

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



Summer Term Issue 1

20 April 2018

Headteacher's Message

I have been delighted to see our Nursery outdoor area completed this week. The children have had a great time exploring the new landscape, particularly with the weather being perfect for being outdoors. The development cost over £50,000. At a time when many nurseries are [said to be struggling financially](#), I hope parents are reassured that we are able to invest heavily in nursery provision and ensure our children have the very best.



The area is designed to provide children with lots of interesting play opportunities. On the day the work was completed, I read the claim that modern play areas have become '[sanitised](#)'. While, of course, we still adhere to health and safety standards, the area is meant to be challenging for our youngest children.



However, it was not designed for older children, nor for it to be used without supervision from staff. We would appreciate it, therefore, if parents did not allow their children to play there before or after school.

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Extra-curricular Activities 23 – 27 April 2018


Monday 23rd	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
Tuesday 24th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Wednesday 25th	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
Thursday 26th	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
Friday 27th	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 23 – 27 April 2018

Monday 23rd	St George's Day Menu at Lunchtime
Tuesday 24th	
Wednesday 25th	
Thursday 26th	7.30pm PTA Committee Meeting at Dunchurch WI Hall
Friday 27th	Deadline for payment of Year 2 trip to Ryton Pools

WEEKLY PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 29 March 2018				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	81.0	3	78.0	
Elf Owls	94.5	0	94.5	
Barn Owls	95.0	0	95.0	
Snowy Owls	86.1	2	84.1	
Spectacled Owls	94.2	1	93.2	
Tawny Owls	95.8	1	94.8	

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Little Owls

Well done to the children from Mrs Wooldridge's class for keeping their classroom and working environment the cleanest and tidiest throughout the 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	Nathan Ray
Blue Room	Dolly Elliott
Red Room	Esme Butlin
Little Owls	Noah Warren
Elf Owls	Evangeline Whitehead
Barn Owls	Oscar Hughes
Snowy Owls	Isabella Bundock
Spectacled Owls	Ryan Jennings
Tawny Owls	Oscar Vessey

YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

RAINBOW ROOM	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>This week we have loved exploring the new Nursery outdoor area! Our favourite has definitely been finding different ways to travel up & down the hill! We have also enjoyed recreating real tea parties, even having tea bags in the water tray! We have started comparing different amounts in simplistic terms, recognising which groups have more, less, lots, few, none, etc.</p>	
BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM	<p>We have loved exploring the new Nursery outdoor area; our favourite has been using our physical skills to get to the top of the climbing frame and down again. We have been on a number and shape hunt and even spent some time in the car park to see what numbers we could spot. We have also been using shaving foam and metal nuts and bolts to develop our fine motor skills.</p>	
<p>LITTLE OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">RECEPTION</p> <p>Draycote Water Rangers have provided Reception with some den building equipment! It is really important for children to learn to assess and manage risk, so these resources will help them to develop this skill in a controlled way, as well as improving those essential physical skills. We have had a safety talk and provided gloves and goggles, which the children must wear if they choose to take part. The children are enjoying these new challenges in the outside area and we are sure they will reap the rewards in their development. In phonics this week - Recap of sh, ch, th, ai, ee and cvcc words in Phase 4. Literacy - This half term we are exploring Traditional Tales, this week - 'The Enormous Turnip'. Maths - Finding half by sharing equally. We are planning to make gingerbread men next week, so please speak to a member of the Reception team if your child has any special requirements.</p>	<p>ELF OWLS</p> 
<p>BARN OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR ONE</p> <p>In maths this week we have been learning about weight, weighing items in both standard and non-standard units. We have been reading scales in both g and kg. In English we have learnt about the prefix 'un' and have started to learn about 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have written sentences about the giant using words such as unkind, uncaring and unable. In phonics we have learnt about syllables, 've' and when to use the letter k. In topic we have learnt about spring. We have chosen our own beans to plant and will be observing these as they grow. In computing we have been learning about algorithms and giving directions using left, right, forwards and backwards.</p>	<p>SNOWY OWLS</p> 
<p>SPECTACLED OWLS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR TWO</p> <p>In English this week we have been writing a non-chronological report about Grace Darling. The children have worked really hard on this and have edited it today. In Maths we have been re-capping all four operations and applying our knowledge to word problems. In Science, we have learnt about what a plant needs to grow. We have set up our experiment and can't wait to see what happens. In SPAG we have learnt about homophones and using them in our writing.</p>	<p>TAWNY OWLS</p> 

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Hari Clark for receiving a football trophy
for the most improved FDS player.

