DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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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.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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

Reminders/changes for 16 – 20 September			
MONDAY 16			
TUESDAY 17	English Parents Evening 6- 6.30pm & 6.30-7pm		
WEDNESDAY 18	PTA AGM 7.30pm School Hall		
THURSDAY 19			
FRIDAY 20			

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 6 September 2019						
	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%	WELL DONE!		
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

	NURSERY Rainbow Room 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 & filling in the sand.	
Blue Room	NURSERY 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 & spiders, which has prompted lots of interesting questions! During group learning times, the children have been discussing shapes, and spotting them in the environment.	Red Room
Little Owls	RECEPTION 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!	Elf Owls
Barn Owls	YEAR ONE 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.	Snowy Owls
Spectacled Owls	YEAR TWO 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.	Tawny Owls



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 <u>ONLY</u> 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 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. 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.

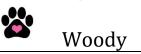
WOODY'S BLOG



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.



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

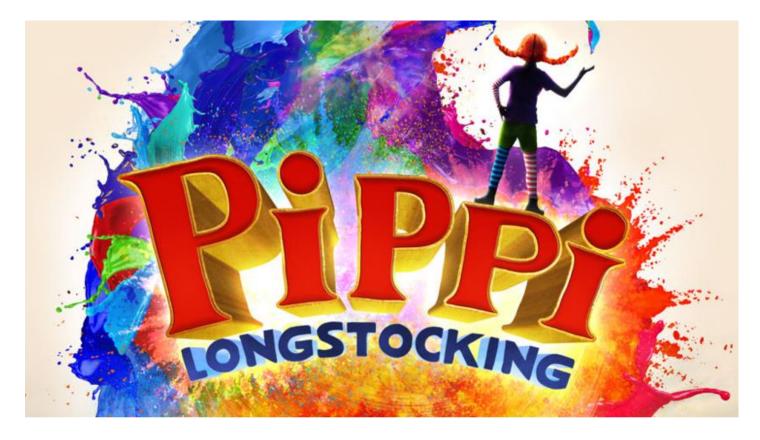
WELL DONE!

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 13th December 2019 Whole school visit (not nursery) Royal & Derngate Northampton £15 (subsidised) further information in September



PTA AREA

PTA

Minutes of all PTA Meetings are now available on the school website <u>www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk</u> under 'Parent Zone'

PTA AGM

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

Dunchurch Infant school and nursery PTA AGM Wednesday 18th 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: <u>mailto:annabuckland@hotmail.co.uk</u> to find out if we have the items/sizes you require



OUTSIDE SCHOOL EVENTS AND INFORMATION



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!

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



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 Volces 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 for further information

