

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Earlier in the term we asked parents to complete a survey, many thanks to all those who did this. The survey was to give us a better understanding of what families think about our school and so we could make improvements where necessary. It was gratifying to hear so many positive comments about the school; my colleagues and I have been pleased to see how positively people view their child's time in school. These comments will help us to know what works well at the moment and therefore what we want to hold on to. Of perhaps greater importance are the pointers parents have given us for how to improve. Attached to the email with this newsletter is the results of the survey. As well as various percentages aggregated from all the answers given, I have written a summary of what changes we will make. Please take the time to have a read.

Ian 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) 3.15 – 4pm Spanish Club
WEDNESDAY	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
THURSDAY	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
FRIDAY	

Reminders/changes for 16 – 20 December

MONDAY 16	Christmas Plays
TUESDAY 17	Christmas Plays
WEDNESDAY 18	Christmas Plays
THURSDAY 19	
FRIDAY 20	Yr2 Carol service School & Nursery closes at 2pm to all children

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 6 December 2019				
	Attendance %	No. of Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	97.3%	3	94.3%	
Elf Owls	95.3%	1	94.3%	
Barn Owls	96.3%	5	91.3%	
Snowy Owls	96.3%	1	95.3%	
★ Spectacled Owls	98.6%	3	95.6%	WELL DONE! ★
Tawny Owls	95.2%	14	81.2%	

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Snowy Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Clarke'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	Logan E
Blue Room	Johanna H
Red Room	Eliana R
Little Owls	Max R
Elf Owls	Eli H
Barn Owls	Ellie B
Snowy Owls	Frankie-Lee G
Spectacled Owls	Moon Y
Tawny Owls	Dominic T

YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY Rainbow Room</p> <p>The children have loved getting creative with the wooden blocks, kitchen roll inners and Christmas baubles this week by building structures and balancing them to make castles, houses and bridges. They have also been using their fine motor skills and finger strength to decorate Christmas trees; sticking gems onto sticky backed plastic or placing pipe cleaners/sparkly gems onto AstroTurf trees. Finally they loved getting crafty on Christmas Fun Day, as well as visiting Santa and eating Christmas lunch.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>The children have been working really hard practising their Christmas performance this week, learning when to stand up and sit down and adapting to changes to their routine. They can't wait to perform it for you next week.</p> <p>The children have been having lots of discussion about Christmas, sharing how they celebrate in their families, as well as being inspired to write letters to Santa asking for lovely presents. And today, most children have loved visiting Warwick Arts Centre to see 'Father Christmas' - the children were brilliantly behaved and a great time was had by all.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Red Room</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Little Owls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RECEPTION</p> <p>This week in Maths we have started to look at 3D shapes. The children have learnt the names - cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere, cone and square based pyramid. We played 'Shape Shop' to encourage the children to describe the shapes using the correct vocabulary (e.g. faces). We have looked at the Christmas story and compared it with our own nativities. Rehearsals are going well. We are excited for you to come and watch next week!</p> <p>Santa visited us on Thursday and the children all went to see him in his grotto. Reception had a great time completing Christmas arts and crafts, the classrooms look very festive.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Elf Owls</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Barn Owls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR ONE</p> <p>In maths this week we have started to look at numbers to 20. We have been practising counting forwards and backwards, within 20, starting from any given number. Some of the children have found this a bit tricky (especially counting backwards) so please practise this at home. In English we have completed our writing based on 'Katie's picture show' stories and they are ready to be turned into our very own books. We have been working hard to practise our lines and songs for our Christmas play and it's now looking and sounding great. We really enjoyed the Christmas fun day and Pippi Longstocking trips this week as well.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Snowy Owls</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Spectacled Owls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR TWO</p> <p>Year 2 this week have been busy solving problems involving money in maths. They have also used the more than, less than and equals to symbols when adding and subtracting amounts of money. In Literacy they have watched the John Lewis Christmas advert and answered inference and prediction style questions. During topic they have drawn self-portraits using knowledge of where their features should go and the proportions of their faces. They will be constructing these portraits in the style of Picasso next week.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Tawny Owls</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

Dec

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

OWLS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER

School and Nursery closes at 2pm so any children needing to go into Owls until 4.30pm (when we close for Christmas), will need to book by Monday for staffing numbers. This will be a cost of £5.57 regardless what time you collect up to 4.30pm. If your child usually attends Owls on a Friday, please let them know if you are NOT using Owls on this day. Thank you very much.



WOODY'S BLOG

Hello

I hope you all had a great time meeting Santa on Thursday and enjoyed the Christmas fun and activities. I told Santa I had been a very good boy and I'd like some new toys and a ball for Christmas, but remember children, we all have to be very good so we make sure we stay on the good list and not the naughty list!



Love from Woody



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

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.

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.

VIOLIN CHILDREN

Thank you to the teacher and children for playing a fantastic Christmas performance to the children in assembly on Tuesday

A Big

THANK YOU



Dunchurch infant and nursery School donated **270 kg** of food to the Rugby foodbank Harvest Festival Appeal. Thank you.

Your donations make a BIG difference to local people in crisis.

Rugby foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.



Registered Charity Number: 1126487 Part of the work of Hope4

Missing Asda carry bag of clothes – please can you check at home if you have picked up a bag of clothes in Nursery / Owls by accident. It is full of clothes for a Nursery child.

Congratulations to:

Darcey L – Forestry Glow Trail Certificate

Lilly R – Star of the Week – OL's

Nia-Raine O'C – Star of the Week

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'



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?

blue/red room, reception and year one classes - tickets will be sold at each of the nativity performances on the 16th, 17th and 18th. Year 2 classes - a slip will come home in book bags for you to return to the office before 9am on the 18th. 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: <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 fundraising.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




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



Thank you very much for all your help and support over this term

OUTSIDE SCHOOL EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Sarah Cooke School Of Dance



SCSD Dancer
Photo courtesy of Andy McGarty

**Ballet, Tap & Disco/Street Dance
Classes for children & Teenagers
(Pre-school Ballet from age 2)**

**Our classes are held in Bubbenhall near
Leamington, Wellesbourne, Dunchurch & Long
Buckby**

Contact Sarah Cooke
sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com
or 07751 470318

GO AHEAD, GET DANCING!

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SATURDAY • 21 DECEMBER 2019 • 10AM TO 12PM

CHILDREN'S

• CHRISTMAS •

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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 CHILDRENTTEAM@STPETERS-DUNCHURCH.ORG



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SOCIETY (FODS)

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.



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£4.00

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

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). Tickets 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