

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



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Headteacher's Message

I am both pleased and saddened to tell you that Mrs Marson will be leaving the school at the end of the Summer Term. She has been an integral part of the school for ten years, over which many children have benefited from her fantastic teaching and myself and my colleagues have been very fortunate to work alongside someone so committed and knowledgeable. Consequently, it will be a great shame to see her leave.

On a more positive note, I am delighted to see her being promoted to the role of Head of School at Leamington Hastings. As you know, Mrs Barnes and I have been working at Leamington Hastings since 2016. The two-year guarantee will come to an end this Summer and both myself and Sandra are pleased we will be leaving the school in such capable hands. Although we still have a term until we say goodbye, I would like to publicly thank Mrs Marson for all of her hard work over the last decade.

We have plenty of activity at school over the next two weeks with the redevelopment of the Nursery outdoor area taking place.

I hope you all have an enjoyable holiday and I look forward to seeing you in the Summer Term.

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Extra-curricular Activities 16 – 20 April 2018


Monday 16th	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
Tuesday 17th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Wednesday 18th	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
Thursday 19th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Friday 20th	12.00 – 12.30pm Yr 1 French Club 12.30 – 1.00pm Yr 2 French Club 1.00 – 3.00pm Violin/Cello Lessons 3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 1 Sports Club

CALENDAR

Reminders for 16 – 20 April 2018

Monday 16th	National Offer Day for Reception & Junior School places
Tuesday 17th	
Wednesday 18th	
Thursday 19th	
Friday 20th	

WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 23 March 2018				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	92.0	6	86.0	
Elf Owls	99.2	1	98.2	
Barn Owls	100.0	1	99.0	
Snowy Owls	95.3	5	90.3	
Spectacled Owls	93.7	0	93.7	
Tawny Owls	95.7	1	94.7	

SPRING TERM GREEN AWARD Awarded to Snowy Owls

Well done to the children from Miss Clarke's class for keeping their classroom and working environment the cleanest and tidiest throughout the whole term!

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	The Whole Room
Blue Room	The Whole Room
Red Room	The Whole Room
Little Owls	The Whole Class
Elf Owls	The Whole Class
Barn Owls	The Whole Class
Snowy Owls	The Whole Class
Spectacled Owls	The Whole Class
Tawny Owls	The Whole Class

YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

RAINBOW ROOM	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>We have had a busy week developing our skills in using technological toys, such as wind-up toys and electrical tills. We have loved making Easter nests, using our physical skills to pour, stir, scoop and pinch. We have also been playing games and 'keeping score' using a range of mark-making resources, representing amounts with marks.</p>	
BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM	<p>This week, we have loved using the natural construction materials to build houses and castles for characters. We have also enjoyed acting out birthday parties in the role play area, using lots of language, sharing resources and working collaboratively. We have also made Easter nests and used our maths skills to support us. Have a lovely Easter break!</p>	
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">RECEPTION</p> <p>A busy 4 days! We have carried on with our work on animals by reading 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Can You Hear?' The children have remembered the repeated words and written about parts of the story using Tricky Words. Some have worked hard to write words such as 'hippopotamus' and 'flamingo' - fantastic! We have continued getting to grips with subtraction by counting backwards and in phonics we have recapped on Phase 3 - reading and writing words. We explored what happened when we mix colours - magic! and the children have also made Easter Cards - check the book bags!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week, we have been learning about contractions e.g. can't, won't and I'll. We have been learning how the apostrophe replaces the missing letter. We have heard lots of stories about dragons and then planned and written our own story. In maths we have been measuring length and height using standard and non-standard units. In phonics we have been learning about the 'ph' grapheme. In DT we have created our own dragon characters ready to use in our stories.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR TWO</p> <p>This week, in maths, we have re-capped all the properties of 2D shapes, classified them and discussed the language of quadrilaterals, irregular and regular, and polygons. We have also looked at lines of symmetry and right angles. In English, we have written a recount about our Beach Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed Tuesday's activities and haven't stopped talking about, especially the ice cream! We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Dexter Barrett for being promoted to
Brown Belt in Tang Soo Do.

