

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Over the last few days the children in year two have been busily preparing for this morning's MacMillan Coffee Morning. This is an annual event which the school has supported for a number of years. Nationally, £27,000,000 was raised for the cancer charity in 2018. Our children have been busily making cakes ready for year 2 parents and the rest of the school to enjoy. As well as enjoying the cooking (and eating) the children are learning about the importance of charity and helping others. Over the course of the last year the school has raised money for Children in Need, took part in Sign2Sing and sent shoeboxes of presents to children in other parts of the world. All of these events have been possible due to the support of parents, so thank you for enabling us to carry out these important activities.



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 30 September – 4 October

MONDAY 30	
TUESDAY 1	
WEDNESDAY 2	Harvest Festival church service - am
THURSDAY 3	Road Safety workshop – Reception and Year 2
FRIDAY 4	

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 20 September 2019				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	97.7%	0	97.7%	
Elf Owls	100%	2	98%	
Barn Owls	97.3%	2	95.3%	
Snowy Owls	98%	1	97%	
 Spectacled Owls	99.6%	0	99.6%	 WELL DONE!
Tawny Owls	99.6%	4	95.6%	

TERMLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Little Owls


Well done to the children in Miss Shrimpton'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	Freddie C
Blue Room	Arabella R
Red Room	Abhinand L
Little Owls	Mila Teresa K
Elf Owls	Maisie S
Barn Owls	Emma A
Snowy Owls	Flynn M
Spectacled Owls	Fraiya H
Tawny Owls	Oscar B

YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY Rainbow Room</p> <p>The children have been busy going on Autumnal walks, discussing what they can spot along the way, and listening to different sounds. They have also enjoyed mark making with the paint and vehicles, experimenting with marks on paper. We have also had some new indoor ride on cars, which the children have loved! They have been using their strength & co-ordination to make themselves whizz along. An unusual request now; if any parents have any 'Build a Bear' clothes or any small baby clothes they no longer need, we would be grateful for any donations. Thank you.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>The Pre-School children have been very busy exploring vegetables this week. They have identified, described, painted with & even eaten a variety of different items, with some fantastic conversations emerging. The children have also been using their gross motor skills to throw balls at our large target outside and pedal on our exercise bike. Woody has visited us. Shaving foam shapes have been created and we've even started something creative for Christmas.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Red Room</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Little Owls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RECEPTION</p> <p>This week in Reception we have started our Bear Hunt adventure. We used positional language to describe where we could see the bear. The children have remembered the repeated story language and have used it appropriately on the giant story map. They have created a bear hunt collage and have enjoyed acting out parts of the story in our Bear Hunt role play area. We have used handwriting socks to help with our 'baby shark' pencil grip. The children have also completed their first Star Learning.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Elf Owls</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Barn Owls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week we have continued our toy topic by comparing toys past and present. We have looked at books with working mechanisms in preparation for our DT work over the next few weeks. In English we have continued to write sentences and have introduced the pronouns 'he' and 'she' to help us link our sentences. We have been learning to use the part whole model, with numbers to 10, in maths and have explored how we can solve problems systematically.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Snowy Owls</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Spectacled Owls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR TWO</p> <p>This week Year 2 have been very busy baking and decorating cupcakes for our MacMillan cake sale. We had a fantastic morning selling the cakes and thank you to everyone who was able to come and support us. Year 2 have also been writing about Neil Armstrong's adventure in Space and in maths have been counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Tawny Owls</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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 2 October the whole school and nursery are going to St Peter's church for a service.



We would welcome donations for this service and the children will be taking the items to the church for collection by The Rugby Foodbank.

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

Oct

02 Whole school & Nursery Harvest Festival

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**

Please do not park on the zigzags
outside the school between
the hours of:

7am – 6pm

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

We have found a Sainsbury's Gift Card on the
floor by Nursery



WOODY'S BLOG

Hello

I went out to play in the nursery garden this week. The children showed me all of the great play equipment. We had lots of fun.
It's my opening night of Annie this evening. I've certainly got first night nerves. If you are going to see the show please give me a wave.



Woody

Congratulations to:

Darcey L – Duckling level 2

Seth M – PQA Poppets POW of the week

Robert S – completed his Bookstart Bear Club Passport

Leon H – 5m swimming award

Ellen H – Blue Peter badge & Learn to Swim 3

WELL DONE!



Generally no. **Childcare Vouchers** can only be **used to pay** for activities out of normal **school** hours and on **school** premises. If the **trip** is outside of **school** hours and on Ofsted registered premises (for example at a camp), they **can** only be **used to pay** the holder of the Ofsted certificate, not the **school**.

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

<https://www.rvc.ac.uk> > Media > Default > About > Documents



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

Thank you to our kitchen staff
for cooking 600 cupcakes



AND YOU,
AND YOU, AND YOU

At our Coffee Morning, you helped raise an incredible

£500

Thank you to Dunchurch Post Office

Every cake and every cuppa means that Macmillan are able
to help more people with cancer live life as fully as they can.

and Garage for donating items



Registered with
FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR

WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT
RIGHT THERE WITH YOU

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'



The first PTA event of the year will be a movie night showing The Secret Life of Pets 2 on Tuesday 15th October 3:15 -5:00pm and all children from reception and years 1 and 2 are welcome. Booking forms will be sent out on Monday 7th October and must be returned by Monday 14th October. There will not be an extension to this deadline. Any parents who could volunteer to help supervise the movie night should please contact Anna Buckland or the Dunchurch Infant PTA Facebook page.



Thanks to everyone who worked so hard last year to support the PTA. All the ice lolly buying, cake baking, movie night popcorning, mother's and father's day gift shopping, preloved clothes selling, raffle ticketing, quizzing and proseccoing, Christmas card drawing, autumn scavenging, little-legs sponsored walking, chocolate egg decorating and hot chocolate savouring really paid off! Together we raised £6,241!!! Watch this space for news on how the funds will be spent.



Can you help the PTA by lending a hand at a playground cake sale or helping to run a movie night? Helping at the children's Christmas party or the mother's or father's day gift shop? If you don't have the time or inclination to join the committee but you'd like to lend a hand every once in a while, we always need people who can get involved. Please contact dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com or the Dunchurch Infant PTA Facebook page to let us know if you may be able to help at events where we need parent volunteers.

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

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

One of our families, Catherine, Amy and David Kodogoda has recorded a song in aid of the charity Kidscape. The song is available to stream, view and download from iTunes and Youtube. There is a strong anti-bullying message to the song, so it is well worth listening to.

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



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 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
or 07751 470318**

GO AHEAD, GET DANCING!