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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				
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			

Reminders/changes for 16 - 20 September		
MONDAY 16		
TUESDAY 17	Maths Parents Evening 6- 6.30pm & 6.30-7pm	
WEDNESDAY 18		
THURSDAY 19	Special Rugby lunch menu change	
FRIDAY 20	Macmillan Cancer Non uniform day – all pupils £1 donation	

PUPIL AWARDS

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

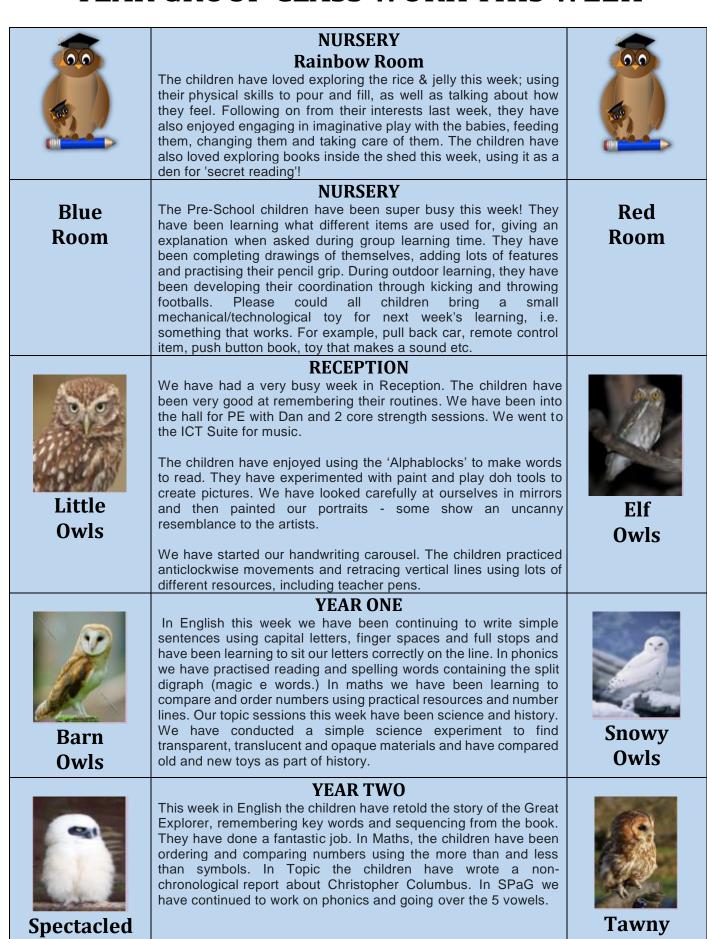
TERMLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Tawny Owls

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



Owls

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? 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

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

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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

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at @dunchurchinfant

Parents Evening Maths – Tuesday 24th September

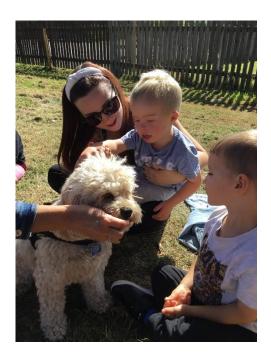
We are holding 2 sessions each evening, these are 30 minutes long starting at 6pm and 6.30pm.

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 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.

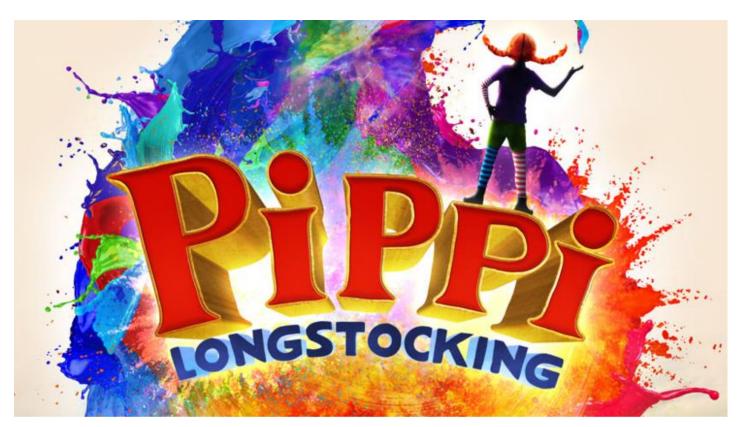








Date for Parents to note:
Friday 13th December 2019
Whole school visit (not nursery)
Royal & Derngate Northampton
£15 (subsidised) further information in September



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

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





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

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





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

Dunchurch Baptist Church Messy Church or at Noah's Ark

www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk

Sarah Cooke School Of Dance



SCSD Dancer Photo courtsey 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 Learnington, Wellesbourne, Dunchurch & Long **Buckby**

> **Contact Sarah Cooke** sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com or 07751 470318

GO AHEAD, GET DANCING!