

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



Spring Term Issue 5

9 February 2018

Headteacher's Message

From time to time parents want to take their child out of school during term-time. I understand why they would want to do this; there is a significant mark-up on the cost of vacations during school holidays. Forms are available from the School Office which parents use to ask permission and if the request meets the definition of 'exceptional circumstances', leave will be granted. It is up to the Headteacher in each school to decide what they consider 'exceptional circumstances' to be. Whilst there isn't the space here to give an exhaustive list of times when authorised leave has been granted by me, I am happy to talk to parents about this in more detail should they want to know more.

Where children are taken out of school at times when they shouldn't, the absence is recorded as unauthorised. You may have seen in the news that there have been cases where parents have been prosecuted for taking their children out of school. This is something which can only be actioned by the local authority, not the school.

There have been four occasions this week when children have had an unauthorised absence recorded. When I discuss this issue with parents they are sometimes under the impression that other parents have been allowed to take their children out of school with my permission. I would like to make it clear that when parents do this, it is not with my permission.

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Extra-curricular Activities 12 - 16 February 2018

Monday 12th	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
Tuesday 13th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Wednesday 14th	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
Thursday 15th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Friday 16th	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 12 - 16 February 2018

Monday 12th	Deadline for Mother's Day Gift Shop Order Forms
Tuesday 13th	
Wednesday 14th	3.30 – 6pm Parents Meetings
Thursday 15th	3.30 – 7pm Parents Meetings
Friday 16th	3.15pm Break for Half Term

WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

Attendance Award

FOR THE WEEK ENDING 2 FEBRUARY 2018

	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Cup awarded to
Little Owls	97.2	5	92.2	
Elf Owls	93.6	1	92.6	
Barn Owls	99.7	1	98.7	
Snowy Owls	94.0	4	90.0	
Spectacled Owls	95.0	2	93.0	
Tawny Owls	95.3	1	94.3	



WEEKLY GREEN AWARD

Awarded to Tawny Owls

Well done to the children from Mrs Rawes and Mrs Horne'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	Felicia Pears
Blue Room	Zachary Meng-Lewis
Red Room	Flynn Mastrangelo
Little Owls	Keegan Adu Yirenkyi
Elf Owls	Elijah Wu
Barn Owls	Natalya Warwood
Snowy Owls	Isaac Farrelly
Spectacled Owls	Matthew Thomson
Tawny Owls	Isaac Wosman

YEAR GROUP CLASS INFORMATION

RAINBOW ROOM	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>The children have loved sharing the photographs of their families, talking about the people that live in their house and how they are all different. They have been practising their mark-making skills through painting onto bubble wrap and using lots of great language, too. Finally, the children have been strengthening their muscles for their pencil grip by using tweezers to lift out fish from jelly - it has been a messy week!</p>	
BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM	<p>The children have enjoyed hunting around the garden to find the difference shapes and numbers, developing their recognition and knowledge of both. They have also used their gross motor skills to participate in some large scale wellie printing. Please could the children bring a photograph of ONE member of their family for 'Show & Tell' next week</p>	
LITTLE OWLS 	<p style="text-align: center;">RECEPTION</p> <p>We have continued writing about the Naughty Bus. On Thursday we were shocked to find that our buses had escaped from their boxes and were doing naughty things in the Reception unit! The children have been coming up with ideas about how we can capture the bus before more mischief occurs. In maths we have continued looking at numbers to 20, as well as working on adding, by counting on. We have looked at ways to keep safe on-line as part of E-Safety Day and in phonics we have worked on 'or' and 'ar', and re-capping 'ch', 'sh' and 'th' (especially when the digraphs are at the end of word).</p>	ELF OWLS 
BARN OWLS 	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week, in maths, we have learned to add in tens and ones using the part part whole model. In English we have learned about the suffixes 'ing' and 'ed'. In phonics we have been learning about short and long vowel sounds and in art we have used oil pastels to create effects.</p>	SNOWY OWLS 
SPECTACLED OWLS 	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR TWO</p> <p>This week, we have been covering the following things in class: English: We have been looking at Little Red Riding Hood, re-telling and completing character profiles Maths: Division on a blank number line SPaG: Suffixes 'less' and 'ful' Topic: Exploring Mexican art - the Mexican Tree of life Statistics: Tallies and Bar Charts</p>	TAWNY OWLS 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations this week
go to

Natalya Warwood for achieving the British
Gymnastics Level 2 & 3 Trampoline
Proficiency Awards

Chloe Doughty for completing the Mini
Military Mud Run

Emilia-Grace Fereday for being awarded
two BTDA trophies – one for Ballet and one
for Mime

William Weir for receiving his 20m
backstroke swimming certificate.

