

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Our new nursery and reception children are settling in well to their new classes. Different schools have different approaches to the start of reception and this year we have had two days where children have come in with parents for a morning or afternoon session, followed by half a day and then a full day today. We have had this or a very similar approach for a few years now and I am interested in how well this works from the perspective of parents. From conversations this week, I know some value a slightly staggered start to the year, while others would rather their children start straight away. If parents have any thoughts on this please let me know.

A couple of pointers to events coming up: St. Peter's Church are holding a special service a week on Sunday to celebrate 'Education Sunday'. All are welcome. There are details later in the newsletter about an 'Aspirations Day' where we are looking for help from parents. Let us know if you can support this day.

Ian Dewes
Executive Headteacher

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	12.10 – 1.10pm French Club (Year 1&2) start 9th Sept 3.15 – 4pm Martials Arts start 16th Sept
TUESDAY	12.10 – 1.10pm French Club (Year 1&2) start 10th Sept 3.15 – 4pm Spanish Club start 10th Sept
WEDNESDAY	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football start 4th Sept
THURSDAY	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football start 5th Sept
FRIDAY	

Reminders/changes for 9 – 13 September

MONDAY 9	Freshwater visit to Yr2 in school
TUESDAY 10	
WEDNESDAY 11	
THURSDAY 12	
FRIDAY 13	OVO Energy Cycle race 1pm

PUPIL AWARDS

LUNCHTIME GOOD BEHAVIOUR AWARDS Awarded by Mrs Burdett and her Midday Supervisors	
Rainbow Room	ALL OF THE CHILDREN
Blue Room	ALL OF THE CHILDREN
Red Room	ALL OF THE CHILDREN
Little Owls	ALL OF THE CHILDREN
Elf Owls	ALL OF THE CHILDREN
Barn Owls	ALL OF THE CHILDREN
Snowy Owls	ALL OF THE CHILDREN
Spectacled Owls	ALL OF THE CHILDREN
Tawny Owls	ALL OF THE CHILDREN



Aspirations & Careers Day - Can you help us?

We are planning to hold a careers day on Thursday 24th October to introduce our children to a range of occupations, professions and trades in order to inspire them for the future, and encourage them to take full advantage of their education. The details of the event need to be finalised but we are hoping to have as many different visitors as possible during the day to speak to groups of children and answer their questions and possibly have some people take part in a 'guess my job' assembly. We'd also like to promote real life learning experiences for our pupils. Would you be able to help us? If so, please speak to Mrs Barnes or the office.

OVO Energy Cycle Race – Friday 13th September

We are taking the children to watch the race as it comes through Dunchurch and would love to have some parents volunteer to help.

Please let office staff know if you can help.

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

TERM DATES 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Teacher Training Day

