# DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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#### **HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE**

Yesterday was our first Aspiration Day. On this day of activities carried out а series which encouraged children to think about different sorts of careers. Parents and teachers held a wide range of activities where the children learned about different jobs in society. Although our children are very young and some years off having to make decisions about careers, they were still very interested in finding out about different roles and this gives them a better understanding of how society works. A big thank you to Mrs. Barnes for organising the day and to all of the parents who gave up their time to come to school and talk to our children about their work.

There are two letters in book bags today. One is for parents in year one and the other for those who use Owls. If you are part of one or both of these groups, please make sure you read them as they relate to rules about dropping off and collecting your children.

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) 1.10 – 3.10pm Violin Club 3.15 – 4pm Spanish Club			
WEDNESDAY	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football			
THURSDAY	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football			
FRIDAY				

Reminders/changes for 4 - 8 November		
MONDAY 04		
TUESDAY 05		
WEDNESDAY 06		
THURSDAY 07		
FRIDAY 08	Deadline for T4U shoeboxes	

# **PUPIL AWARDS**

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 18 October 2019						
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to		
Little Owls	98.3%	3	95.3%			
Elf Owls	98.7%	3	95.7%			
Barn Owls	92%	2	90%			
Snowy Owls	98.3%	2	96.3%			
Spectacled Owls	98.1%	0	98.1%	WELL DONE!		
Tawny Owls	98.9%	5	93.9%			

# **WEEKLY 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 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	Alfie Y	
Blue Room	Olivia H	
Red Room	Emelia H	
Little Owls	Laura K	
Elf Owls	Lilly R	
Barn Owls	Chelsea F	
Snowy Owls	Freddie B	
Spectacled Owls	Edward L	
Tawny Owls	Ellen H	

# YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK



#### NURSERY Rainbow Room

This week the children have been busy making farm animal masks, sharing their knowledge of animals and describing what they look like. During group learning time they have been practising listening to and recognising familiar sounds, as well as correctly identifying them. Outside the children really love the bikes with numbers and the parking spaces with matching numbers, so inside they have recreated it with the small world cars & garage; which has encouraged colour/picture matching. The children also engaged enthusiastically with our Aspirations Day on Thursday.



#### Blue Room

#### NURSERY

The children have been learning about and celebrating Diwali, making Diva lamps out of salt dough, trying some traditional Indian food and creating some lovely Rangoli patterns. They have also introduced the 'Kindness Jar' with the children to encourage them to be more aware of other people's feelings - see if your child can tell you about it! The children have continued their learning around numbers, embarking on a number hunt this week around the environment; there are lots of numbers around.

Red Room



#### Little Owls

#### RECEPTION

CAN ALL CHILDREN PLEASE HAVE THEIR PE KITS IN SCHOOL AS WE WILL BE STARTING TO GET THEM CHANGED FOR THEIR PE LESSON EACH WEEK AFTER HALF TERM.

This week in Reception we have looked at the story 'Billy's Sunflower', we carried on using the alphablock letters to segment and some children started putting pencil to paper and writing.

We looked at the 'Curly Caterpillar' letters in handwriting and practised our anti-clockwise movements. Lots of children are improving with their handwriting which is lovely to see.

In Maths we explored estimation. The children had a go at making a sensible guess at how many conkers they could see and checked their answers by carefully counting.

We had a brilliant time on Aspiration Day. We were visited by a Dentist, Doctor and Landscape Gardener who inspired us and taught us a lot about what they do and the learning that got them there. Look out for your 'selfie' reading activity (in Reading Dairies) and if you'd like to practise the 'ladder letters' they are being sent home today



Elf Owls

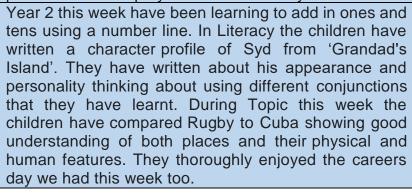
Barn Owls



Spectacled Owls

#### **YEAR ONE**

In English this week we have been learning about the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts. We have discussed the features of non-fiction including the contents page, index and glossary. In maths we have been learning to subtract by taking away and by continuing back. In topic we have been learning to sketch with a pencil. We have sketched old toys, looking carefully at the shapes and applying different pencil pressures. We hope you all have a lovely half term.





Snowy Owls



Tawny Owls

# **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**

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25 Finish for Half Term

#### Nov

- 04 School reopens from Half Term
- 11 Parents Forum Junior school hall 7pm
- 12 School Photographs
- 15 Children in Need Show your Spots (non-uniform for £1 donation)
- 19 Reception, Yr1&2 Movie Night (see PTA page)
- 26 Nasal Flu whole school (AM)
- 27 Year 1 St Peters visit
- 27 Vision screening (Reception)

#### Dec

- 6 PTA Parties details to follow
- 10 Rotary Carol Concert 6.30pm (more details to follow)
- 11 Year 2 Coventry Cathedral
- 12 Christmas Jumper Day details to follow
- 13 Royal & Derngate Theatre whole school
- 13 Warwick Arts Centre whole Nurserv

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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.

