

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



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Spring Term Issue 4

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Headteacher's Message

There has been some fantastic writing in the school over the last few weeks. You can see some photos of the writing on our Twitter feed [here](#). Year 1 have been writing about the book 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes and Year 2 pupils have been writing about Cinderella.

To mark their centenary, the Coventry Diocese have sent a Cross of Nails on a tour of schools across Coventry and Warwickshire. The tour reached Dunchurch Junior School this week and the cross was brought down to our school for an assembly. The children learned about the history of the bombing of Coventry Cathedral during the Second World War and how the original Cross of Nails has become a symbol of reconciliation. This led us to talking about forgiveness.



Ian Dewes

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Extra-curricular Activities 5 – 9 February 2018

Monday 5th	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
Tuesday 6th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Wednesday 7th	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
Thursday 8th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Friday 9th	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 5 – 9 February 2018

Monday 5th	Don't forget to book your Parents Meeting appointment – 41 parents have yet to do so!
Tuesday 6th	
Wednesday 7th	Sign2Sing donation of £1 today
Thursday 8th	
Friday 9th	Deadline for booking Parents Meeting appointments & paying for Year 2 Mother's Day Lunch

WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

Attendance Award

FOR THE WEEK ENDING 26 JANUARY 2018

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Cup awarded to
Little Owls	97.6	4	93.6	
Elf Owls	96.0	2	94.0	
Barn Owls	97.0	3	94.0	
Snowy Owls	95.0	6	89.0	
Spectacled Owls	94.7	3	91.7	
Tawny Owls	98.7	1	97.7	



WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Spectacled Owls

Well done to the children from Miss Lodge'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

Rainbow Room	Eilidh Reynolds
Blue Room	Isabel Armstrong
Red Room	Orla Buckland
Little Owls	Ethan Brown
Elf Owls	Leo Smith
Barn Owls	Corin Mansfield-Brown
Snowy Owls	Jack Dewes
Spectacled Owls	Naomi Wilson
Tawny Owls	Ella McNally

YEAR GROUP CLASS INFORMATION

<p>BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM</p>	<p>NURSERY</p> <p>This week, the children have loved taking part in our photo booth role play area; learning how to use the cameras themselves and discussing their differences when using the props. They have also used loose parts resources with frames to create pictures of themselves. In the Finger Gym area they have been using their fine motor muscles to hole-punch a certain amount of holes into paper.</p>	
<p>RAINBOW ROOM</p>	<p>The children have been busy creating rainbow fish using CDs and textured resources. They have been accessing equipment to prompt the use of size language during their play and they have loved exploring the ice castles and using the characters from 'Frozen' to recreate stories. Please continue to bring photographs of the children's families, if you haven't already done so, thank you.</p>	
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p>RECEPTION</p> <p>This week the children have enjoyed acting out different scenarios in the police station role play, particularly spotting which members of staff are on the Naughty Bus! They have written wanted posters and have retold parts of the story. In maths we have continued working on addition, by starting to 'count on'. In phonics we have looked at both long and short 'oo' sounds, as well as re-capping 'ch', 'sh', 'th' and 'ng'.</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week in English we have sequenced the story of 'Dogger' and started to retell it, applying our knowledge of conjunctions and adjectives. In maths we have continued to partition and construct numbers to 50. We have then compared these numbers using the <, > and = signs. In topic we have learned about David Hockney and created our own pop art and in phonics we have learned about the 'or', 'ore', 'aw' and 'au' graphemes.</p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p>YEAR TWO</p> <p>In English we have been comparing all 3 Cinderella stories and using 'however' and 'but' to generate a short narrative. In maths we have been looking at division and using an array to solve problems. In our topic lessons we have written instructions on how to make slime and in SPaG we taught the possessive contraction for singular and plurals.</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations this week
go to

Caitlin-Rose Smith for winning two couples
waltz trophies with her cousin.

Florence Jones for being awarded Trinity
College London's Grade 1 awards for 'Group
Drama' and 'Musical Theatre' and for
receiving a certificate and medal for
'Performer of the Week' at the Pauline
Quirke Academy of Performing Arts.

Well done girls!



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RAISING MONEY FOR THE DEAF HEALTH CHARITY SIGNHEALTH

Don't forget your £1 donations on 7 February!

E-SAFETY

Next Tuesday, 6 February, is International E-Safety Day and all the children within school will be taking part in e-safety activities at some point during the week.

