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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

With December about to start it is perhaps timely to talk about what would happen in the event of bad weather. When considering whether a school should close the main issues are whether enough staff can get to the site and the state of the premises. Historically we have tried to keep both schools open as much as possible, but a consequence of this is that decisions were made quite late. I consulted parents on this matter in 2018 and the majority favoured an earlier decision even though this risks the school being closed the night before and weather improving overnight. We will therefore seek to reach a decision about the following day by 7.30PM. Parents/carers will receive a text message if the school is closed. Please make sure the school's record of your contact details are up to date.

School was closed, for pupils at least, for a different reason last Friday when we held a training day. The staff had training which was largely the same across both the infants and the juniors. We looked at maths, special educational needs and regulations relating to GDPR among other things. Our next training day is Monday 6th January with children returning to school on Tuesday 7th.

All families are invited to the Dunchurch Christmas Lights Switch On this Sunday in the centre of the village near St. Peter's Church. The event will start at 4PM.

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 2 - 6 December			
MONDAY 2	4pm today you can book tickets for Christmas performances		
TUESDAY 3	All forms for Christmas party need to be in		
WEDNESDAY 4			
THURSDAY 5			
FRIDAY 6	Christmas Parties after school – see PTA page		

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 22 November 2019						
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to		
Little Owls	95.4%	2	93.4%			
Elf Owls	98.8%	1	97.8%	WELL DONE!		
Barn Owls	97.5%	2	95.5%			
Snowy Owls	92.1%	1	91.1%			
Spectacled Owls	95.5%	1	94.5%			
Tawny Owls	99.1%	2	97.1%			

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	Amy McN		
Blue Room	Durphine G		
Red Room	Ava S		
Little Owls	Samuel MG		
Elf Owls	Emilija D		
Barn Owls	Matilda D		
Snowy Owls	Florence M		
Spectacled Owls	Raphi S		
Tawny Owls	Mason C		

YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK



Owls

PLEASE CAN YOU BRING IN JAM JARS!

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

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Teacher Training Day
Monday 20 July

FAMILY HOLIDAYS MUST ONLY BE BOOKED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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

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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 thought I would help out Mrs Beech in the office this week. It all looked very complicated so I just went back to bed. Woody's Buddies Club had to be inside on Wednesday as it was raining. We read 'Woody's Adventures in Petlandia' and the children gave me some treats afterwards. I'm hoping to see you at the Christmas tree in the village on Sunday to switch on the beautiful lights at 4pm. Remember to wrap up warm.



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.



WE RAISED AN INCREDABLE £242.26 – THANK YOU



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.

SCHOOL DINNER MENUS

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





THINKING OF SELLING OR MOVING HOUSE?







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The cheque we received this time was for £200 - Thank You Carter & King



Note from a resident -

I know parking around the school is an issue for ALL OF US, so normally, I am tolerant of parents parking across my driveway during drop off and collection times, BUT, the vehicle in the photos arrived across my driveway at 15:25 and was still there at 16:08.

Please will you, once again, make it clear to your parents that parking across driveways is NOT acceptable.

IF I needed to get out, there is no way I could have done without damaging the vehicle in question.

Congratulations to:

Saanvi BR - Completed 11 Park runs totalling a half marathon

Eliza T & Rachel M - excellence in Screen Acting for PQA

Theo H - G Force Star of the Session

WELL DONE!

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'



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.



Letters / invitations have gone out for the Christmas parties being run by us in school on Friday 6th December.

Party 1 – 5-6pm – Nursery & Reception Party 2 – 6.30-7.30pm – Years 1&2

Forms to be returned by Tuesday 3rd December please

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

- 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.



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





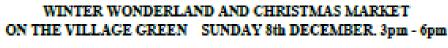












ENTER A COMPETITION AND WIN A PRIZE

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.

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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

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£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













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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.









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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). 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