

# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



## Spring Term Issue 8

9 March 2018

### Headteacher's Message

Many thanks for the responses to my request for opinions on closing the school when there is bad weather.

As expected, there were a range of opinions. Some valued knowing earlier, while others preferred later notification in order to give every chance of keeping the school open. Roughly two thirds of parents that responded preferred the former, so I will endeavour in future to ensure a decision is made by 7pm the evening before. This will increase the chances of school being closed but will give parents more time to make any necessary arrangements.

I hope this doesn't cause too many problems or disappointment for those who preferred leaving the decision to later.

I appreciate your input and understand your arguments. As many parents acknowledged, it is not possible to please everyone. It seems sensible, however, to go with the majority.

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### Extra-curricular Activities 12 – 16 March 2018


<b>Monday 12th</b>	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Wednesday 14th</b>	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
<b>Thursday 15th</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Friday 16th</b>	12.00 – 12.30pm Yr 1 French Club 12.30 – 1.00pm Yr 2 French Club 1.30 – 3.00pm Violin/Cello Lessons <b>3.15 – 4.15pm NO Yr 1 Sports Club</b>

## CALENDAR

### Reminders for 12 – 16 March 2018

<b>Monday 12th</b>	
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	
<b>Wednesday 14th</b>	<b>Deadline for Ready Steady Read sponsor money 3.15pm PTA Movie Night</b>
<b>Thursday 15th</b>	
<b>Friday 16th</b>	<b>NO Year 1 Sports Club Wasps Rugby Trip for Year 1 &amp; 2</b>

# WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

<b>ATTENDANCE AWARD</b> <b>For the week ending 2 March 2018</b>				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
<b>Little Owls</b>	95.0	11	84.0	
<b>Elf Owls</b>	98.5	11	87.5	
<b>Barn Owls</b>	98.3	3	95.3	
<b>Snowy Owls</b>	97.9	5	92.9	
<b>Spectacled Owls</b>	95.4	1	94.4	
<b>Tawny Owls</b>	97.1	4	93.1	

## WEEKLY GREEN AWARD

### Awarded to Elf Owls

Well done to the children from Mrs Carrington'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

<b>Rainbow Room</b>	<b>Max Rose</b>
<b>Blue Room</b>	<b>Isabelle Norris</b>
<b>Red Room</b>	<b>Alfie Tate</b>
<b>Little Owls</b>	<b>Dominic Tobin</b>
<b>Elf Owls</b>	<b>Emily Stanley</b>
<b>Barn Owls</b>	<b>Kieran Gichuki</b>
<b>Snowy Owls</b>	<b>Max McNally</b>
<b>Spectacled Owls</b>	<b>Jai Dhaliwal</b>
<b>Tawny Owls</b>	<b>Rebekah Tatham</b>

# YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

<p><b>RAINBOW ROOM</b></p>	<p><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>This week, we have been starting to learn about expressing our feelings and how others may feel, as well as making the right choices. We have been reading our story about Dudley the Dog; ask us about it! We loved our visit from Zoolab; learning about snakes, spiders, giant African land snails, centipedes and rats, and even getting to touch a few! As part of our learning about 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' we have also made and eaten porridge! Yum!</p>	
<p><b>BLUE ROOM &amp; RED ROOM</b></p>	<p>This week, we have been learning about how stories are structured; talking about the beginning, middle and end, as well as main events and characters. We have been getting creative making items for Mother's Day, along with discussions on why we love our Mummies, and other special people. We also loved our Zoolab visit! We practiced our recalling skills by remembering lots of the information we were told by the Ranger.</p>	
<p><b>LITTLE OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p>We really enjoyed the Zoolab visit; the children were able to get up close and personal to giant snails, rats, cockroaches, snakes and millipedes. We read 'The Centipedes 100 Shoes' as part of World Maths Day and did lots of counting and adding by counting on. The children have also worked hard to make shoes on the creative table. In phonics, the children learnt about 'ur' and 'er', as well as recapping 'oi', 'ear' and 'ow'. Next week we are hoping to make pizza. Please speak to any of the Reception team if your child has any allergies relating to pizzas.</p>	<p><b>ELF OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>BARN OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR ONE</b></p> <p>In English we have been writing our own non-fiction books based on castles. In maths we have been applying our use of number bonds to solve problems and finding missing numbers in a calculation such as <math>? + 5 = 17</math> and <math>? - 2 = 13</math>. In topic we have been creating our own maps with a key and have also learnt about St David's day. In phonics we have been learning about the ir/er/ur graphemes. We have been watching an egg grow within the classroom and we have no idea what could be inside it! We are hoping that we find out very soon! Please check your email to find details of homework sent out for this week.</p>	<p><b>SNOWY OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>SPECTACLED OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>In English we have introduced the story 'Light House Keeper's Lunch' and making inferences. In Maths we have begun fractions with shape. This will support us in our work for fractional numbers. This week we have revisited all of our learning in Maths, Reading and SPaG - the children have worked really hard this week.</p>	<p><b>TAWNY OWLS</b></p> 

# NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

## CONGRATULATIONS

This week, our congratulations go to.....

**Ella Buckland** who has achieved the British Gymnastics Level 2 Trampoline Proficiency Award

**Florence Jones** who has been awarded her Swim England 'Learn to Swim 2' certificate and badge

**Lucy Carey** who made her Rainbow Guide Promise and has joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Cawston Rainbow Unit

**Poppy Tilford** who has received a rosette for coming 5<sup>th</sup> in a Dunkleys Farm pony competition

**Well done girls!**



## PTA MOVIE NIGHT

**Wednesday 14 March**

**3.15 – 5pm in the School Hall**

The PTA Movie Night returns for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. The film will be **'The Secret Life of Pets'** and has a film rating of Universal.

The cost is £3 per child and there will be an interval where refreshments of popcorn and a bottle of squash or water will be served.

Children attending will need to be collected at 5pm from outside the red hall door, just by the Year 1 classrooms.

**Thank you for your continued support**

**Find 'Dunchurch Infant & Nursery School PTA' on Facebook or e-mail**

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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

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

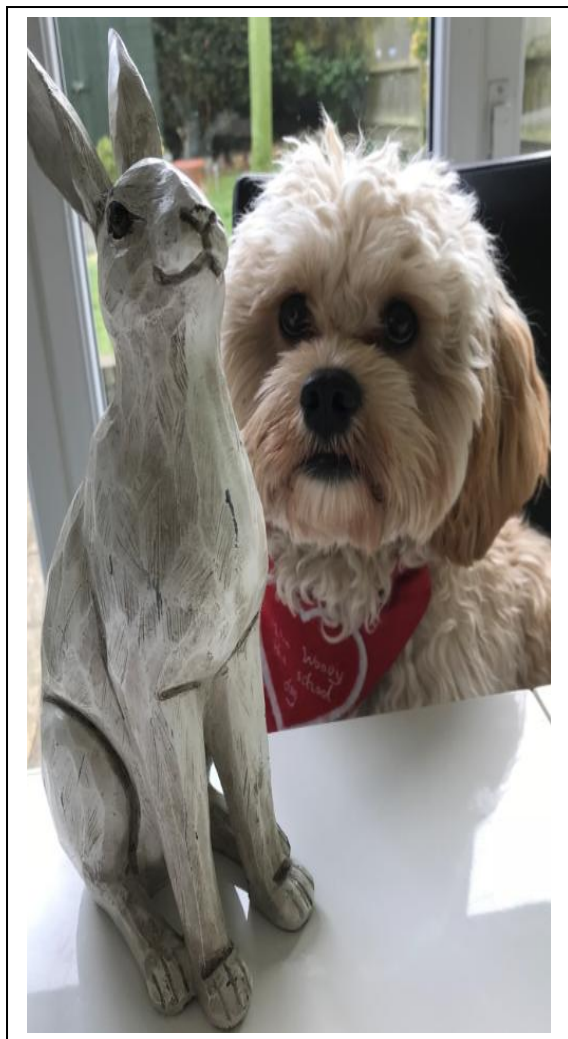
*Teacher Training Day*

*Friday 23 November*

Term Ends

Friday 21 December

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



## WOODY'S BLOG

Hello everyone

As Easter is approaching fast, I thought I would tell you about my Easter Picture Competition in school and nursery. If you would like to take part, please hand your Easter-themed picture into the School Office by Monday 26 March. A winner will be chosen in each class/room, and be presented with a prize in Assembly on Thursday 29 March; I am so excited to see your lovely creations!

