

# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



## Spring Term Issue 9

**16 March 2018**

### Headteacher's Message

Over the Easter holiday, we are having the Nursery outdoor area redeveloped. For a while now, this part of the school has been looking sorry for itself and this was not helped by having a building site next to it as the Rainbow Room was constructed.

We are grateful to Liane Kavanagh of The Landscape Folk, whose child attends our Nursery. The company helped us begin the design process and plans were taken to a number of contractors. We have selected a company call 'Red Monkey' and we are very excited with the final designs. It includes landscaping the veranda area and lots of new learning equipment. Although finances in all schools are tight, we have been able to build up a surplus over recent years that enables us to invest in our facilities.

I very much look forward to the children enjoying their new outdoor area after the Easter break; please have a look at the design below.



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### Extra-curricular Activities 19 – 23 March 2018


<b>Monday 19th</b>	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
<b>Tuesday 20th</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Wednesday 21st</b>	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
<b>Thursday 22nd</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Friday 23rd</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 19 – 23 March 2018

<b>Monday 19th</b>	
<b>Tuesday 20th</b>	12–1pm Extra French Club Session
<b>Wednesday 21st</b>	Nursery Zumbathon for Sport Relief 7.30pm PTA Meeting
<b>Thursday 22nd</b>	
<b>Friday 23rd</b>	Non-School Uniform Day for Sport Relief

# WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

<b>ATTENDANCE AWARD</b> <b>For the week ending 9 March 2018</b>				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
<b>Little Owls</b>	95.2	7	88.2	
<b>Elf Owls</b>	93.2	2	91.2	
<b>Barn Owls</b>	97.3	3	94.3	
<b>Snowy Owls</b>	99.0	7	92.0	
<b>Spectacled Owls</b>	95.3	0	95.3	
<b>Tawny Owls</b>	96.7	0	96.7	

## 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>Theo Hussain</b>
<b>Blue Room</b>	<b>Stella Knowles</b>
<b>Red Room</b>	<b>Charlie Townsend</b>
<b>Little Owls</b>	<b>Dylan Mistry</b>
<b>Elf Owls</b>	<b>Layla Freeman</b>
<b>Barn Owls</b>	<b>Millie Whitworth</b>
<b>Snowy Owls</b>	<b>Laycie Larque</b>
<b>Spectacled Owls</b>	<b>Ava Stevens</b>
<b>Tawny Owls</b>	<b>Lola Grimes</b>

# YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

<b>RAINBOW ROOM</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>This week we have been busy noticing different shapes in the environment and in pictures. We have used the construction resources to create shapes &amp; structures. We have also loved having pasta in the role play area to recreate our focus story; 'Goldilocks &amp; the Three Bears'. We have been practising our mark-making skills through creating pictures of daffodils with various mark-making resources.</p>	
<b>BLUE ROOM &amp; RED ROOM</b>	<p>We have been using various maths resources to correctly match amounts to numerals, as well as comparing amounts. Following discussions about taking care of pets when Zoolab visited, we have been making bird feeders to hang up in the garden. We have also started to learn about initial sounds of words.</p>	
<b>LITTLE OWLS</b>  	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p>This week, we have been enjoying our last week of the pizzeria and even got to make and eat some real pizzas; they were delicious!</p> <p>Phonics - We learnt about tri-graphs 'air' &amp; 'ear' and recapped 'air', 'ure', 'er'.</p> <p>Maths - We have been using objects to take away and beginning to count back using the rhyme '10 in the Bed' to help us.</p> <p>We would like lots of mini 'Actimel' style bottles, so please send in any clean empties; thank you.</p>	<b>ELF OWLS</b>  
<b>BARN OWLS</b>  	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YEAR ONE</b></p> <p>In English we have been writing about our trip to the castle using time adverbials (words like first, next, then, after and finally). In maths we have been learning about halves and quarters of shapes and objects. In art we have been creating paintings of our own dragons. We have been learning about plurals and when to add an 'es' or an 's' to the end of words. We have been reading words containing 'ch' and 'tch'. We all had a great time at Kenilworth Castle and enjoyed spotting features of the castles like arrow slits, battlements and garderobes!</p>	<b>SNOWY OWLS</b>  
<b>SPECTACLED OWLS</b>  	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>This week, we have been reading the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. We have based our English lessons around this and the children have all done really well. They were able to summarise the story as a part of their guided reading, as well as writing a character profile about Mr Grinling. Their focus has been to use conjunctions, allowing them to extend their sentences with additional information. In maths, we have been learning about fractions. The children have found fractions of numbers - <math>\frac{1}{2}</math>, <math>\frac{1}{4}</math> and <math>\frac{1}{3}</math> - which was based on their learning of fractions of shapes. Also in maths, we have been studying statistics. The children have learnt how to do tallies, pictograms and bar charts. In SPaG, we have looked at the spelling rules for the suffix 'ment'.</p>	<b>TAWNY OWLS</b>  

# NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

## CONGRATULATIONS

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

**Max Butlin** for receiving a medal for playing great football for Rugby Town FC

**Jai Dhaliwal** for achieving Swim England's Level 3 swimming award

**Well done boys!**



## GRANDBOROUGH TRUST BURSARIES

Grandborough Trust is offering up to ten educational bursaries to young people in the Parish whose parents are on the Electoral Roll. It is looking to award small financial grants to assist with costs incurred for school trips, buying school uniform and shoes and study costs (i.e. new folders, art requisites etc.) and also to assist with any other costs in educational activities.

