

# DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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**Autumn Term  
Issue 10  
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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We have a busy school with lots going on each day and with just over half of our pupils in the early years, silence is not something you experience very often. This made Monday even more striking as the children perfectly observed two minutes silence at eleven o'clock. The whole school gathered in the hall, with even the youngest children respectfully sitting still and quiet for the time. Before this children had learned in assemblies and class about remembrance and year 2 children had sold poppies to the rest of the school.

Included in this week's newsletter are a list of dates relating to Christmas events. Some of this relates to events where parents can request tickets. Please take a look and follow the instructions. We are keen to share these events with parents, but for all of the ticketed events, our capacity is limited, so please only attend if you have tickets.

**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 18 – 22 November

<b>MONDAY 18</b>	<b>No Martial Arts Movie Night forms deadline</b>
<b>TUESDAY 19</b>	<b>Movie Night – Reception, Year 1 &amp; 2</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 20</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 21</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 22</b>	<b>Teacher Training day – School closed to pupils</b>

# PUPIL AWARDS

<b>ATTENDANCE AWARD</b> <b>For the week ending 08 November 2019</b>				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	97.3%	4	93.3%	
★ Elf Owls	99.3%	2	97.3%	★ <b>WELL DONE!</b>
Barn Owls	99%	5	94%	
Snowy Owls	99%	6	93%	
★ Spectacled Owls	99.3%	2	97.3%	★ <b>WELL DONE!</b>
Tawny Owls	98.1%	5	93.1%	

## 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	Leo P
Blue Room	Rocco E
Red Room	Ella H
Little Owls	George McC
Elf Owls	Jayden A
Barn Owls	Ava H
Snowy Owls	Jack C
Spectacled Owls	Rakan N
Tawny Owls	Isaac F

# 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 taking part in Dough Disco this week, building up their fine motor skills and their hand and finger strength; this helps with pencil grip a little later on. They have also loved making pancakes from the play dough, engaging in some lovely discussion about having them for breakfast and their favourite toppings. Outside it has been very wet this week, however the children have enjoyed using the extra water in the texture kitchen and jumping in the puddles.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Blue Room</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>This week the children have engaged in retelling the story of the '3 Little Pigs', using props to support them and consolidating their knowledge of story structure and repeated refrains. They have also created pictures/shapes from shaving foam, using their fine motor skills and giving meaning to the marks they make. Outside in the texture kitchen the children have been making porridge. They have mixed water and oats, among other things, and dished it up into different sized bowls.</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>We have learnt what we would be like if we didn't have any bones. The children thought it was funny that we would just be a blob! We talked about the foods to eat to look after our bones and teeth as well as how important it is to brush our teeth.</p> <p>We read the story 'Is That What Friends Do?' and talked about being kind to each other. The children have looked at pictures from the story and worked hard to write about them.</p> <p>We have talked about estimating and had a go at making sensible guesses.</p> <p><b>WARNING</b> We have started singing Christmas songs, you may hear the children singing them!</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>This week in English we have been reading the story 'Katie's Picture show' where Katie visits an art gallery and steps into different paintings. We have started writing our own stories based on this story and will continue adding to it over the next few weeks. In maths we have been learning to find the difference, representing this using objects, a bar model and as a written calculation. In topic we have looked at art by Vincent Van-Gogh and have been using paint to replicate his style.</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 learnt to add and subtract 2 digit numbers using a number line. During Literacy they have been reading a new book linked to Victorians and started to learn about what it was like to be a house maid during this era. This will then help when they write a diary entry next week. In topic the children have finished their Diwali Diva Lamps and have written a set of instructions to guide someone else to make one. The children used imperative verbs, conjunctions and adverbs to construct their commands.</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

### **Nov**

19 Reception, Yr1&2 Movie Night

(forms must be back by Monday 18)

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

(letter to follow next week)