Sofia Chabi for receiving a certificate for
taking part in BBC Radio 2's 500 Words
Competition.

Well done both of you!



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

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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 2018/19

Summer Term 2018

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

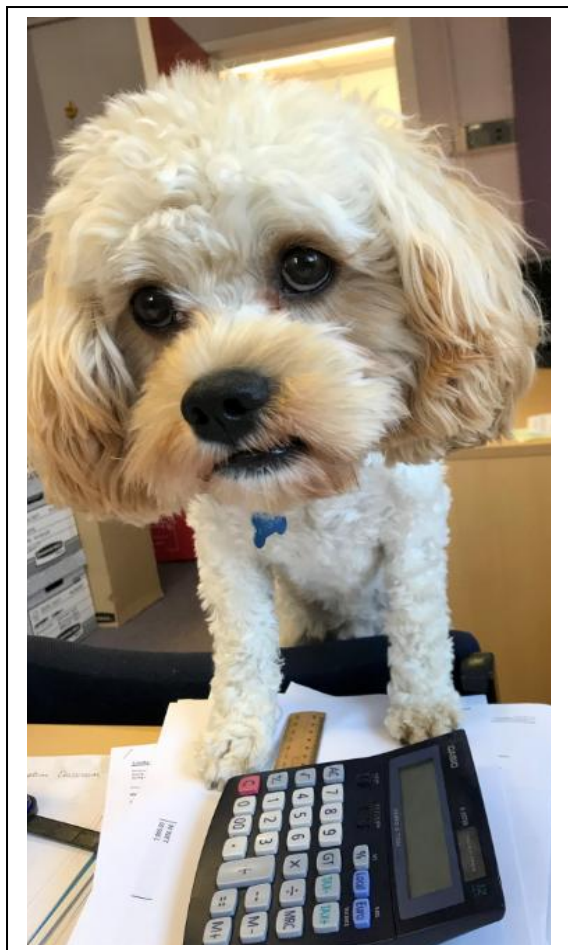
Half Term

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

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and that you have managed to enjoy some of the lovely sunshine this week. As you can see, I have had a haircut! One of the children asked Mrs Beech if I was a different dog but, rest assured, it's definitely me! I had a lovely play with the children in the Nursery and, I have to say, the new play area is really super. I was particularly interested in the new grass which I'm told isn't real; it felt very funny under my paws! I have also spoken to the children in Assembly about my new 'Care for Woody Bear' Club, although at the moment I don't really look like a bear! The children will be helping Mrs Beech do some training with me, so I will let you know how that goes.

Let's hope this sunshine lasts.....

Woof, woof from
Woody xx

E-SAFETY

Check the age ratings guidance on games, apps and social networking sites before your children use them. For example, the minimum age range is 13 for social networking sites, such as Facebook and Instagram, so our children should not be accessing them.



SCHOOL MENU

There has been a little 'hiccup' with the menus and for the next couple of weeks they will not be running to schedule. Instead, the pupils will be having the following:

Week beginning 23 April - Week 2
Week beginning 30 April - Week 1
Week beginning 8 May - Week 3 (as normal)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2018

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
 20 2pm End of Summer Term

SPORTS RELIEF

Many thanks to everyone that sent in a donation for Sports Relief last term. The total amount raised was £225.17. Fantastic!! 😊

PTA COMMITTEE MEETING

There is a change of date to next week's meeting, so that it can be held at the Quiz & Fizz Night venue.

The meeting will now be taking place on Thursday 26 April at 7.30pm at the Dunchurch WI Hall.

The meeting will be concentrating on the organisation of the Quiz & Fizz Night and depending on time, other urgent pending topics.

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery PTA



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

Licensed 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 one

WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICE RUGBY IN BLOOM - POPPIES

This week, your child should have received a poppy template explaining this year's idea for our Rugby in Bloom display. If you need any more copies, please get in touch with Miss Lodge.

Also, if you have been busy knitting or crocheting poppies for us, could you please bring them into school at your earliest convenience, so that we can include them in our display. We would appreciate having them all in before we break up for the May Half Term, please.

Many thanks for all your efforts so far, we really appreciate it