Kara Duckett and **Lola Grimes** for
achieving Bisi Badminton Bronze Awards

Well done everyone!



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.

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 2018/19

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

Spring Term 2019

Teacher Training Day
Monday 7 January
Term Starts
Tuesday 8 January
Half Term
Monday 18 – Friday 22 February
Term Ends
Friday 12 April

FAMILY HOLIDAYS MUST ONLY BE BOOKED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD



WOODY'S BLOG

Hello everyone

Thank you everyone for the wonderful Easter pictures that were brought in. I have loved looking at them especially the drawings of me! It was a very tough decision but I'm pleased to say the winners are:

Rainbow Room – Amrin Tsiklauri
 Blue Room – Oriana Whitehead
 Red Room – Joshua Eastwood
 Little Owls – Sahib Bhargal
 Elf Owls – Anika Reddy
 Barn Owls – Amy Kodagoda
 Snowy Owls – Isabella Bundock
 Spectacled Owls – Olivia Hawkins
 Tawny Owls – Bobby Dove
Well done everyone!

After Easter, I will be launching my new Lunchtime Club called 'Care for Woody Bear'. The children will learn how to care for me, teach me tricks, groom me and lots of other fun things. Have a lovely holiday everyone; I hope the Easter Bunny brings you lots of eggs!

Woof, woof from **Woody xx**

E-SAFETY

CEOP and Parent Zone have released handy guides for keeping children safe online.

See

<http://parentinfo.org/articles/digital/all> for articles about subjects such as app awareness, digital toys accessing the internet and parental controls on devices.

There are also many other articles that may be relevant for those with older children.



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

If you need to make contact with the Holiday Club over the Easter break, please use the following number:

07810 175 463

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2018

April

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

May

- 18 3.15pm PTA Cake Sale
- 18 7.30 for 8pm PTA Quiz & Fizz Night

June

- 15 12.30pm Yr 2 Father's Day Lunch

July

- 10 County Transfer Day
- 14 6-9pm PTA Summer Party





St George's Day Best of England Lunch Menu

Monday 23rd April 2018



Harry Ramsden's Seaside Battered Fish

with Chips Mr. Ramsden opened his first fish and chip restaurant in Guiseley, West Yorkshire in 1883 and went on to build a business that today, sells over 4 million portions of fish and chips, every year. Considered to be such an important part of the British diet, fish and chips remained unrationed throughout WWII.

(v only) Linda McCartney Veggie Sausages with Chips

Garden Peas
or Baked Beans

(v) Homemade Jam Tart
or Fresh Fruit



The 23rd April is also the birthday of
Warwickshire's most famous son,
William Shakespeare the English poet
and playwright.

"Tis an ill cook that cannot lick his
own fingers."

From Twelfth Night by William
Shakespeare



Kwik Cricket Coaching at Rugby Cricket Club Webb Ellis Road, Rugby

If your child wishes to learn how to play cricket, then come along to our 90-minute coaching sessions held every Sunday between 10:30 - 12:00, commencing 22 April (subject to dry weather conditions). The sessions are open to both infant and junior aged children and will cost £4 per child.

The sessions are run by ECA recognised coaches to provide cricket skills, fun match practice using soft balls, as well as some useful exercise. Additionally, the children will have a drink and biscuit during a mid-session break, plus a sandwich and lolly at the end of the session. Parents and carers can watch from the pavilion with a tea or coffee during the session.

Directions - you will find the club entrance just before the tennis courts on Webb Ellis Road.

Weather - due to the recent poor weather, the ground may not be suitable to play on 22 April therefore if you plan to arrive that day, please register your intent with chris carr2012@yahoo.com to be added to the mailing list.

We look forward to seeing you there!