

# DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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**Autumn Term  
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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

From time to time we hold an event called a Parents' Forum. This is an event where we find out what parents (or grandparents and carers) think about particular topics. On Monday 11th of November at 7pm we will hold a Parents' Forum on the particular topic of maths.

Both Dunchurch Infants and Juniors have over the last year been introducing a new approach to maths teaching referred to as maths mastery. We have been doing this in partnership with Leamington Hastings and the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics.

At the meeting we will share with you some of the approaches we are using and take feedback on what you think works well and doesn't work well for your child(ren).

The meeting will be in the school hall at the Junior School and will last no longer than an hour. I hope to see you there.

**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) 1.10 – 3.10pm Violin Club 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>	

## Reminders/changes for 21 – 25 October

<b>MONDAY 21</b>	<b>No French Club</b>
<b>TUESDAY 22</b>	<b>No French Club Parents Evening 3.30pm-7pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 23</b>	<b>Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm</b>
<b>THURSDAY 24</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 25</b>	<b>PTA Cake Sale 3.15pm Half Term starts at 3.15pm</b>

# PUPIL AWARDS

<b>ATTENDANCE AWARD</b> <b>For the week ending 11 October 2019</b>				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
★ Little Owls	98%	0	98%	★ <b>WELL DONE!</b>
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 Spectacled Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Lodge'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	Logan E
Blue Room	Louie H
Red Room	Harry B
Little Owls	Alec A
Elf Owls	Eli F
Barn Owls	Francesca W
Snowy Owls	Theodore P
Spectacled Owls	Lily P
Tawny Owls	David K

# YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b> <b>Rainbow Room</b></p> <p>The children have been very busy engaging in Autumn themed activities using all the lovely things from their Autumn collection bags. They have created pictures with conkers, made 'Autumn Soup' in the water tray &amp; conker rolled in the paint. They have also been building their confidence in using the climbing equipment by bringing it inside. This has enabled the children more time and opportunity to develop their core physical skills.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Blue Room</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>Both rooms have enjoyed engaging in a birthday party role play area this week celebrating and learning about their friends. They have counted, written invites, cooked food, sung to each other and blown out lots of candles. As well as this, some children brought in photographs of celebrations from home which we have loved hearing about. Please continue to bring them in next week if you didn't manage to this week. Outside the children have loved the extra Autumnal resources in the Texture Kitchen, learning specific vocabulary and exploring textures of natural objects.</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>This week in Reception we have experimented with colour mixing! The children were only given red, blue and yellow paint and had to explore the different colours which could be made before using the appropriate one to paint a selection of fruits. We are delighted with their creations.</p> <p>As a whole school we looked at the book of '1 is a snail, 10 is a crab' Reception used this book to match quantities to numbers. We continued with our segmenting to spell, this time using Percy the Park-keeper as our story of the week. The children are now starting to become much more independent with their writing.</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 year one this week we have been using the pronoun 'they' in English. We have been learning our number bonds in maths and have been playing the online game 'hit the button' to help the children develop their number bond fluency. The children have also been solving missing number problems by finding a part. In topic we have been sketching, using our pencil to create different effects. We have also continued to create moving mechanisms. This week we have created a wheel mechanism. <b><u>On Monday Afternoon (21.10.19) we will be going on an autumn walk. Please ensure children have suitable clothing (coats/wellies) as we will be going out whatever the weather.</u></b></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>Year 2 this week have been learning to describe a character using adjectives. The children then have used their adjectives to form an expanded noun phrase. In maths the children have been adding by partitioning the number into tens and ones. We have been practising this a lot this week! During topic the children have learnt the difference between physical and human features and have started to research Cuba as part of our Geography work next week.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tawny Owls</b></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**

11 Parents Forum – Junior school hall 7pm

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

### **OWLS CLUB**

Please arrive between 8am and 8.15am if your  
child requires breakfast otherwise they may  
miss out on food before school.

## WOODY'S BLOG



Hello

The children took me for a lovely walk around the nursery garden this week. I loved exploring with them and we even went through the tunnel! I'm going for a long Autumn walk this weekend and I hope you have some fun things planned too.