Please contact Michelle Johns, Clerk to the Grandborough Trust, 3 Hargrove Close, Grandborough, CV23 8DS, or email: [mail@grandboroughtrust.org.uk](mailto:mail@grandboroughtrust.org.uk) if you would like to be considered, with a brief outline of what is needed and why. Bursary applications will be dealt with on a case by case basis and all applications will be treated in confidence.

**Deadline for applications  
- 31 October 2018**

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

[dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com](mailto:dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com)

**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

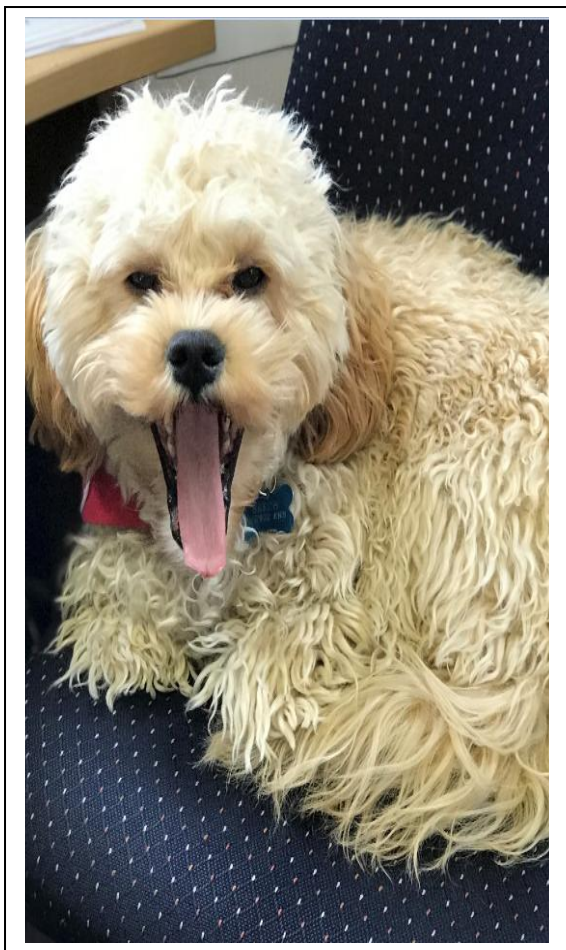
Term Starts  
Monday 16 April  
*Bank Holiday*  
*Monday 7 May*  
Half Term  
Monday 28 May – 1 June  
*Teacher Training Day*  
*Friday 22 June*  
Term Ends  
Friday 20 July

### 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

Well, what a boring week I've had! Mrs Beech has been very busy completing the year end this week and all of those figures were making me yawn a lot. I tried to help out but I think I need to work harder on my numeracy skills.....

Just a reminder about the Easter picture competition - please send in your lovely creations by Monday 26 March, making sure you put your name and class on the back. I look forward to receiving them all!

You will need to get your winter woollies out again, it's going to be a cold weekend, brrrrr!

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

The safest way for children to access the internet is for them to use their device in a communal area, so that an adult can keep an eye on the content that they are accessing. Turning on airplay mode will stop the children from interacting with others and prevent them from making in-app purchases.



## CHANGE OF DATE FOR PARENTS FORUM MEETING

Please note: the **Parents Forum Meeting** has moved from Monday 26 March to **Tuesday 27 March**.

The time is still 7pm and the venue, the School Hall.

Ian Dewes is looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible during that evening.

*Thank you*

## FORTHCOMING PTA EVENTS

**21 March**

7.30pm PTA Meeting  
Dunchurch Social Club  
Everyone Welcome

**29 March**

Easter Egg Hunt

**18 May**

7.30pm Quiz & Fizz Night

## 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

- 21 (am) Nursery 'Zumbathon' for Sport Relief (donations please)
- 21 7.30pm PTA Meeting
- 23 School Non-Uniform Day for Sport Relief (donations please)
- 27 7-8pm Parents Forum Meeting
- 29 PTA Easter Egg Hunt
- 29 3.15pm End of Spring Term

### April

- 16 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

- 10 County Transfer Day
- 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.

### Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery PTA

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