After Easter, I will be starting a new Lunchtime Club as I have had lots of fun with all the children in Woody's Buddies Club. Watch this space for more details .....

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 crochet hooks and knitting needles and dig out their oddments of wool.

NB: Please leave about 8-10 inches of wool attached to each poppy so that we can use it for tying to displays.

If you need a simple knitting or crochet pattern, please contact the School Office.

**Your school needs you! Thank you ☺**



## E-SAFETY

At school we use the website [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5\\_7/hectorsworld/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/) to help use teach different aspects of e-safety.

The children particularly enjoy the Hector's World animations.



## REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCES

When ringing the School Office voicemail facility to inform us of your child's absence through illness, can you please ensure that you tell us what your child is ill with, so that we can be aware of any potential problem illnesses/diseases within school.

Also, please ring the School Office by **9am at the latest** and ring in each day that your child is going to be absent.

*Thank you for your co-operation ☺*



..... is nearly here!

## A MESSAGE FOR 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 ☺**

## LOST PROPERTY

We are increasingly finding items of uniform in the Lost Property Box that are not named, or have the names of older siblings, who have since moved up to the Junior School. Can you please help us (and your child) by ensuring that all uniform items are named, so that they find their way back to their rightful owner; thank you. Your help with this is much appreciated!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2018

### March

- 14 3.15pm PTA Movie Night
- 21 (am) Nursery 'Zumbathon' for Sport Relief (donations please)
- 21 7.30pm PTA Meeting
- 23 School Non-Uniform Day for Sport Relief (donations please)
- 26 7-8pm Parents Forum Meeting
- 29 PTA Easter Egg Hunt
- 29 3.15pm End of Spring Term

### April

- 16 8.45am Start of Summer Term
- 16 National Offer Day for Reception & Junior School places

### May

- 18 7.30pm PTA Quiz & Fizz Night

### June

- 15 12.30pm Yr 2 Father's Day Lunch (TBC)

### July

- 14 PTA Summer Party
- 20 2pm End of Summer Term

## EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

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

**Full Day**  
8am – 5pm  
£32

**Half Day**  
8am – 12.30pm  
or  
12.30pm – 5pm  
£16



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***

## EDUCATERERS SCHOOL MENU CHOICES

### CHANGE TO WEEK 3

We have noticed that when the school is on Week 3 of our menu choices, more children tend to have sandwiches on the Tuesday, where the option is Chicken Curry.

When it comes around again, the week beginning 26 March, and moving forward, the Chicken Curry will not be available but Chicken Wraps will be instead.

**Many thanks**  
**Educaterers**

## FORTHCOMING PTA EVENTS

**14 March**  
3.15 – 5pm  
Movie Night for Reception, Year 1 & 2

**21 March**  
7.30pm PTA Meeting  
Dunchurch Social Club  
Everyone Welcome

**29 March**  
Easter Egg Hunt

**18 May**  
7.30pm Quiz & Fizz Night

SAVE THE DATE

# Quiz

The PTA introduce the 2nd Annual Quiz & Fizz Night!!

Friday May 18, 7:30 to 10:30 in the Dunchurch WI Hall

Teams of 6 can be organised ahead of time or join a team on the night

£8/person; Tickets on sale April 16, book early to avoid disappointment

Licenced Bar and Pulled Pork Batches (veggie option available)

Winners to be awarded the prestigious Quiz & Fizz trophy

This social evening is for grown ups, so please leave your little ones

## INFORMATION FOR NURSERY AND SCHOOL PARENTS

We want to let you know that we have had four confirmed cases of Chicken Pox in School and Nursery this week. We ask that you check your child regularly, please, and let the school or nursery know if he/she develops it over the coming weeks.

If your child does develop it, he/she will need to stay off until all of the spots have appeared and then all have scabbed over. We cannot allow them back until that has happened.

Thank you for your understanding.



## HERE ARE SOME OF THE COMMENTS FOLLOWING THE MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH THIS WEEK.....

*Fantastic - very tasty, very impressed.*

*Food was excellent – very tasty and fresh.*

*Delicious and much appreciated!*

*Lovely presentation; very tasty.*

*Excellent. Very impressed. Healthy and good quality.*

*Great service – can we come again?*

*Lovely chance to be with our children.*