

# DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

The new children may have only just started school, but thoughts are already turning to next year's reception cohort. I am grateful to the parents who have fed back to me about the way we induct children into the reception classes - we will bear in mind the feedback and make refinements for next year. We have started showing parents round the school who are considering applying for a reception place; if you are in our nursery and would like to find out more, please let myself or the office know.

An issue relating to starting school which has been in the news recently and has been getting increasing amounts of attention over the last couple of years is when a child should start school. Historically, there has been little deviation from the rule that children start reception in the September of the school year in which they turn five. More recently there have been calls nationally for greater flexibility. We have had a small number of children in the last few years who have delayed starting school with us. There have also been a few parents who have spoken to me after their child has been in school for a year or two and wondered whether it would have been better for their child to have started later. Consequently, I would like more parents to be aware that there is the possibility for children to have another year in nursery and that I am happy to consider such requests. I don't anticipate this being appropriate for large number of pupils; it might be that a child was born in August, perhaps prematurely. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss this in more detail.

This week a number of parents have contacted me to point out the bad car parking of other parents. Please consider parking further away from school where there is more space, rather than parking closer to school where you may obstruct other vehicles and cause a hazard to children. In no circumstances should parents be parking on the ziz-zag lines. New parents may not be aware, but we publish photographs of poor parking in the newsletter - please ensure we don't have cause for this.

**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

## Reminders/changes for 16 – 20 September

<b>MONDAY 16</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 17</b>	<b>Maths Parents Evening 6-6.30pm &amp; 6.30-7pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 18</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 19</b>	<b>Special Rugby lunch menu change</b>
<b>FRIDAY 20</b>	<b>Macmillan Cancer Non uniform day – all pupils £1 donation</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	98.7%	2	96.7%	
Elf Owls	99.3%	2	97.3%	
Barn Owls	99.3%	1	98.3%	
Snowy Owls	99.3%	3	96.3%	
Spectacled Owls	100%	4	96%	
★ Tawny Owls	99.6%	1	98.6%	★ <b>WELL DONE!</b>

## TERMLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Tawny Owls




Well done to the children in Miss Guy'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	Ilaria L
Blue Room	Theo G
Red Room	Maisie P
Little Owls	William P
Elf Owls	Jacob H
Barn Owls	Daisy C
Snowy Owls	Oriana W
Spectacled Owls	Joseph T
Tawny Owls	Bethany P

# YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b> <b>Rainbow Room</b></p> <p>The children have loved exploring the rice &amp; jelly this week; using their physical skills to pour and fill, as well as talking about how they feel. Following on from their interests last week, they have also enjoyed engaging in imaginative play with the babies, feeding them, changing them and taking care of them. The children have also loved exploring books inside the shed this week, using it as a den for 'secret reading'!</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Blue Room</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>The Pre-School children have been super busy this week! They have been learning what different items are used for, giving an explanation when asked during group learning time. They have been completing drawings of themselves, adding lots of features and practising their pencil grip. During outdoor learning, they have been developing their coordination through kicking and throwing footballs. Please could all children bring a small mechanical/technological toy for next week's learning, i.e. something that works. For example, pull back car, remote control item, push button book, toy that makes a sound etc.</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>We have had a very busy week in Reception. The children have been very good at remembering their routines. We have been into the hall for PE with Dan and 2 core strength sessions. We went to the ICT Suite for music.</p> <p>The children have enjoyed using the 'Alphablocks' to make words to read. They have experimented with paint and play doh tools to create pictures. We have looked carefully at ourselves in mirrors and then painted our portraits - some show an uncanny resemblance to the artists.</p> <p>We have started our handwriting carousel. The children practiced anticlockwise movements and retracing vertical lines using lots of different resources, including teacher pens.</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>In English this week we have been continuing to write simple sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops and have been learning to sit our letters correctly on the line. In phonics we have practised reading and spelling words containing the split digraph (magic e words.) In maths we have been learning to compare and order numbers using practical resources and number lines. Our topic sessions this week have been science and history. We have conducted a simple science experiment to find transparent, translucent and opaque materials and have compared old and new toys as part of history.</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 English the children have retold the story of the Great Explorer, remembering key words and sequencing from the book. They have done a fantastic job. In Maths, the children have been ordering and comparing numbers using the more than and less than symbols. In Topic the children have wrote a non-chronological report about Christopher Columbus. In SPaG we have continued to work on phonics and going over the 5 vowels.</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? This could involve either doing a 30 minute workshop with some children or a chat about your job in assembly. If so, please speak to Mrs Barnes or the office.

### **OLD NEWSPAPERS**

Could Nursery request that parents bring in used newspapers for our creative area please.

### **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**

# 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**

24 Maths – Parents evening

27 Macmillan Cancer Non-uniform day – all pupils

### **Oct**

08 Leicester Botanic Gardens – Little Owls

09 Leicester Botanic Gardens – Elf Owls

24 Aspiration & Careers day in school

### **Dec**

13 Royal & Derngate Theatre – whole school

13 Warwick Arts Centre – all Nursery

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

## Parents Evening 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 pair of glasses blue and white have been  
found in the bike park



## WOODY'S BLOG

Hello

I had a lovely time with the nursery children this week. We went for a nice walk and then sat on the grass in the beautiful sunshine. The children stroked me and fed me my favourite treats.

Today I am visiting a school in Coventry that have just got their very own school dog. He is a Cavachon, like me, but he is a puppy so I have to be extra gentle with him.



Woody

**Congratulations to:**

**Sophie T – 20m swimming certificate & badge**

**WELL DONE!**

MACMILLAN COFFEE  
MORNING  
FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER  
9.15am-10am

We would like to invite the year 2 parents / carers to come and have a drink and cake with their child. These will have been homemade by your children that week.

There will be tea, coffee and cake available to buy for a small donation.



**Come along to our Coffee Morning**

WORLD'S BIGGEST  
**COFFEE**  
MORNING

**MACMILLAN**  
CANCER SUPPORT  
RIGHT THERE WITH 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



## **NETWORK RAIL**

**The children had an assembly this week on how to stay safe near railway lines and stations.**

**If you would like to download a free e-book, please go to the following link:**

**[www.networkrail.co.uk/thomas](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/thomas)**

# 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.

## 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)**

# Sarah Cooke School Of Dance



SCSD Dancer  
Photo courtesy of Andy McGarty

**Ballet, Tap & Disco/Street Dance  
Classes for children & Teenagers  
(Pre-school Ballet from age 2)**

**Our classes are held in Bubbenhall near  
Leamington, Wellesbourne, Dunchurch & Long  
Buckby**

**Contact Sarah Cooke**  
**[sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com](mailto:sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com)**  
**or 07751 470318**

**GO AHEAD, GET DANCING!**