## DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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6 December 2019

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

From time-to-time, myself and colleagues carry out monitoring activities where we check that pupils are receiving the high standards of education that we all expect. This week we have spent some time looking at reading in the school. Normally this is not something I write about in the newsletter; we would usually identify what we do well as well as areas in which we can improve and this would be discussed with colleagues. In this case though an aspect of reading relates directly to parents. We have noticed that many parents are not reading with their children as much as they once may have. This is not something we have noticed just this week, but over a longer period of time, however the issue was brought into focus this week when we compared children's reading ability with how often parents read with them. There is a clear correlation (and presumably causation) between reading with your child and their attainment.

It is not just listening to a child read that is important, I would encourage you to read to your child too. Even as they get older it is of great importance to continue with this. Through this activity parents expose their child to more complex language which they would not be able to read themselves. As well as broadening their horizons reading to your child also helps to show that books are important and are to be enjoyed.

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#### **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 9 – 13 December	
MONDAY	Christmas Performance
9	booking closes at 8pm
TUESDAY 10	Rotary Carol service 6.30pm
WEDNESDAY 11	Yr2 Coventry Cathedral trip
THURSDAY	Christmas Jumper / Fun Day
12	Christmas Dinner
FRIDAY	Pippi Longstocking trip
13	Father Christmas show trip

# **PUPIL AWARDS**

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 22 November 2019				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	94.3%	4	90.3%	
Elf Owls	94.7%	1	93.7%	
Barn Owls	97%	5	92%	
🖈 Snowy Owls	99.7%	4	95.7%	WELL DONE! ★
Spectacled Owls	96.1%	2	94.1%	
Tawny Owls	98.9%	6	92.9%	

#### WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Elf Owls

Well done to the children in Mrs Carrington'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 Supervisor	S

Rainbow Room	Ilaria L
Blue Room	Jarvis L
Red Room	Abi L
Little Owls	Felecia P
Elf Owls	Saanvi BR
Barn Owls	Harini P
Snowy Owls	David B
Spectacled Owls	Henrietta McV
Tawny Owls	Shivi T

# YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

<b>*</b>	NURSERY	1
	<b>Rainbow Room</b> This week the children have loved accessing the shop role play area, shopping for real items, using real money, making shopping lists and engaging in collaborative play. The children have also created their lists for Santa and been to the post office to post them; fingers crossed for a reply. Outside, the children have been making their own musical instruments, using bottles and noisy items. For next week, please bring in kitchen/toilet roll inners so that we can use them for our learning.	
Blue	<b>NURSERY</b> The children have been continuing with their space theme, but now	Red
Room	making aliens and designing pants, whilst they have read 'Aliens	Room
	Love Underpants'. They have also created number rockets, choosing an amount of shapes to use, and then numbering them for blast off. Outside, the children have used props and masks on the stage area to sing and act out '5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer'.	
	RECEPTION	
Little Owls	This week in Reception we have investigated floating and sinking. The children made predictions first before testing the items. We were impressed by some of the reasons for why they might float/sink. We finished the 'One-Armed Robot' letters in handwriting carousel this week. We will be moving on to practise the last letter family next week - the 'Zig-Zag Monster' letters. We looked at the story of the 'Stick Man' in Literacy and the children concentrated hard when writing words/captions. We started looking at patterns in maths, the children were good at recognising what the repeating pattern was and carrying it on. We created repeating patterns with colour, shape, size and people. Look out for your child's Nativity words in their book bags and please practise them over the weekend $\bigcirc$ Thank you.	Elf Owls
	YEAR ONE	
Barn Owls	This week the children have been busy rehearsing their Christmas play. They have been learning their words and the songs and we are all really proud of their efforts. In maths we have been learning about 2d shapes and have been creating patterns with them. We have been naming them and describing their properties (taking care not to mix them up with 3d shapes!) In English we have used our pointillism paintings to write a new adventure for our books, based on the story 'Katie and the Bathers'. In art we have learned about Kandinsky and have been using his painting 'squares with concentric circles' to create our own works of art. We have continued our work on health and self-care and have been practising the correct techniques for hand washing and brushing teeth.	Snowy Owls
	YEAR TWO	
	This week in Maths the children have continued their work on Money and have been looking how to make amounts in different ways. They have worked systematically to find all the solutions. In English the children have been writing a character profile about Jane Pinny and learning about past and present tense, expanded noun phrases and conjunctions. The children have used some great evidence from the text. In topic the children have been studying Picasso and self-portraits. They have taken	
Spectacled	selfies, learnt the positioning of features of their face and how to draw them. In SPaG the children have recapped the spelling rules for adding	Tawny
Owls	suffixes and using this knowledge for suffixes "ed" an "ing".	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**