Top tips for parents on how to keep your child safe when using the internet can be found by clicking:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/safer-internet-day-2018-top-tips-parents-and-carers>

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

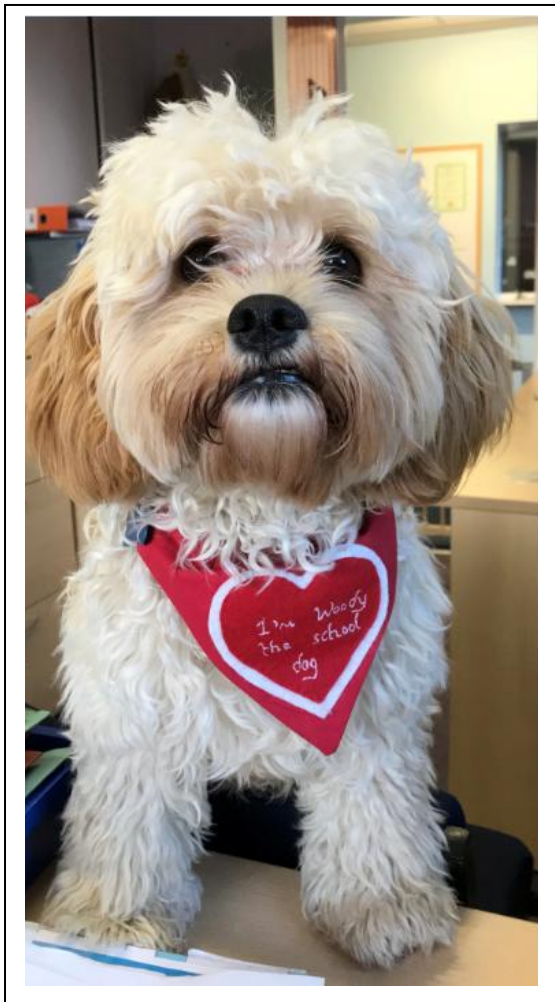
Teacher Training Day

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 like my new bandana; I think it's very appropriate as I love my job!

This week I have been to registration, Woody's Buddies Club and reading with the children. This afternoon I went out for a little walkies with the children from Rainbow Room, which I was very excited about. I have also been down to the Junior School and worked with some children there, as well as taking part in their Assembly where I shared some photographs of my mum, dad and puppy siblings.

Phew, thank goodness it's Friday!

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



Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day Tuesday 13th February

Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Day) is the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The day is known for the eating of pancakes before the start of Lent. Pancakes are eaten as they are a way of using up sugar, fat, flour and eggs, the consumption of which was traditionally restricted during the fasting associated with Lent.

**Today's
Lunch Menu
will feature
Pancakes
with a variety
of toppings
for dessert**





Year 2 Mother's Day Lunch



Wednesday 7 March

Roast Beef
Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy
Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
(v) Quorn Fillet
Homemade Blueberry Muffin







**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
- 15 PTA Meeting

March

- 1 World Book Day
- 7 Year 2 Mother's Day Lunch
- 9 PTA Mother's Day Gift Shop
- 14 PTA Movie Night
- 26 7-8pm Parents Forum Meeting
- 29 PTA Easter Egg Hunt

April

- 16 National Offer Day for
Reception & Junior School
places

May

- 18 PTA Quiz Night

July

- 14 PTA Summer Party

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 12 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



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Tuesday 3 – Friday 6 April
Monday 9 – Friday 13 April

Full Day
8am – 5pm
£29 *

Half Day
8am – 12.30pm
or
12.30pm – 5pm
£14.50 *



* Early-Bird Rate. Bookings made after Friday 2 March will be charged at £32 for a full day or £16 for a half day. A 50% non-refundable deposit is required when returning the completed Booking Form.

Booking Forms are available from the School Office now

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 23 – Friday 27 July
Monday 30 July – Friday 3 August
Monday 6 – Friday 10 August
Monday 13 – Friday 17 August

Full Day
8am – 5pm
£29 *

Half Day
8am – 12.30pm
or
12.30pm – 5pm
£14.50 *



* Early-Bird Rate. Bookings made after Friday 15 June will be charged at £32 for a full day or £16 for a half day. A 50% non-refundable deposit is required when returning the completed Booking Form.

Booking Forms are available from the School Office now

FORTHCOMING PTA EVENTS

Friday 2 February
3.15pm - Hot Chocolate Friday

Thursday 15 February
7.30pm - PTA Meeting at Dunchurch
Social Club

Friday 16 February
3.15pm - Valentine Cake Sale

Wednesday 14 March
3.15pm - Movie Night for Reception,
Year 1 & Year 2



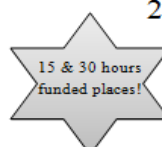
Dunchurch Infant School &
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Nursery Open Morning!

Saturday 3rd February 2018
9:30 – 11:30am

Come and see our newly extended
Nursery provision for children aged
2yrs 9months - 5yrs



For more information call 01788 810292
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