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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

With the newsletter today there is a digital copy of a survey for parents and carers. There is also a paper version being sent home with children today. I would appreciate if you could complete it and return by next Friday. We always try to listen to the views of parents and carers and this survey is a good way of us getting views from parents across the school and nursery.

In assemblies myself and Mrs. Barnes have been reading to the children the story of Pippi Longstocking. Written by Astrid Lindgren in the 1940s, Pippi is a character whose story has stood the test of time. Although not as well-known as some classic children's literature, all the pupils I have read the book to have enjoyed it, so I am pleased that we are sharing it with a new group of children. As you will know, we are taking the children in reception, year 1 and year 2 to the theatre in Northampton in December and so we hope this will enhance the children's enjoyment of the story yet further.

lan 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 11 - 15 November		
MONDAY 11		
TUESDAY 12	Individual School Photos Anti-Bullying week - wear Odd Socks Day	
WEDNESDAY 13		
THURSDAY 14		
FRIDAY 15	Children in Need - wear spots or clothes inside out for a £1 donation	

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 25 October 2019						
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to		
Little Owls	96%	2	94%			
Elf Owls	98.3%	2	96.3%	WELL DONE!		
Barn Owls	98.3%	4	94.3%			
Snowy Owls	96.3%	2	94.3%			
Spectacled Owls	96.3%	1	95.3%			
Tawny Owls	97.4%	5	92.4%			

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Barn Owls

Well done to the children in Mrs Rawes & Mr Coppille'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	Jessica U			
Blue Room	Louis P			
Red Room	Amelia H			
Little Owls	Fletcher C			
Elf Owls	William R			
Barn Owls	Alfie D			
Snowy Owls	Diago O			
Spectacled Owls	Evangeline W			
Tawny Owls	Ethan B			

YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK



NURSERY Rainbow Room

The children have been accessing different resources which encourage them to use the mathematical language of amounts, such as more, less, a lot etc. They have been singing the song of '5 Little Speckled Frogs' and using them in the water tray with other props. They have also loved creating firework pictures with paint & glitter, and making breadstick sparklers. Outside the children have been using the LCD boards to mark, make and create pictures to 'show & tell' on the stage area.



Blue Room

NURSERY

The children have been busy sharing their experiences of bonfire and firework displays this week. They have discussed how to stay safe and looked at videos of fireworks. They have then created firework art with paint, glitter and a salad spinner. Great for gross motor development and co-ordination. The children have also been exploring shapes this week, arranging them to make pictures, creating large shapes in the sand outside and also describing them in the slime.

Red Room



Little

Owls

RECEPTION

Thank you for all of your 'Reading Selfies', we have added them to our Selfie board. We have learnt about Bonfire Night and created some fantastic firework pictures. We have read the story of 'Funnybones' and the children have been finding out about skeletons. We are going to be looking at how to keep our bones healthy next week. We compared lengths in Maths using the language of taller than, shorter than etc, explored number 5 using a Tens Frame and introduced the children to the part, part, whole model. Please can the children bring a small teddy bear in to school next Friday for Children In Need day.



Elf Owls



YEAR ONE

In maths this week we have been learning how to subtract by splitting into 2 parts and by using a number line. We have been learning about the Gunpowder plot in literacy and in history. We have learnt about where the plotters went in our local area and have written about the events of the Gunpowder plot. In art we have made firework pictures and created our own firework dances in PE.



Snowy Owls



YEAR TWO

This week in English the children have written their own Diwali poem using their knowledge of syllables. They have edited and redrafted their work to improve it. In Maths the children have learnt to take away in tens and ones and practised counting backwards from any given number. In Topic the children have designed, made and decorated their own diva lamp. They really enjoyed this. In SPaG the children learnt about all four sentence types and how to recognise and use them in a text. Please can you bring in 1 or 2 glass jars with labels removed and clean for next week.



Tawny Owls

Spectacled 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 <u>ONLY</u> BE BOOKED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Nov

- 11 Parents Forum Junior school hall 6pm
- 12 Individual School Photographs school & nursery
- 12 Wear Odd Socks to school day for Anti-Bullying Awareness week
- 15 Children in Need Show your Spots (non-uniform for £1 donation) see below
- 19 Reception, Yr1&2 Movie Night (forms in bags today)
- 22 School closed Teacher Training Day
- 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 Nursery

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

7am - 6pm



WOODY'S BLOG

Hello

I hope you've all got your poppies for Remembrance Day. A very important time to remember the members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty during the war. I am wearing my poppy bandana with pride.

Did you enjoy any fireworks this week? I thought they were very noisy and I didn't really like them. We had to turn the volume up on the TV so I couldn't hear them!

Have a good weekend everyone



Love from Woody

SCHOOL & NURSERY INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

On Tuesday morning a photographer will be in the school hall to take an individual photograph of your child in the following order:-

Nursery / Little Owls / Elf Owls / Barn Owls / Snowy Owls / Spectacled Owls / Tawny Owls

If you have a number of children at our school and nursery you can have a family picture taken but you must let us know in advance.

If your child is not due in nursery on that morning but you would like a photo (family and/or individual) please can you come to main reception at 8.45am and you will be taken to the hall where you can wait and have these taken first thing only.



CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Come to School and Nursery dressed in 'Spots' or with your non-uniform clothes on 'Inside Out' for a donation of £1

Congratulations to:

Francesca W – POW Poppet of the week

Daisy C – Smiley Prize for performances in Rugby Theatre group

Eliza T - invested as a Beaver Scout

WELL DONE!

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 <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 have been sent out today 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.



Huge thank you to everyone who got involved with the spooky cake sale before half term we raised £210!!!



Thank you to everyone who has ordered Christmas cards and gift tags – orders to follow



The next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday 12th November 8pm at Dunchurch Social Club - all are welcome

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



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 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





Dunchurch Methodist Church Cawston Lane

Saturday 30 November 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



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Dunchurch Festival Group Present



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Wreath Making Workshop



Thursday 12th 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 Learnington 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