11 Year 2 Coventry Cathedral

12 Christmas Jumper Day – details to follow

12 Christmas Dinner Day – need to book

13 Royal & Derngate Theatre – whole school

13 Warwick Arts Centre – whole Nursery

16 School Plays

9.15am – Blue Room & Elf Owls

10am – Year 1

10.45am – Red Room & Little Owls

17 School Plays

9.15am – Red Room & Little Owls

10am – Blue Room & Elf Owls

10.45am – Year 1

18 School Plays

9.15am – Year 1

10am – Red Room & Little Owls

10.45am – Blue Room & Elf Owls

20 Christingle service and Yr2 Carol concert

9.30am – 1 Yr2 adult per child can attend

Junior school hall

20 School closes at 2pm for children

### **Feb**

14 Non uniform day – funds for PTA

**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**



## WOODY'S BLOG

Hello

I think it's time to get my winter jumpers out and as I've had a haircut, I'm certainly feeling the cold. I haven't been in school this week and I've missed you all, but I'll be back on Monday.

Have a great weekend.



Love from Woody

## **CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES TICKET BOOKINGS**



The online booking facility will be available from 4pm on Monday 2 December until 8pm on Monday 9 December.

Only 2 tickets per child will be available but they can be booked across any of the three performances that your child will be in.

We will produce a list of attendees for each performance so that we can tick you off as you arrive.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Siblings may **ONLY** attend the Dress Rehearsal performances on 16 December. Please do not bring young siblings or babies to the First and Second Performances, as we will not be able to accommodate them. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation, as this will enable all the children to enjoy more fully their performance for you.

If this causes a problem, please speak to Mr Dewes or Mrs Barnes, or leave a message for them at the School Office.

The booking link is: [www.dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.co.uk](http://www.dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.co.uk)

After the booking line has closed, if there are still available seats for any of the nine performances, we will open them up for a 3<sup>rd</sup> ticket per child. Please register your interest in a further ticket via the School Office from Tuesday 10 December, who will collate a first come, first served, waiting list.

Please note that all performances will be recorded on Tuesday 17 December and a DVD available to order - more details to follow

## **CHRISTMAS CAROL TICKET BOOKING**

Year 2 are performing carols as part of our Christingle Service on Friday 20 December at 9.30am at the Junior School. 1 adult place per child is allowed. Please book as above for Christmas Plays.





# T4U

**Thank you for your kind donations,  
we collected 38 boxes from school and  
nursery**



Holiday club will be running in the Easter holidays and for the first four weeks of the summer holidays, however due to low numbers we will not be able to offer it at half-term in the spring or summer terms.

## **NURSERY FUNDING**

If you are claiming the 30 hour funding for your child, please make sure you apply / renew your code before 30<sup>th</sup> November

### **Congratulations to:**

**Finn G – Awarded certificate for becoming a member of the Wonder Club for Curious Kids**

**Rachel M – Poppet of the Week for PQA Poppets**

**Archie H – Football medals**

**Isabelle N – Becoming a Beaver and attending the Service of Remembrance**

**Jocelyn M – 10m Swimming certificate & badge**

**Zac ML – 5m swimming certificate**

**WELL DONE!**

# Christmas Menu

**Served with**  
**Crispy Roast**  
**Potatoes**  
**Garden Peas**  
**and Baby**  
**Carrots**

**(v) Ice Cream**  
**or**  
**(v) Homemade**  
**Chocolate**  
**Cracknel Bauble**

**Selection of**  
**Drinks**

**Roast Turkey Breast Fillet, Sausage**  
**& Bacon Roll, Sage & Onion Stuffing**  
**and Gravy or**  
**(v) Roast Quorn Fillet, Sage & Onion**  
**Stuffing and Gravy**

Season's Greetings  
 from The Nutrigang  
 and everyone at  
 Educaterers Ltd.

educaterers A FOOD STORY FOOD FOR LIFE the NUTRI GANG

## CHRISTMAS DINNER – THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER – SCHOOL AND NURSERY

PLEASE NOTE THAT UNLESS YOU LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW BY WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER THAT YOUR CHILD DOES NOT WANT A CHRISTMAS DINNER AND THAT YOU ARE SUPPLYING THEM WITH A PACKED LUNCH, WE WILL BE ORDERING ONE FOR THEM AS PER THE LETTER SENT HOME ON WEDNESDAY, THANK YOU.

