

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

There are two special events a week on Sunday in Dunchurch relating to the Halifax War Memorial on the Heath. This memorial commemorates the lives lost when a plane crashed in the village in 1944. All are invited to attend either the service at St. Peter's or the re-dedication ceremony at the following times:

10:30 - 11:45 Memorial Service in St. Peter's Church, Dunchurch
 12:30 - 13:00 Re-dedication ceremony at the Halifax Memorial



I am grateful to Tho Claassen of the Rugby Aviation Group for sharing with me the story behind the memorial. It is always good to be able to link children's learning about history to our local area, so I will share with children next week the history of the memorial.

This year we are supporting teams4u where shoeboxes of simple items are sent to children in different parts of the world as Christmas presents. This is a great opportunity for our children to think of how they can help others less fortunate than them.

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 7 – 11 October

MONDAY 7	
TUESDAY 8	Little Owls trip
WEDNESDAY 9	Elf Owls trip
THURSDAY 10	
FRIDAY 11	

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 27 September 2019				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
★ Little Owls	100%	1	99%	★ WELL DONE!
Elf Owls	97.3%	0	97.3%	
Barn Owls	99.7%	2	97.7%	
Snowy Owls	99.3%	4	95.3%	
Spectacled Owls	95.6%	2	93.6%	
Tawny Owls	99.6%	6	93.6%	

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD

Awarded to Elf Owls

Well done to the children in Mrs Carrington's class for keeping their classroom and working environment the cleanest and tidiest throughout this week!

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	Amy McNally
Blue Room	Elsie C
Red Room	Evie R
Little Owls	Seth M
Elf Owls	Alisa G
Barn Owls	Harry H
Snowy Owls	Izzy N
Spectacled Owls	Elijah W
Tawny Owls	Catherine Y

YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY Rainbow Room</p> <p>The children have loved reading the story of 'Goldilocks & the 3 Bears' this week, dressing bears of different sizes, scooping & pouring with bowls & spoons with porridge in the shallow tray, and even having some porridge themselves for snack a couple of times. Outside they have been using their gross motor skills to make marks and patterns on the wall with water & paint brushes. At the beginning of the week the children explored shaving foam on the table and used their fingers/hands to create marks.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>This week the children have continued retelling familiar stories using props to help them. They have also started representing numbers/amounts using their hands, marks on paper, beads on pipe cleaners or beans on leaves, remembering to recite the numbers in order as they go. All the children walked down to the church (if they were in on Wednesday morning) to celebrate the Harvest Festival, they were fantastic, and enjoyed spotting things on the way. For next week's learning, please could all children bring in 3 different types of leaves thank you</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>We were really pleased with how well the children behaved when we visited the church for Harvest Festival. We discussed what Harvest meant and looked at how it helps others. We had a visit from 'Road Safety Kate' who told the children about the importance of stopping, looking, listening, thinking and holding a grown-ups hand as they cross the road. We have used the alpha block letters in Literacy to help us spell simple words from the 'Bear Hunt' story. We have continued working on careful counting and 1:1 correspondence.</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>In English this week we have had a letter from David Lucas and have designed characters for the story 'Lost in the Toy Museum.' We have practised using full stops, capital letters, and finger spaces and have used the pronouns he and she. In maths we have continued to look at the part whole and have found different ways of writing the addition number sentences. E.g: $3+2 = 5$ $5 = 3+2$ etc. We have continued to discuss toys from the past in history and have made sliders as part of DT.</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>In maths Year 2 have been counting in jumps of 3 from any given number and have also continued their jumps with 2, 5 and 10 as well. During Literacy the children have been reading the story 'Grandad's Island' and showing good understanding of the book. In SPaG the children have learnt what a statement and a question is and the difference between these. As well as this Year 2 have started to learn the seven continents and five oceans of the world.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Tawny Owls</p>

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

08 Leicester Botanic Gardens – Little Owls

09 Leicester Botanic Gardens – Elf Owls

24 Aspiration & Careers day in school

22 Whole school Parents Evening 3-7pm

Online appointment booking opens 9/10

23 Whole school Parents Evening 3-6pm

Online appointment booking opens 9/10

Nov

19 Reception, Yr1&2 Movie Night
(see PTA page)

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 had a great time on stage last weekend in Annie and I hope those of you that came to see the show enjoyed it as much as I did. I'm hoping Hollywood calls, but we'll have to wait and see!

I have spent some time in Red Nursery this week. The children sat beautifully and enjoyed the story, called Woody's adventures in Petlandia.

I think we're in for a cold weekend so I may have to get my woolly jumper out.



Love from Woody

Congratulations to:

Matilda D – brought in a bear for Leadership Skills in Ballet

Molly B – Pre-Juvenile Ballet award & Learn to Swim Level 1

Dolly E – Cheerleading Green & Turquoise

Bence F – Completed Military Mini Mud Run & raised money for Zoë's Place Baby Hospice

Moon Y – Completed Military Mini Mud Run

WELL DONE!



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.



Is your child currently
in Year 2?



Come and see our school in action
Wednesday 16th October 6-7PM
Wednesday 23rd October 9-11.30AM
No appointment necessary



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

NURSERY PARENTS / CARERS

**Please may we remind you that morning session finishes at 11.45am
prompt and afternoon session finishes at 3.15pm**

**Morning session collection needs to be from the side gate entrance not the
playground entrance.**

Nursery staff start their lunches at 11.45am

PTA AREA

PTA

Find 'Dunchurch Infant & Nursery School PTA' on Facebook or e-mail

dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com

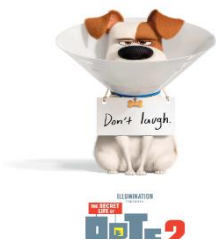
if you would like to find out more

Minutes of all PTA Meetings are now available on the school website

www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk

under 'Parent Zone'

CHANGE OF DATE



The first PTA event of the year will be a movie night showing The Secret Life of Pets 2 on **Tuesday 19th November 3:15 -5:00pm** and all children from reception and years 1 and 2 are welcome. Booking forms will be sent out on week commencing 4th November and must be returned by **Monday 18th November**. 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.



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.

Win a £10 Argos voucher - please take part in this survey to give the PTA your feedback about past activities and ideas for new ones <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZ35XCN>

All feedback is really welcome and if you complete the survey before Friday 18th October your family will be entered into a prize draw to win a £10 Argos voucher

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

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!