Monday 2 September

Term Starts

Tuesday 3 September

Half Term

Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Teacher Training Day

Friday 22 November

Term Ends

Friday 20 December

Spring Term 2020

Teacher Training Day

Monday 6 January

Term Starts

Tuesday 7 January

Half Term

Monday 17 – Friday 21 February

Term Ends

Friday 3 April

Summer Term 2020

Term Starts

Monday 20 April

Bank Holiday

Friday 8 May

Half Term

Monday 25 – Friday 29 May

Teacher Training Day

Friday 19 June

Term Ends

Friday 17 July

Teacher Training Day

Monday 20 July

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sept

09 Yr2 Freshwater Company in school

17 English – Parents evening

24 Maths – Parents evening

Oct

24 Aspiration & Careers day in school

Dec

13 School visit to Royal & Derngate Theatre

**Follow us on Twitter:
for updates and learning
at @dunchurchinfant**

Parents Evening

English – Tuesday 17th September

Maths – Tuesday 24th September

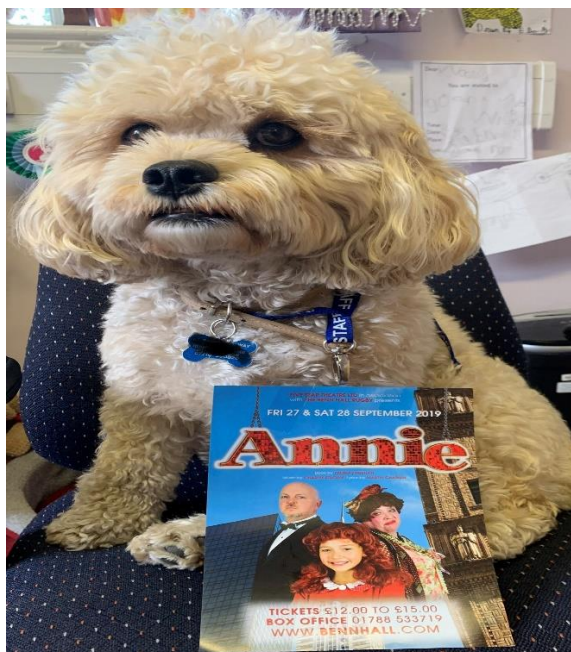
We are holding 2 sessions each evening,
these are 30 minutes long starting
at 6pm and 6.30pm.

These sessions are designed to inform
you of what children will be
learning this school year in their
class.

CONGRATULATIONS

Platinum Award from Rugby in Bloom 2019
under the category of Primary Schools

Silver Award from Rugby in Bloom 2019
under the category of Pre-schools



WOODY'S BLOG

Hello

Welcome back everyone and I hope you've had a lovely Summer. I'm really looking forward to seeing you all again, going for walkies and having fun with you.

I have some very exciting news. I'm going to be playing the role of Sandy in the production of Annie at The Benn Hall on 26th and 27th September. For more details, pop into the office and pick up a leaflet. I'm a little nervous about my debut performance but hopefully I will be a natural on stage.



Woody

Congratulations to:

Daniel L – Medal from DNA birthday boy

Florence O, Joshua O & Eliza T – Completed Space Chase summer reading challenge

WELL DONE!

Reminder for Packed Lunches

Please ensure all children's lunch boxes, cups and drinks bottles have their name on them.

Also limit the amount of items in their box to include a sandwich, piece of fruit, biscuit or yoghurt as an idea.

No nut products ie. Peanut butter, chocolate spread etc. as we have children in school with severe allergies to nuts

THANK YOU

Date for Parents to note:

Friday 13th December 2019

Whole school visit (not nursery)

Royal & Derngate Northampton

£15 (subsidised) further information in September



PTA AREA

PTA

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'

PTA AGM

Our next AGM is on 18th September at 7.30pm in the school. Anyone is welcome to come along.

School Uniform

A wide selection of 'pre-loved' infant school uniform is available from the PTA

Suggested donation per item:

- Jumper/cardigan with school logo - £2
- T-shirt with school logo - £1

A great way to raise funds for the school/nursery & save yourself some money.

Email: <mailto:annabuckland@hotmail.co.uk> to find out if we have the items/sizes you require



OUTSIDE SCHOOL EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Friends of Dunchurch Society (FODS)

General Knowledge Quiz



Friday 4 October
7pm for 7.30pm start
at Dunchurch Village
Hall

Beer and wine
bar available

£6 per
person
(maximum
6 per
team)

Price includes
a ploughman's
supper

Thank you for your support

Enquiries to 07889 061029

Entry forms available from Wandas of Dunchurch with payment

Cheques payable to FODS

Dunchurch Players Present Whisking Eggs a One Act Comedy by Jackie Lines

Take four women from very
different backgrounds,
put them together and you
can be sure that the comedy
will flow!

'Whisking Eggs' is an
hilarious, adult only, one act
play in a world where all is
not as it seems!



Friday 20th September
7.30pm
at Dunchurch Village Hall
Combined with a performance
by

DUNCHURCH VOICES

Ladies Choir

Tickets £7.00

Bar and Raffle

Saturday 21st September
6.30pm for 6.45pm
Combined with a one act play
St Mary's

By Simon Burne

Performed By Rugby Theatre

Includes a two course meal

Tickets £15

Bar and Raffle

Tickets now available from
Wanda's of Dunchurch

All proceeds to DFG local good causes
and a
Dunchurch Voices Supported Charity



Education Sunday

15 September 2019

St Peter's, Dunchurch at 10:30am

Come and receive blessings for the year ahead.

Guest preacher: Mrs April Gold, Deputy Diocesan Director of
Education