#### **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.



#### **WOODY'S BLOG**

#### Hello

I really hope you enjoyed my little treat this afternoon and you liked my special new friend. I seem to have a black cat following me around. I don't know what his name is so perhaps you could think of one and let me know after half term.

Have a lovely break and don't eat too many sweeties.



Love from Woody

#### **Congratulations to:**

Eliza T – PQA Poppet of the Week

Lucy C - Gymnastics Level 5

Saanvi BR - White belt Red stripe - Tadashii-Do

Francesca W – PQA Red carpet Event medal

WELL DONE!



#### **Aspirations & Careers Day**

Thank you to the following parents for giving up their time to come and talk to our children about their job

Mrs Buckland, Mrs Fairgreve, Mr Ganley, Mrs Giessler, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Maher, Mrs Mastrangelo, Mrs Mee, Mrs Oppon, Mr Unett, Mrs Warren, Mr Whitworth, and also Mrs Barnes's sister and brother-in-law (Rachel and Marcus)



From your hand to theirs. Your shoebox will be given to a vulnerable child or family, distributed through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages in Eastern Europe.



#### MACMILLAN CANCER COFFEE FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to all parents / carers for your kind donations as our final grand figure is £517.30

Also please can you check any tins that you have collected from school as some parents have not got the correct tins back?





Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Whole school visit (not nursery) Royal & Derngate Northampton Letters are in the book bags

### **PTA AREA**

#### **PTA**

Find 'Dunchurch Infant & Nursery School PTA' on Facebook or e-mail <u>dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com</u>

if you would like to find out more

Minutes of all PTA Meetings are now available on the school website <u>www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk</u> 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.

We asked, you told us....thanks to everyone who has taken the time to complete our feedback survey to give us your thoughts on what the PTA does and suggestions for future events. Everyone who completed the survey before 5pm on Friday 18th October (and gave us their name) was entered into a prize draw and the winner of a £10 Argos voucher is Robert Shield, Elf Owls.

We are keeping the survey open for more responses until Saturday 2nd November if you'd like to share your opinions. All of the responses will be discussed at the next PTA meeting - Tuesday 12th November 8pm at Dunchurch Social Club. The survey can be found here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZ35XCN

# 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

#### SCAVENGER HUNT RECORDING SHEET

Name	DON'T PORSET TO SHOW YOUR WORK!	
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5	6	
7	8	
9	10	

Keep your eyes peeled for autumn treasure hunt sheets which are in the children's bags.

Return your completed sheet after half term to be entered into a prize draw. Happy Hunting!



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 <a href="mailto:easyfundraising.org.uk">easyfundraising.org.uk</a> 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 <u>fundraising.org.uk</u> 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.

# **OUTSIDE SCHOOL EVENTS AND INFORMATION**



www.dunchurchevents.org.uk

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#### **Teal Pumpkin project**

This supports children with allergies, diabetes and other issues at Halloween. If you display a teal pumpkin outside your home, it means you have non-food treats available that are safe for children that can't have chocolate/ food treats. These may be play dough, crayons, glow sticks etc. The idea is that children colour this in blue and stick in their window at home - hoping that parents can discuss with them about what it is for and create a bit of allergy awareness.

# ALLERGY SAFE TREATS AVAILABLE HERE!





#TealPumpkinProject



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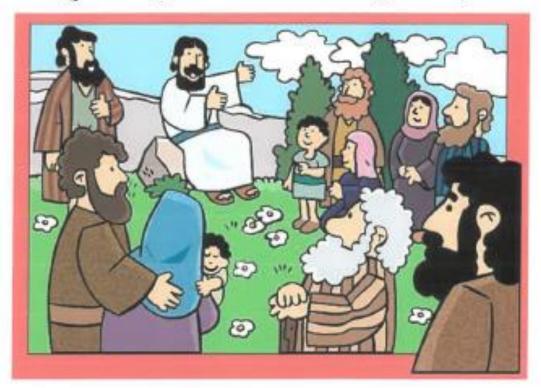
Bring your empty containers, weigh them, fill and weigh again!

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# St Peter's Church Dunchurch

Can you guess the right price?



Join us on
Sunday 3rd November at 10.30am
for a fun service and
stay for a drink and a bit of cake!

# **Dunchurch Festival Group** Present



www.dunchurchevents.org or facebook

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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

# Charity SNOWBALL

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

# 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). Fickets to be sold as tables of 10 or individually.

Accommodation available at a discounted rate.

Saturday February 1st 2020 • 07.00pm – Midnight

Contact: Hannah . Call: 07494 546419

Email: Charity.ball2020@gmail.com

Dress to impress - Black Tie and Ball Gowns