# 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'

## MOVIE NIGHT



Our movie will be '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 must be returned by **Monday 18th November 4pm**. 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.

The winner of the Treasure Hunt is .....

**ORIANA W**

## 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](http://www.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://www.easyfundraising.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.



Are you on our Facebook group?

It's a closed page for school parents to get updates about the PTA events that are coming up. Search "Dunchurch Infant School & Nursery PTA" on Facebook to join



It's time to start donating items to go into the Christmas hamper for your class. Every year we gather in goodies to create a Christmas hamper for each class and this is then raffled (ticket sales are at Christmas play performances) so a family in each class wins a lovely hamper. A parent for each class will coordinate the list of items starting from Monday 18th and all items are to be sent into school by Friday 29th please.

# 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](mailto:messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk)**



**Dunchurch Baptist Church Messy Church**  
or at Noah's Ark

**[www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk)**





# Star gazing

With Rugby & District Astronomy Society.



4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 6:30pm-8pm

Bilton School, Lawford Lane, is pleased to present star gazing with

Rugby & District Astronomy Society.

4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Arrive 6.30-8 pm arrive through the Sports Hall entrance.

The PTA will be selling hot drinks and snacks.

All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU.



## PROGRAMME

- 3.00pm** Lights switch on opening ceremony, event to be opened by Dunchurch Parish Council's Chair, Cllr Marie Thompson & Dunchurch Voices
- 4.30pm** Christmas Door Wreath from recycled materials judging
- 5.00pm** Christmas jumper and hat parade and judging
- Visit Santa in his grotto £2 – every little visitor gets a gift
- Christmas Jumper – come in a Christmas jumper. Best judged jumper wins a prize
- Make a Christmas Door Wreath at home from RECYCLED materials, bring it along to exhibit and enter for a chance to win a prize for the best judged wreath
- Christmas Hats – come in a Christmas hat. Best judged hat wins a prize
- Delicious Christmas BBQ Turkey Sausage & stuffing batches £3.00, Childrens £1.50
- Win a Bottle of Wine for only £1 FODS Pick a Plonk stall
- Win a delicious homemade traditional Christmas fruit cake. Guess the weight £2 per guess and/or buy a slice £2 per slice
- Visit the Home baked Mince Pie shop enjoy with a Hot Cider Winter Warmer
- Purchase the fabulous new Dunchurch 2020 calendar – a wonderful Christmas gift to send to family and friends only £4.00 with envelope from FODS Gift and craft tent
- FODS Home baked Cake Stall – yummy
- Face Painting £2
- Chocolate Tombola – all chocolate treats
- Gift Stalls
- FODS Christmas Gift & craft tent – gifts from 50p
- Treat yourself to Dunchurch produced honey at the Bee Stall
- Call Santa's Christmas Hotline from our village phone box £2
- Have your photo taken in the ancient Stocks £2
- Christmas Meat – pick a square - tickets £5 - win a family size (15lb) Christmas fresh turkey or a £25 butchers voucher or a £30 fresh turkey voucher
- Social Club – Full Licenced Bar open from 2pm
- Volks Café Van will be at the event
- Toilet facilities available at The Social Club



Visit our village shops open 3pm – 6pm for the event – Ann Marie Florists  
Wanda Fashions & Fosse House Gallery

Formed by likeminded residents who love Dunchurch and its heritage and wish to protect and enhance its environment in order to make the village a better place to live in, work in and visit.



FRIENDS OF DUNCHURCH SOCIETY (FODS)

## DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM

LARGE VILLAGE CATEGORY 2019

WINNERS



700 years ago King John granted Dunchurch the right to hold a market.