Love from Woody

### Congratulations to:

Pippa F – 2<sup>nd</sup> Season Horse riding & Dressage to music

Rachel M – PQA Red Carpet Event

Jack C – DM Football medal

Theo H – G Force Star of the Session & White/Yellow - merit

**WELL DONE!**

### 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**





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



#### **CAR PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

Please can parents / carers be courteous of junctions and residents driveways when dropping off and collecting children from both schools.



**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**

# 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

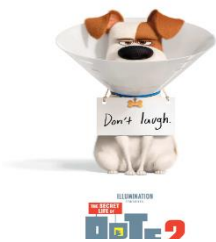
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Minutes of all PTA Meetings are now available on the school website

[www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk](http://www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk)

under 'Parent Zone'

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**



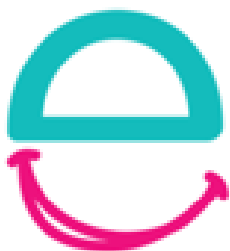
## Christmas Card designed by your child

Please look out for your Christmas card sample and order form today. We will need to receive your orders before we break for half term

### SCAVENGER HUNT RECORDING SHEET

Name: _____		Don't forget to show your work!	
1		2	
3		4	
5		6	
7		8	
9		10	

Keep your eyes peeled for autumn treasure hunt sheets which will be coming home in bags next week for all children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2. Return your completed sheet after half term to be entered into a prize draw



Fundraise for the PTA from the comfort of your sofa - did you know you can donate to the PTA when you shop online? What's not to like? Every time you shop online via [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) a donation is made to the PTA. It sounds too good to be true but there is no catch. So far over 30 families are donating to the PTA through this route and over £300 has been raised. It's easy to do (hence the name) just follow these steps

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dunchurchinfantsandnursery>
2. Sign up for free
3. When your shopping online, go to easy [fundraising.org.uk](http://fundraising.org.uk) and search for the online retailer and make your purchase as normal

There are no fees or catches, retailers such as Amazon, Expedia, First Choice, Trainline, John Lewis, Next, Clarks, Fat Face and hundreds more will make a donation to the PTA.



Please bring in cakes and bakes - shop bought or homemade are equally welcome! The PTA is running a spooky cake sale at 3:15 on Friday 25th October and we want to have enough so we can avoid having disappointed children at the cake sale so please bring or send in sweet treats (no nuts please) on the morning of Friday 25th...and don't forget your change for the cake sale in the afternoon



**Please bring cakes and  
bakes to the playground  
at morning drop off**

# **Spooky Cake Sale Friday 25th Oct**

**Playground - 3:15pm**

**Suggested donation 50p per cake**



**In aid of Dunchurch Infant School & Nursery PTA**

# 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



[www.dunchurchevents.org.uk](http://www.dunchurchevents.org.uk)

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# *Charity* **SNOWBALL**

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Raising Funds for Breast Cancer Care, Midlands Air Ambulance &  
Leamington Hastings School Playground Fund.

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*At Dunchurch Park Hotel,*

Rugby Road, Dunchurch, Rugby, CV22 6QW

*£45 a ticket to include drinks on arrival, 4 course meal, ½ a bottle of  
wine and tea & coffee (please state if you have any dietary  
requirements). Tickets to be sold as tables of 10 or individually.*

*Accommodation available at a discounted rate.*

Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 • 07.00pm – Midnight

Contact: Hannah • Call: 07494 546419

Email: [charity.ball2020@gmail.com](mailto:charity.ball2020@gmail.com)

Dress to impress – Black Tie and Ball Gowns



# Wreath Making Workshop



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

6pm-9pm

Leamington Hastings C of E School

*Come and make a traditional wreath. Material and decorations supplied. Mulled wine and nibbles provided*

Hosted by Leamington  
Hastings Friends.  
Proceeds go towards  
the school playground  
fund

Tickets - £25 (Purchased from the  
school office)

Contact Hannah on 07494 546419