

# DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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**Autumn Term  
Issue 02**

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Our new nursery and reception children (as well as a couple more children in year 2) are now settled into their new classes and are busily engaged in learning. To help your child or children to get the most out of the year, we have arranged for two evening meetings over the next two Tuesdays where teachers will explain how they teach the children. Past experience has helped us to understand the considerable benefit to children when parents are able to mirror some of the techniques we use at school. To this end, the meetings will give parents of children in reception, year 1 and year 2 an overview of what happens day-to-day in classes as well as some practical strategies which can be used at home. Next Tuesday's meeting will focus on English, with the following Tuesday looking at maths. These meetings will be from 6-7PM and will be in the form of two half-hour repeated sessions. This means parents who are only attending one year group session can attend at either 6 or 6.30, while parents with children in different year groups can attend two different sessions. I hope to see you there.

There are also two other events in the next week which I would like to remind you of: On Sunday at 10.30am families are invited to 'Education Sunday' at St. Peter's Church in the village and next Wednesday evening at 7.30pm the Parents and Teachers' Association are meeting in the school hall. All are welcome.

**Ian Dewes**  
**Executive Headteacher**



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

<b>MONDAY</b>	12.10 – 1.10pm French Club (Year 1&2) 3.15 – 4pm Martials Arts
<b>TUESDAY</b>	12.10 – 1.10pm French Club (Year 1&2) 3.15 – 4pm Spanish Club
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
<b>THURSDAY</b>	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
<b>FRIDAY</b>	12.40 – 2.20pm Violin Club <i>starts 20/9</i>

## Reminders/changes for 16 – 20 September

<b>MONDAY 16</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 17</b>	<b>English Parents Evening 6-6.30pm &amp; 6.30-7pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 18</b>	<b>PTA AGM 7.30pm School Hall</b>
<b>THURSDAY 19</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 20</b>	

# PUPIL AWARDS

<b>ATTENDANCE AWARD</b> <b>For the week ending 6 September 2019</b>				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	100%	2	98%	
Elf Owls	100%	2	98%	
Barn Owls	96.7%	1	95.7%	
Snowy Owls	95.8%	1	94.8%	
 Spectacled Owls	98.6%	0	98.6%	 <b>WELL DONE!</b>
Tawny Owls	98%	1	97%	

## TERMLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Spectacled Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Lodge's class for keeping their classroom and working environment the cleanest and tidiest throughout this term!

*Awarded by our caretaker, Mr Haggan, and his assistant, Mrs Turtle*

## LUNCHTIME GOOD BEHAVIOUR AWARDS Awarded by Mrs Burdett and her Midday Supervisors

Rainbow Room	Alexandra L
Blue Room	Ava Mc
Red Room	Edmund G
Little Owls	Alex J
Elf Owls	Chase H
Barn Owls	Ben G
Snowy Owls	Lissie L
Spectacled Owls	Layla F
Tawny Owls	Sahib B

# YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b> <b>Rainbow Room</b></p> <p>The children have had lots of fun exploring the paint more this week, creating lovely pictures of themselves. The children have also been to PE for the first time, using the large space to play ring games and to practise their listening skills. The garden has been a firm favourite, with the children getting messy in the texture kitchen and pouring &amp; filling in the sand.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Blue Room</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>The children have enjoyed construction and kitchen role play areas this week, using their imaginations to keep the play going with their friends. Outside they have found caterpillars &amp; spiders, which has prompted lots of interesting questions! During group learning times, the children have been discussing shapes, and spotting them in the environment.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Red Room</b></p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Little Owls</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p>Making RELATIONSHIPS, Following ROUTINES, Understanding RULES has been our focus this week. The children have settled brilliantly and have cracked the morning routines! (Sorting out their water bottles, book bags and coats independently.) Many of them have made new friends and it has been great to see them interacting with all children and adults in the unit. They are starting to adapt to Reception life and are beginning to show they are ready for new learning. Long may it continue!</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Elf Owls</b></p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Barn Owls</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YEAR ONE</b></p> <p>We are so pleased with the way the children have settled into year one! This week we have been learning how to write sentences. We have been learning the difference between a letter and a word and have been learning how to use finger spaces consistently in our writing. In maths we have been learning to represent objects with cubes and counters. We have been learning to count forwards to 10 and back from 10 and have been finding one more or less using resources. In phonics we have consolidated our knowledge of phase 2 and 3 phonemes and have been practising phase 4 blends.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Snowy Owls</b></p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spectacled Owls</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>This week in maths we have been partitioning numbers into 10's and 1's. The children have used part, part, whole models to show these as well as solve problems. They have learnt to partition in different ways. In English we have continued our work on the story The Great Explorer. The children have retold the story, made puppets and began to learn about expanded noun phrases. In Topic we have continued to learn about Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. The children are beginning to write a leaflet comparing both these explorers.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tawny Owls</b></p>

**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.

**SCHOOL WATER BOTTLES**

Please note that you do not need to fill the water bottles at home as they will be done in class, thank you.

# 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

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 17<sup>th</sup> September

Maths – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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. This is a parent only evening.

## LOST PROPERTY

We still have lots of items of clothing in our  
lost property boxes in School and Nursery.

A navy blue watch step counter has been lost  
at holiday club.



## WOODY'S BLOG

### Hello

As you can see I've had a busy week and I was caught on camera catching up on my sleep. I joined Mrs Carrington as she read my story book, 'Woody's Adventures in Petlandia' to the new reception children. I also visited Blue room in nursery and they enjoyed the story too. I've been to registration in Year 1 and started Woody's Buddies Club in Year 2.

After our first full week back at school, I think we're all ready for a nice rest! Have a lovely weekend everyone.



Woody

### Congratulations to:

Orla B, Pippa F, Leon H, Emily McD, Aurelia M, Flynn M, Henrietta McV, Robert S, Chelsea F, Moon Y, Max B, Saanvi BR – Completed Space Chase summer reading challenge

Jack C – Learn to Swim 1

Flynn M – Football medals

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](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'

# PTA AGM

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

## **Dunchurch Infant school and nursery PTA AGM**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

**To be held in the school at 7.30 pm**

### **Agenda**

- Committee position appointments for coming year;  
Chair  
Vice Chair  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Media
- Charity status update
- Financial update
- Gift Aid
- Spending of PTA money

### **Upcoming events:**

- Scavenger hunt
- Cake sale
- Movie Night
- Christmas cards
- Christmas party/disco
- ?Christmas Fair

Any other business



## 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

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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

**Surplus Garden Produce Day at St Edmund's Church, Thurlaston**  
**Saturday 5 October, 12-3pm**

We will be holding a 'Surplus Garden Produce' day at St Edmund's on Saturday 5 October. Families are invited to bring any garden produce they don't need such as apples, pears, rhubarb, vegetables, cuttings, plants, even cut flowers and sell them, perhaps giving a small donation to St Edmund's Church. Or come along to buy and stock up your freezer and garden!

Tea and cake will be available.

Please email [jenny8104@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jenny8104@hotmail.co.uk) for further information



**THE GREATEST SHOW**  
**Dunchurch Methodist Church**  
**Cawston Lane**

**Saturday 5 October**  
**10.30-12.30**

***Crafts Lunch Celebration***  
***for all the family***

**£1 per person**  
(payable on the day)

**Book your place asap:**  
**[messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk)**

 **Dunchurch Baptist Church Messy Church**  
or at Noah's Ark

**[www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk)**