## CHRISTMAS STARTS HERE!

Friends of Dunchurch Society are pleased to announce a

## DUNCHURCH WINTER WONDERLAND & CHRISTMAS MARKET

ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

SUNDAY AFTERNOON 8TH OF DECEMBER

3:00PM - 6:00PM

ENJOY A FAMILY AFTERNOON.  
ENTER INTO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT, WEAR A CHRISTMAS HAT AND JUMPER.  
COME AND ENJOY THE NEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN.

CRAFT & GIFT STALLS  
FOOD & DRINK • ENTERTAINMENT  
ATTRACTIONS • EVENTS

Free entry. All proceeds go to FODS village projects.

FREE OFF STREET PARKING

At the village school Dew Close, Dunchurch CV22 6NE  
Parking at own risk. Gates locked at 8.30pm



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LARGE VILLAGE CATEGORY 2019



**WINTER WONDERLAND AND CHRISTMAS MARKET  
ON THE VILLAGE GREEN SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER. 3pm - 6pm**

**ENTER A COMPETITION AND WIN A PRIZE**

**CHILDREN!**

**RECYCLING CAN BE FUN**

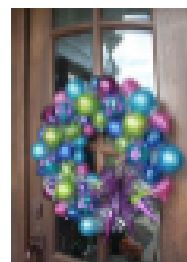
**MAKE A**

**CHRISTMAS - DOOR WREATH AT HOME**

**AS A FAMILY PROJECT**

**USING A VARIETY OF RECYCLED MATERIALS**

**& ENTER OUR CHRISTMAS WREATH COMPETITION**



**Bring your Christmas Wreath on the day **before** 3pm (2pm onwards) to the FODS tent to be exhibited and judged at 4.30pm**

**A prize for the judges favourite wreath will be awarded**

**At the end of the event at 6pm wreaths can be collected **or** you can donate your wreath to be sold during the event to help fund FODS projects**

**Please complete the entry slip below and attach it to your wreath before delivering to the exhibition.**



### RECYCLED MATERIALS WREATH EXHIBITION LABEL

**WREATH MADE BY:** .....

**CONTACT TEL NO:** .....

**EMAIL:** .....

**I AM/NOT (delete as approp.) HAPPY FOR FODS TO SELL MY WREATH AS A DONATION**

**RECOMMENDED SELLING PRICE: £**.....

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO FODS VILLAGE COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

FRIENDS OF DUNCHURCH SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS • FOR THE COMMUNITY, BY THE COMMUNITY  
Planting • Litter pickers • Public Space Care • Neighbourhood Watch • Village Magazine • Facebook • Website  
Village History Archive • War Memorials Care • Heritage • Dunchurch in Bloom • Members Newsletters

Village Green House, The Green, Dunchurch, Rugby, Warwickshire CV22 6RX  
Email: friends@dunchurch@gmail.com [www.friends@dunchurchsociety.org](http://www.friends@dunchurchsociety.org)



# 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

SATURDAY • 21 DECEMBER 2019 • 10AM TO 12PM

# CHILDREN'S

## • CHRISTMAS •

# CRAFTS

ST PETER'S CHURCH, DUNCHURCH



**£2 PER CHILD  
INCLUDES A GIFT  
FROM SANTA**



**RAFFLE & A VISIT  
FROM FATHER  
CHRISTMAS**



**MULLED WINE  
& MINCE PIES FOR  
THE ADULTS**

TO BOOK, EMAIL [CHILDRENSTEAM@STPETERS-DUNCHURCH.ORG](mailto:CHILDRENSTEAM@STPETERS-DUNCHURCH.ORG)





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## **DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM**

**LARGE VILLAGE CATEGORY 2019  
WINNERS**



Offer a lovely gift to give this Christmas...

## **A DUNCHURCH 2020 CALENDAR**

Featuring historic and  
Dunchurch in Bloom views of  
our beautiful village.

The calendar comes complete  
with envelope, ready to post to  
your family & friends.



**Price:  
£4.00**

Available from:  
Wanda Fashions,  
The Village Green, Dunchurch  
Email: [friendsofdunchurch@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdunchurch@gmail.com)

*All Proceeds Go To Friends Of Dunchurch Society Village Projects.*



# *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