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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Visitors to our school this week have commented on a number of occasions on the sound of Christmas songs coming from the hall and classrooms. As much as we try to keep a lid on children's excitement in the run up to Christmas (it's still some way off of course), we do need to start practising songs in advance of the various Christmas events and so there has been plenty of singing in readiness for the festive season.

Last week's newsletter contained information on the nativity performances, but we have two other festive events before then. First of all, there is the Dunchurch Christmas lights switch-on on Sunday 1st December where children and their families are invited to a community event at 4pm in the village centre. Our children will be singing 'Little Donkey' and the more who can make it the better. You will also have seen from a letter sent out earlier this week that we have been asked by the local Rotary Club to sing at the carol concert at St. Peter's Church on the evening of 10th December.

lan Dewes Executive Headteacher

EXTRA-CU	RRICULAR 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 25 - 29 November							
MONDAY 25	Extra violin lesson						
TUESDAY 26	Nasal Flu for Reception, Years 1&2						
WEDNESDAY 27	Year 1 visit St Peters Reception - vision screening						
THURSDAY 28							
FRIDAY 29							

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 15 November 2019											
Attendance No. of Late Overall Trophy Awar Arrivals Score to											
Little Owls	98.7%	6	92.7%								
Elf Owls	99.7%	4	95.7%								
Barn Owls	98.7%	5	93.7%								
Snowy Owls	98%	3	95%								
Spectacled Owls	100%	3	97%	WELL DONE!							
Tawny Owls	97.8%	16	81.8%	_							

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 B Awarded by Mrs Burdett a	EHAVIOUR AWARDS nd her Midday Supervisors
Rainbow Room	Hudson R
Blue Room	Olive O'B
Red Room	Ralph H
Little Owls	Meliny M
Elf Owls	Molly B
Barn Owls	Bobby P
Snowy Owls	Oriana W
Spectacled Owls	Sophie T
Tawny Owls	Keegan AY

YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

Blue	NURSERY Rainbow Room Last week in Rainbow Room the children started discussing pancakes, so this week the children have created pancakes from playdough using the rollers, cutters and frying pans, promoting language of size. At snack time they have eaten real pancakes and used their fine motor control to spread jam or butter onto them themselves. They have also really enjoyed engaging in hairdressers role play, learning new specific vocab and communicating their feelings & preferences. NURSERY The children have been talking about some of the things they have observed, such as natural things or new natural discoveries. This has led them to discuss shadows, and they have explored them in our dark tent	Red
	with the torches. Outside, they have explored lots of Autumnal resources and made paper plate whirly gigs. They have also been practising their recital of numbers in order to 10, and sometimes beyond, using Numicon, number t shirts and pegs and other counting resources.	
Little Owls	RECEPTION We have been looking at 2D shapes - triangle, rectangle and circle. The children have been naming the shapes and also describing them using mathematical vocabulary such as side, corner, long, short, curved and straight. We have read the story of 'Elmer' and the children have been busy writing about it. They have also used sponge shapes to carefully print onto an outline of Elmer. We have been singing our Christmas play songs and hope to give out parts by the end of next week. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school as we are starting to get changed for PE on Tuesdays. Please also remove any earrings on PE days.	Elf Owls
Barn Owls	YEAR ONE This week in English we have read the story 'Katie and the Sunflowers' and have used this to add to our own stories that we started last week. We have been using our addition and subtraction skills to solve simple problems in maths. We have looked at artwork by Vincent Van Gogh and have created our own starry night picture.	Snowy Owls
Spectacled Owls	YEAR TWO This week in English the children have been writing a diary entry as if they were Jane Pinny. They understood the features of a diary entry and wrote some fabulous diary entries. In maths the children have been solving word problems, which involve addition and subtraction bridging ten. In Topic the children have been researching about the Victorians and creating a leaflet.	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 <u>ONLY</u> BE BOOKED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Nov

- 26 Nasal Flu whole school (not Nursery)
- 27 Year 1 St Peters visit
- 27 Vision screening (Reception)

Dec

- 6 PTA Parties
 - Party 1 5-6pm Nursery & Reception Party 2 – 6.30-7.30pm – Years 1&2
- 10 Rotary Carol Concert 6.30pm
- 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

Jan

07 School starts 8.45am

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 had a lovely time in Rainbow room this week. I showed the children how I can talk on command, they fed me some treats and stroked my soft fluffy coat. Just as I was about to leave I spotted the guinea pigs. I went to have a look but they both ran into their little house. Hopefully next time they'll come out to say hello.



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

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 3rd 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.



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 30th November

Please note that the School Weekly Menu has not changed overall and will not for the foreseeable future. Week One restarted 11/11, Week Two restarted 18/11 and Week Three will restart 25/11 and run until further notice.

Only change to menu is in Week 1 Thursday is Hot Dogs Friday is Crispy Fishcakes



Congratulations to:

Rory N – Player of the week for Rugby Tots

Joshua E – Lear to Swim 1 certificate and badge

Matilda D – Teddy for the week for dance

David K – Blue Peter Music badge

Eli F – Completed his first 2km Parkrun

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 www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk under 'Parent Zone'



Christmas hamper lists are being circulated and you can find contact information for each class on the PTA Facebook page. 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. All items are to be sent into school by Friday 29th please.



Thank you for supporting Movie Night, we had 120 children come along and enjoy the film.

School Uniform 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

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



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

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.



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

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



Star gazing

With Rugby & District Astronomy Society.



4th December 2019 6:30pm-8pm

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

Rugby & District Astronomy Society.

4th 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.









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.



DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM

LARGE VILLAGE CATEGORY 2019

















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

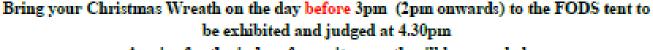
ENTER A COMPETITION AND WIN A PRIZE

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



A prize for the judges favourite wreath will be awarded

At the	end	of the	event	at 6pm	wreaths	can	be colle	ected o	r you	can	donate	your	wreath	to l	oe sold	during
					the ev	ent	to help:	fund I	ODS	proj	jects					

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 Plansing - Litter pickers - Public Space Care - Neighbourhood Watch - Village Magazine - Facebook - Website Village History Archive - War Memorials Care - Heritage - Dunchurch in Bloom - Members Newsletters

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 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

CHIDREN'S CHRISTMAS CDATTS

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









FRIENDS OF DUNCHURCH SOCIETY (FODS)



LARGE VILLAGE CATEGORY 2019













Offer a lovely gift to give this Christmas...

















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

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







Available from: Wanda Fashions,

Email: friendsofdunchurch@gmail.com

The Village Green, Dunchurch All Proceeds Go To Friends Of Dunchurch Society Village Projects.









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