and Woody's Buddies Club, along with listening to some children read. Everyone is so kind to me; even visitors to the school give me lots of fuss as they come into Reception.

This week, I have also visited the Junior School and met some of the children there and I am looking forward to getting involved with their learning, too.

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.

RUGBY IN BLOOM 2018

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!

Would you like to help our Gardening Club create a stunning display for Rugby in Bloom 2018?

If so, to achieve our master plan we will need hundreds of knitted and crocheted poppies. As poppies grow in many colours, any shade of colour would be very welcome and different sizes, too. Please tell your family and friends what we are trying to do and encourage them to dust off their crocheting hooks and knitting needles and dig out their oddments of wool.

Your school needs you! Thank you ☺



SARAH COOKE SCHOOL OF DANCE

The following classes are available in Dunchurch on Thursdays:

2.45pm - Pre-school ballet and movement for 2 years upwards

3.45pm – Ballet classes for Reception – Year 2 children

Also ballet, tap and disco/street dance for all ages

For more information, please email: sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com

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

February

14 3.30 – 6pm Parents Meetings

15 3.30 – 7pm Parents Meetings

March

7 Year 2 Mother's Day Lunch

9 PTA Mothers Day Gift Shop

26 7-8pm Parents Forum Meeting

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

PTA MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SHOP Friday 9 March

The gift shop will feature a range of quality wrapped gifts, especially selected for Mother's Day, priced at £3 each. The children can choose a present and then take one away already wrapped up for Sunday 11 March.

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the form at the bottom of the letter that has been sent home this week and return it in an envelope marked 'PTA – Mother's Day' to the School Office, together with payment of £3 per gift in cash, or cheque made payable to

'Dunchurch Infant School & Nursery PTA'

no later than Monday 12th February

Unfortunately, orders placed after this deadline will not be accepted. Thank you for your continued support.

OWLS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

8 – 8.45am

3.15 – 6pm

If you need to get in touch with the Owls Manager, Lynda Cole, after 4.30pm (when the School Office has closed) please call:

07810 175 463

