

# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery



## Summer Term Issue 5

**18 May 2018**

### Headteacher's Message

As you know from communications sent out last week, this school is consulting on the possibility of federating with Dunchurch Boughton Junior School. The intention is for the schools to retain their individual identity, but have one governing body to match the fact that we now have myself working across both schools. It is important that you share your views on this, so please take a look at the documents uploaded to our website. You can access them here:

<http://www.dunchurchinfantschoolandnursery.co.uk/adding-pages>

On the subject of the two schools working more closely together, a reminder of the Parents' Forum I am holding on Monday 21 May at 7pm. This will be held at the Junior School and the focus is on the transition between the infants and the juniors and will be of interest to the parents who have children due to make the move or have made the move in the past.

The PTA have been as busy as ever recently. Today there is a Royal Wedding themed cake sale after school, before they hold their Quiz Night this evening and later on in the newsletter there is an order form for self-portrait tote bags. Many thanks to the members for their continuing support for the school.

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### Extra-curricular Activities 21 – 25 May 2018


<b>Monday 21st</b>	12.00 – 1.00pm Singing Club 3.15 – 4.00pm Martial Arts 3.15 – 4.00pm Spanish Club
<b>Tuesday 22nd</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Wednesday 23rd</b>	3.15 – 4.15pm Yr 2 Sports Club
<b>Thursday 24th</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm FDS Ball Skills
<b>Friday 25th</b>	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 21 – 25 May 2018

<b>Monday 21st</b>	<b>7-8pm Parents' Forum Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday 22nd</b>	
<b>Wednesday 23rd</b>	
<b>Thursday 24th</b>	
<b>Friday 25th</b>	<b>Spectacled Owls Non-Uniform Day Deadline for Yr 2 Father's Day Lunch 3.15pm End of Half Term</b>

# PUPIL AWARDS

<b>ATTENDANCE AWARD</b> <b>For the week ending 11 May 2018</b>				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
<b>Little Owls</b>	96.5	5	91.5	
<b>Elf Owls</b>	98.5	0	98.5	
<b>Barn Owls</b>	97.9	1	96.9	
<b>Snowy Owls</b>	96.7	2	94.7	
<b>Spectacled Owls</b>	100.0	0	100.0	
<b>Tawny Owls</b>	100.0	3	97.0	

**Congratulations to Spectacled Owls for their 100% attendance and no late arrivals!**

## WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Snowy Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Clarke's class, for keeping their classroom and working environment clean and tidy 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 for the Royal Wedding Picnic Lunch

<b>Rainbow Room</b>	<b>All the children</b>
<b>Blue Room</b>	<b>All the children</b>
<b>Red Room</b>	<b>All the children</b>
<b>Little Owls</b>	<b>All the children</b>
<b>Elf Owls</b>	<b>All the children</b>
<b>Barn Owls</b>	<b>All the children</b>
<b>Snowy Owls</b>	<b>All the children</b>
<b>Spectacled Owls</b>	<b>All the children</b>
<b>Tawny Owls</b>	<b>All the children</b>

# YEAR GROUP - CLASS INFORMATION

<p><b>RAINBOW ROOM</b></p>	<p><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>This week, we have started to explore the life cycle of a butterfly. We have been observing our caterpillars, which have grown very fat, and have been learning the words to describe each stage of the development. We have enjoyed making our own fruit salad, using our skills to chop up different fruits and taste them; the lemons were not popular! We have also been working on our co-ordination, using large balls to kick and throw during PE.</p>	
<p><b>BLUE ROOM &amp; RED ROOM</b></p>	<p>In Blue Room we have been interested in different occupations, talking about people who are in the Police Force or Fire Bridge. We have also had some discussion around superheroes with some children wearing their pants over their trousers! In Red Room we have been exploring what happens when colours are mixed, making predictions and using colours for a purpose. We have also been writing to represent numbers as part of our turn-taking games. Next week, can Red Room children please bring a photo in of their front door with the number on it.</p>	
<p><b>LITTLE OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p>We have read the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children have enjoyed acting out the story using a story map. We have used the difference sizes of the three bears to do some measuring and comparing. The children have worked hard to make new beds for Goldilocks and baby bear using and joining different materials. In phonics this week we have looked at 'ear' and 'air'. We have also worked on reading and spelling polysyllabic words. On Monday next week, the children will be trying popcorn – please speak to one of the Reception staff if you have any concerns.</p>	<p><b>ELF OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>BARN OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR ONE</b></p> <p>This week, we have been sorting into equal groups and sharing an amount. We also went on an adventure to the park and have written a postcard about it. In phonics we have been re-capping all the alternative phonemes for 'ai', 'ee', 'igh', 'oa' and 'oo' and in topic we have been learning all about animals. Next week, we will be counting to and across 100 in 2's, 5's and 10's. As part of this week's homework we would like the children to practise counting backwards in 2's (from 20), 5's (from 50) and 10's (from 100). As a challenge try counting backwards in 2's, 5's and 10's from 100.</p>	<p><b>SNOWY OWLS</b></p> 
<p><b>SPECTACLED OWLS</b></p> 	<p><b>YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>This week, in maths, we have been re-capping 2D &amp; 3D shapes, their properties, recognising them in different orientations and finding interesting links between them. We have also applied knowledge of all four operations to solve problems. In English we have been applying our spelling knowledge and looking at homophones, spelling rules for suffixes and our common exception words. We have also researched about whales, choosing our own sub-headings and writing a non-chronological report. In topic we have been getting ready for the Royal Wedding and learning about the Royal Family. The children really enjoyed this and were very creative!</p>	<p><b>TAWNY OWLS</b></p> 

# NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

## CONGRATULATIONS

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

**Moon Y** for achieving his Level 1 and **Natalya W** for achieving her Level 2 gymnastics award

**Laycie L** for winning a 'Performer of the Week' certificate

**Oscar V** for winning a 'Best Driver' trophy for go-karting

**Ella B** for achieving her Level 2 swimming award

**Tom D** for receiving a medal and Certificate of Achievement from his rugby football club

**Alfie C** for being awarded a 'Man of the Match' trophy from his football team.

**Well done everyone!**



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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 2018/19

### Summer Term 2018

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***

## 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.



## WOODY'S BLOG

Hello everyone

There was great excitement at school today, as the children enjoyed their Royal Wedding picnic lunch. As you can see, I was all ready for the big event, although there is actually something much more important happening this weekend..... it's my 1<sup>st</sup> birthday!! Tomorrow I am going to meet my mum and dad and some of my siblings and we are having a birthday party; I am really looking forward to it. I felt really honoured in Assembly this afternoon as all the children sang 'Happy Birthday' to me. I am such a lucky boy.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Woof, woof from  
**Woody xx**



## Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery PTA

# Summer Party

Dunchurch Village Hall



**Saturday 14th July 6pm – 9pm**

Family fun disco party, all welcome.

More details to follow

## E-SAFETY

As part of our E-Safety curriculum we learn that not everything that appears on the internet is true. Newsround have a video to support this idea at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/39032291>



## RUGBY IN BLOOM POPPIES

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**

## GARDENING CLUB REQUEST

If anyone has any old large plant pots that the club could have, it would be much appreciated.

Also any plant cuttings would be gratefully received, too!

*Thank you ☺*

## DUNCHURCH FETE Saturday 16 June

### Sweet Tombola Stall

We would welcome volunteers to help us run this year's Sweet Tombola Stall at the village fete. It will be for 30 minute slots from 12.30pm onwards.

We have decided not to ask for donations of chocolate, as in past years because it tends to melt in our hot summer temperatures (that's if we have some hot temperatures!)

The school will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 15 June in return for sweet donations for the stall.

If you are able to help, please contact the School Office at your earliest convenience.

*We appreciate your time  
Many thanks*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2018

### June

- 12 Whole School Group & Leavers Individual Photographs
- 15 Non-Uniform Day for sweet donations for Dunchurch Fete
- 15 12.30pm Yr 2 Father's Day Lunch
- 15 PTA Father's Day Gift Shop
- 16 Dunchurch Fete
- 22 Teacher Training Day
- 27 6.30pm September 2018 Reception Parents' Meeting with teachers

### July

- 6 Year 2 Trip to Gurdwara
- 10 County Transfer Day
- 14 6-9pm PTA Summer Party
- 17 School Sports Day
- 18 Reserve School Sports Day
- 18 5 - 6.30pm Parents' Meeting
- 20 2pm End of Summer Term

## FATHER'S DAY LUNCH FRIDAY 15 JUNE 12.30PM

Here is the menu for our Year 2 dads that will be attending the above lunch:

**Battered Cod Fillet  
Veggie Fingers (Vegetarians only)**

**Chipped Potatoes  
Peas**

**Chocolate Cracknell**

Letters were given to the Year 2 pupils yesterday. Please pay £3 via ParentPay **before Friday 25 May** and if you have any dietary requirements, or will be bringing sandwiches instead, please also let the School Office know before this date; many thanks.

*We look forward to seeing you!*



## SELF-PORTRAIT TOTE BAGS 2017-2018

To celebrate the end of the academic year, our nursery and school children will be busy in class drawing their self-portraits (some will even get to draw their teacher!) to create a very special tote bag for you.

As there are so many children and teachers to include, we are designing and creating an individual tote bag for **each** year group i.e. one for Nursery (red and blue room only) one for Reception, one for Year one and one for Year 2.

These unique canvas tote bags make a wonderful gift or keepsake for years to come and are priced at £5 each or 3 for £12. You may order as many bags as you wish.

Orders will be available to collect in the final week of the school term.

If you wish to place an order, please complete the slip below and return it to the school office in a sealed envelope marked 'PTA – tote bag' along with full payment in cash, or a cheque made payable to 'Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery PTA' no later than 24<sup>th</sup> May.

*\*we are unable to accept any orders after this date due to print deadlines\**

### Self-Portrait Tote Bags 2017-2018

Childs name:	Class:
Tote bag year group required:	Nursery/ Reception/ Year 1/ Year 2
Quantity:	
Total Payment enclosed:	
Name of Parent/Guardian:	
Contact details (email or mobile):	
Date:	

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

Well done to **SPECTACLED OWLS**

in Year 2 who achieved 100% attendance last week, with no pupils arriving late all week!

This is a HUGE achievement and so, as a reward, they will be able to come to school in non uniform on Friday 25 May.

## CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

?? Which class will be next ??



## A GENTLE REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

When you are dropping off and collecting your children in the playground, please remind them that they should not be racing around on their scooters or playing with any of the school balls that they may find, as accidents will happen.

This morning, someone had a ball kicked in their face but luckily did not get badly hurt.

We appreciate your co-operation with this request.

**Many thanks**