Well done everyone!



DONATIONS FOR CHARITIES

We now have total amounts raised for the
following charities leading up to Christmas:

The Children's Society - £169.35
Zoe's Place Baby Hospice - £194.59

Many thanks to all that kindly donated!

E-SAFETY

On Tuesday, it was Safer Internet Day. In
Assembly we discussed how we can be safe
when watching YouTube videos. The video
that we watched as part of our discussion can
be found by following this link:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/sid.tv>

Find '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

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

Guess what I'm Star of the Week! I was given a special certificate yesterday, in Assembly, as I have completed my puppy training and will be starting my Good Citizen Dog Training shortly. I was moved 'up the mountain' to show that I had worked hard and overcome some challenges, e.g. learning to listen to instructions and not to be distracted by other dogs!

This morning I have been in Reception, helping them to learn about E-Safety. We sang a song which actually had my name in it. I do love my job!

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. ***If you need any simple patterns, please contact the School Office, as they have some that you can have.***

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

DUNCHURCH FESTIVAL GROUP
PRESENTS

THE BIG QUIZ

FRIDAY 9TH MARCH
AT 7 FOR 7.30 PM

DUNCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

LICENSED BAR & PRIZES

ENTRY FEE £20 PER TEAM (UP TO 6 PEOPLE)

CONTACT HELEN ON 01788 810212 FOR MORE DETAILS
OR DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FORM
FROM WWW.DUNCHURCHEVENTS.ORG

Year 2 Mother's Day Lunch



Wednesday 7 March

Roast Beef

Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy

Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

(v) Quorn Fillet

Homemade Blueberry Muffin





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

CHATHEALTH FOR PARENTS & CARERS

If you are the parent or carer of a child, or young person, you can text a School Nurse for advice on:

07520 619 376

Monday to Friday
9 - 5pm

For more information,
please visit:
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/healthchat>

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.

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 Spring Term 2018

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

Thursday 29 March
Easter Egg Hunt

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

A reminder, please, that the School Office should be informed of any medical appointments that your child may have, planned or emergency, so that school meals can be accurately ordered for the day. If you only tell the teacher, the message doesn't always filter through to the office and then school meals are booked that are not needed or vice versa.

The office staff also need to have sight of the appointment card or letter, too, please, where possible, for their files.

Many thanks for your co-operation.



Book Now
01788 816671
Diane / Rhianne

TAKING THE REINS ACTIVITIES February 2018

£30 Full day
10am - 4pm
£15 Half day
11am-1pm or
2pm- 4pm



Monday 19th February 10am - 4pm

Ash End Farm - Visit to a friendly farm where you can feed the animals, visit birds of prey, meet the new arrivals and spend time at The Shire Horse centre.

Additional £10.00 cost for entry.

Tuesday 20st February 10am - 4pm

New Beginnings Day - Explore your future needs and aspirations and the obstacles in your way, with the ponies. Plant a bulb and sow some seeds for the ponies for your new beginning in 2018.

Wednesday 21st February 10am - 4pm

Communication and Body Language Day - Investigate using photography and observations on how horses communicate. Put this into practice around the pen. Compare our images and share ideas.

*LG2 Youth Group
£5 per child, Wednesday evenings.*

Thursday 22nd February 10am - 4pm

Warm Up Day - Start to prepare the ponies for spring. Help them to stretch, solve puzzles and warm up their fitness - ready for the anything.

Friday 23rd February 10am - 4pm

Horse Care Day - Investigate what our ponies need to be happy and healthy in their living space. Compare to your own needs and happiness and make plans.

Saturday 24th Saturday Club

Please bring your own lunch unless otherwise stated

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NEED A VENUE FOR YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY PARTY?

If so, the WI Hall on Southam Road, Dunchurch, is available each Saturday and Sunday. If you would like to enquire about availability, please make contact with Anne Gilbert, Booking Secretary, on 01788 811837 or email annegilbert1@hotmail.com

St Peter's and St Edmund's Churches invite you to their

EASTER ACTIVITY MORNING

EASTER GARDEN DECORATING * EASTER EGG HUNT * ACTIVITIES * LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

An activity event for children with their families or carers at

St Peter's Church, Dunchurch on

Saturday 31 March between 10 - 12pm

£2 per child

Booking is essential and places are limited, please book at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-peters-and-st-edmunds-easter-activity-morning-tickets-42941909407>

and include name, age of child(ren) and dietary requirements