

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



This week our reception children went on a trip to the Botanic Garden in Leicester to learn about the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. The children had a great time, thank you to all of the parents who came to help and to the staff for organising.

Parents' Evening is on the 22nd and 23rd October. You should have received communications about how to book an appointment, if not please contact the office.

A reminder that all are invited to events marking the Halifax Memorial in Dunchurch this Sunday. The memorial commemorates the lives lost when a plane crashed in the village in 1944. The times are:

10:30 - 11:45 Memorial Service in St. Peter's Church, Dunchurch

12:30 - 13:00 Re-dedication ceremony at the Halifax Memorial

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 14 – 18 October

MONDAY 14	
TUESDAY 15	
WEDNESDAY 16	
THURSDAY 17	
FRIDAY 18	Deadline Sunday for booking your child's Parents Evening appointment

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 27 September 2019				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
★ Little Owls	98%	0	98%	★ WELL DONE!
Elf Owls	96.7%	3	93.7%	
Barn Owls	98.3%	1	97.3%	
Snowy Owls	96.7%	2	94.7%	
Spectacled Owls	98.5%	2	96.5%	
Tawny Owls	97.8%	3	94.8%	

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Snowy Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Clarke'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	Evelyn B
Blue Room	Sam C
Red Room	Glennesha P
Little Owls	Marci B
Elf Owls	Dilys TS
Barn Owls	Tommee-Quinn McC
Snowy Owls	Pippa F
Spectacled Owls	Oliver T
Tawny Owls	Keona G

YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY Rainbow Room</p> <p>The children have been having great fun printing with potatoes of different sizes, using the language of size and showing they can identify which is which. They have also loved using the large interactive screen to access the painting program using their gross motor skills to make lots of marks. Outside the children have been rolling conkers and themselves down the hill. They have had races and really used their core strength to help them. Don't forget to check out 'Jasper's Library' in the cloakroom, where you can borrow books to share together at home. Please bring in next week a favourite teddy for Teddy Bears Picnic week.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>The children have loved exploring the dark tent this week using the technological resources, as well as recognising amounts of items in there and making marks to represent them. Outside they have explored new chalk pens on the perspex of the veranda; mark making in lots of different ways helps to promote good pencil grip and allows the children to giving meaning to their marks. For next week's learning, please could all Pre-School children bring a photograph of a special family occasion/celebration for the children to discuss at group time. 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 have all been on a Bear Hunt! We found the bear and completed lots of lovely activities to do with the story. The children were very well behaved both on the bus and at the Botanic Gardens. We went on an Autumn walk and the children enjoyed experimenting with the sycamore seeds, they investigated the different coloured autumn leaves that we found and the spikes on the conker shells.</p> <p>We read the 'Leaf Man' story and used Alphablock letters to segment to spell. The children practised their careful counting in Maths by counting irregular arrangements.</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 phonics this week we have been learning the alternative ways of making the 'ai' sound. We have been reading the story 'Lost in the Toy museum' and have been sequencing the story and making predictions. We have also been applying our use of capital letters and full stops. In maths we have been learning to find the whole on a part whole model and by using a numberline. In topic this week we have looked at the painting Children's games by Brugel. We have continued our DT by making a picture with a lever.</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>Year 2 this week have been understanding links between part, part whole models and have written addition and subtraction sentences linked with these. In literacy an exciting letter made an entrance from the character Grandad from 'Grandad's Island' so the children have written a letter back. During topic the children have learnt north, south, east and west and identified this on a map as well as understanding the equator and how some countries are hotter and colder than others.</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

22 Whole school Parents Evening 3.30-7pm

23 Whole school Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

24 Aspiration & Careers day in school

25 PTA Cake Sale – 3.15pm

Nov

12 School Photographs

15 Children in Need

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.



WOODY'S BLOG

Hello

I wanted to know what all the fuss was about with the conkers, so I went to have a look.

The children seem to love gathering them at this time of year, but of course I wasn't allowed to play with any as conkers are poisonous to dogs. Autumn is such a pretty time of year, but I seem to get a few leaves stuck in my coat when I'm out walking.

Have a good weekend.



Love from Woody

Congratulations to:

Cody W – Medal for Football with DM Football Coaching

David K – Poppet of the Year Trophy

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

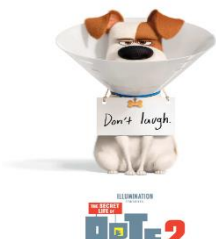
if you would like to find out more

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

Wanted - age 5-6 school polo shirts. The PTA second hand uniform store has had a number of requests for this size - do you have any you no longer need and can donate? Please contact the PTA Facebook page or Anna Buckland



Christmas Card designed by your child

Please look out for your Christmas card sample and order form which will be coming home next week. We'll need to receive your orders before we break for half term

OUTSIDE SCHOOL EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Guy Fawkes Halloween Night

followed by kids disco at the Village Hall

Friday 25th October



Prize for the best fancy dress or Guy Fawkes

Food available and bar for adults



Meet in front of Guy Fawkes house at 6.30 p.m. £2 adults £1 kids

Bring a torch or lantern



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