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



#### I went for a walk this week with the children from Blue Room and Rainbow Room. We went to see the enormous Christmas tree in the centre of the village. We were all very well behaved and really enjoyed looking at the lights and decorations. We also counted how many Christmas trees we could see on our way back to school and guess how many there were.....six beautiful trees.

Hope to see you at the Winter Wonderland in the village at 3pm on Sunday. Strategy S



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: <u>www.dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.co.uk</u>

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.



#### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**



Children can send Christmas cards to their friends in school. Please can you make sure the details below are on the envelope and then hand in with their book bags.

Name and surname, Class not year please.

#### **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



Congratulations to:

William R – Completed the Santa Fun run

Edith N – Level 1 Swim & 10m

# WELL DONE!

# **PTA AREA**

#### PTA

Minutes of all PTA Meetings are now available on the school website www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk under 'Parent Zone'



A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the class Christmas hampers. They will be raffled on Wednesday 18th and tickets are available until that morning. Here's how to buy tickets:-

Tickets are £1 for a strip of 5 and you can buy as many strips as you like. Where can you buy tickets?

1) we will be selling tickets when you drop off at the Christmas parties on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>.

2) blue/red room, reception and year one classes - tickets will be sold at each of the nativity performances on the 16th, 17th and 18th

3) year 2 classes - a slip will come home in book bags for you to return to the office before 9am on the 18th

4) rainbow room - speak to the rainbow room staff who will have the tickets

# 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: <u>mailto:annabuckland@hotmail.co.uk</u> 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 <u>easyfundraising.org.uk</u> 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 <a href="http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dunchurchinfantsandnursery">http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dunchurchinfantsandnursery</a> 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.

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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



A great suggestion has been made that the PTA could do a Christmas jumper sale so that we can find an easy way to get nearly new festive jumpers for the children and give parents a way to move the jumpers on. When we get back in January we will collect in any Christmas jumpers / tops that you would like to donate and then in the autumn term we'll make them available for a small donation to the PTA in plenty of time for Christmas 2020



We will be selling hot chocolate in the playground on Friday 13th at 3:15 (weather dependent). It was great to see how many people brought a reusable cup to help reduce waste.

# **OUTSIDE SCHOOL EVENTS AND INFORMATION**



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.













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

DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM

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 + Littor pickers + Public Space Care + Neighbourhood Watch + Village Magazine + Facebook + Wobsite Village History Archive + War Memorials Care + Heritage + Dunchurch in Bloom + Members Newsletters

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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 Learnington 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

# CHRISTMAS ·

# CRAFTS

**ST PETER'S CHURCH, DUNCHURCH** 

E2 PER CHILD Includes a Gift From Santa

RAFFLE & A VISIT FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS

ce pies for

THE ADULTS

TO BOOK, EMAIL CHILDRENSTEAM@STPETERS-DUNCHURCH.ORG















# Price: £4.00

Available from: Wanda Fashions, The Village Green, Dunchurch Email: friendsofdunchurch@gmail.com

All Proceeds Go To Friends Of Dunchurch Society Village Projects.



FRIENDS OF DUNCHURCH SOCIETY (FODS) 2020 CALENDAR

Dunchurch in Bloom views of our beautiful village. The calendar comes complete with envelope, ready to post to your family & friends.

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

Charity OWBA

At Dunchurch Park Hotel.

Rugby Road, Dunchurch, Rugby, CV22 6QW

E45 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 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 • 07.00pm – Midnight Contact: Hannah • Call: 07494 546419 Email: <u>Charity.ball2020@gmail.com</u>

Dress to impress – Black Tie and Ball Gowns