

# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery

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### Headteacher's Message

The Reception children recently read the book *Naughty Bus* by Jan Oke, in which a toy bus gets up to mischief. Each of the two classes have had their own toy bus and each day they have come into their classroom to find a problem created by them. The buses visited my house on Monday night (where they, again, lived up to their names) and on Tuesday they went to the Junior School where they met some of the big brothers and sisters of the Reception children. The children have loved finding out what the buses have done and they have produced some brilliant writing about what the buses have been up to.



In Assembly we have been talking about Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent this week. Ask your children about why I have an uneaten Mars bar in my office. Do they think it will still be there by Easter?

Ian Dewes

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### Extra-curricular Activities 26 February – 2 March 2018


<b>Monday 26th</b>	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club <b>3.15 – 4.00pm NO Martial Arts</b> 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
<b>Thursday 1st</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Friday 2nd</b>	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 26 February – 2 March 2018

<b>Monday 26th</b>	<b>No Martial Arts Today</b> <b>Deadline for paying for Year 1</b> <b>Kenilworth Castle Trip</b>
<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	
<b>Thursday 1st</b>	<b>Year 1 Trip to Kenilworth Castle</b>
<b>Friday 2nd</b>	

# WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 9 February 2018				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	97.6	4	93.6	
Elf Owls	89.2	2	87.2	
Barn Owls	95.0	2	93.0	
Snowy Owls	93.0	2	91.0	
Spectacled Owls	91.7	1	90.7	
Tawny Owls	96.3	3	93.3	

## WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Snowy Owls

Well done to the children from Miss Clarke's class for keeping their classroom and working environment clean and 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	Alexander Jones
Blue Room	Lissie Lumbis
Red Room	William Nash
Little Owls	Shivi Thakor
Elf Owls	Joseph Turrell
Barn Owls	Martha Dobbin
Snowy Owls	Oliver Cunningham
Spectacled Owls	Hari Clark
Tawny Owls	Daisy Tilford

# YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

<p><b>RAINBOW ROOM</b></p>	<p><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>The children have been learning about amounts this week, using counting resources to know when something has more or less. They have also been using cubes to measure parts of their body! They have enjoyed using loose parts and natural resources to thread necklaces or bracelets to take home. The children loved making and eating pancakes on Tuesday!</p>	
<p><b>BLUE ROOM &amp; RED ROOM</b></p>	<p>The children created Valentines Cards and had discussions about who they love and why. Lots of good answers! They have been matching amounts to numerals, both inside and out, then attempting to write the numeral. They have enjoyed tasting some Chinese food and learning about the Chinese New Year.</p>	
<p><b>LITTLE OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p>The Naughty Buses have created havoc! Mr Dewes found his office messy on Monday morning with both buses parked nearby. Mr Dewes took the buses home to try and teach them how to behave but it didn't work; they were even naughtier at the Junior School! All this excitement has inspired the children to produce some fabulous writing and both teachers are delighted. In maths we have continued adding by counting on, using our human number lines. In phonics we are recapping the Phase 3 graphemes to spot them when reading and use them to spell when writing. It has been a very busy week in Reception. We have tossed pancakes and found out how the Chinese New Year is celebrated. We all enjoyed a visit from two police officers who talked about how they support the local community. We were lucky to be able to sit in a police van and turn on the siren. We will be learning to play Tag Rugby outside after half term, please provide warm PE kit e.g. tracksuit trousers and a warm sweatshirt.</p>	<p><b>ELF OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>BARN OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR ONE</b></p> <p>In maths this week we have been learning how to subtract in tens and ones. In English we have been learning about the suffixes 'est' and 'ed' and using these to spell words and write sentences. In topic we have been learning how to use tie dye to create a pattern. In phonics we have been learning when to use double consonants after a short vowel sound.</p> <p>Please check your child's book bag for homework after school today. Also, we still have lots of parents that have not given permission for their child to attend the Kenilworth Castle trip when we return after Half Term. Please pay £3 on ParentPay, to give that permission. Thank you.</p>	<p><b>SNOWY OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>SPECTACLED OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>This week we have done the following:</p> <p><b>English:</b> We have been re-telling the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'</p> <p><b>SPaG:</b> We have been learning about the suffixes 'less' and 'ful' and using and applying them in our writing</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> Chinese blossom trees - using different medias to create our own pictures</p> <p><b>Maths:</b> 3D shapes and using the key vocabulary</p>	<p><b>TAWNY OWLS</b></p> 



# NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations this week  
go to .....

**Gracie Brown** for achieving her ASA  
Stage 4 Swimming Award

**Ethan Brown** for achieving his ASA  
Stage 1 Swimming Award

**Well done everyone!**



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School PTA' on Facebook or e-  
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if you would like to find out more

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**Minutes of all PTA Meetings are  
now available on the school  
website**

[www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk](http://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***



**Delighting 38,000 lives this Christmas**

### The joy of Shoebox Season

Over 38,000 shoeboxes left the UK and made their journey to Belarus, Bosnia, the Ukraine and Romania where they brought uncontainable joy, laughter and hope into many precious lives.

Volunteer teams joined the journey and helped distribute the boxes to children and families in desperately poor Porshkovo, Ukraine, and the regions of Cluj-Napoca, Salaj and Maramures in north east Romania.

*"There are no words I can use to describe the faces of the children and their delight in discovering each treasure in their box and how afterwards they clung to it so tightly as if in disbelief that it was truly for them."*

Through the distribution our volunteers met many children and families with difficult stories; from a young mother who lost her roof in a fire and had no idea how she'd ever afford to replace it; to Larissa, a young girl who's only meal of the day was the bread and milk the school provided at break-time.

In the face of such hardship we could wonder what difference this program makes. But we've seen its effect: the children receiving their box; fists pumping the air; the laughter filling their village. For a moment poverty has been forgotten and the ordinary everyday struggle was interrupted by joy. This is what makes it worth it.

Thank you for making it possible!





## WOODY'S BLOG

Hello everyone

This week I have helped the children in Reception with their cutting out skills. As you can see, I have been given various disguises. Which is your favourite? I think I look super cool in the glasses and hat. I love the moustache but I think my dinner might get stuck in that! Mrs Beech particularly likes the bows and pigtails..... I'm hoping she doesn't get any ideas!

Have a lovely half term break everyone.

Woof, woof from:

**Woody xx**

## 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 ☺**



## 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



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](http://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



## 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/heathchat>

## FORTHCOMING PTA EVENTS SPRING TERM 2018

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

**Thursday 29 March**  
Easter Egg Hunt

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2018

### March

- 1 World Book Day
- 7 12.30pm Yr 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

## 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.

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## CAN YOU HELP YEAR 1 WITH A CLASS PROJECT?

Year 1 pupils are in need of some artificial flowers, for a class project. If you have some at home that you are happy to donate, please either hand them to one of the Year 1 teachers, or to the School Office staff; thank you ☺

Many thanks to everyone that donated their £1's towards the Sign2Sing event last week. We had a collection of £131.75!



## A MESSAGE FOR BOTH SCHOOL AND NURSERY PARENTS

We will shortly be completing our end of year financial procedures. We would appreciate all Nursery and Owls invoices being paid at your earliest convenience.

Many thanks ☺