

# DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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**Autumn Term  
Issue 15  
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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

A huge thank you to everyone who came to see our nativity performances this week and to all of the staff who have put so much into the events. It was a pleasure to see the performances and in particular to watch the faces of parents and grandparents, I am delighted you enjoyed it. Also a big thank you to the PTA for selling raffle tickets at the performances.

This week our school kitchen received a routine visit from the council food hygiene inspectors. I am pleased to say that they achieved the highest possible rating '5'. Well done to Sarah-Jane and her team.

The first day back (Monday 6th January) is a training day for staff only, where staff among other things, will be trained in methods for reviewing children's learning in their books.

I hope you all have an enjoyable festive period and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

**Ian Dewes**  
Executive Headteacher

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

<b>MONDAY</b>	
<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 6-10 January

<b>MONDAY 6</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
<b>TUESDAY 7</b>	<b>First day back of new year</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 8</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 9</b>	<b>Reception – Height &amp; Weight</b>
<b>FRIDAY 10</b>	

# PUPIL AWARDS

<b>ATTENDANCE AWARD</b> <b>For the week ending 13 December 2019</b>				
	Attendance %	No. of Children with Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	97%	4	93%	
Elf Owls	97.3%	2	95.3%	
Barn Owls	91.7%	2	89.7%	
Snowy Owls	98.7%	2	96.7%	
Spectacled Owls	95.4%	4	95.4%	
★ Tawny Owls	99.6%	1	98.6%	<b>WELL DONE!</b>

## TERMLY 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	All Children
Blue Room	All Children
Red Room	All Children
Little Owls	All Children
Elf Owls	All Children
Barn Owls	All Children
Snowy Owls	All Children
Spectacled Owls	All Children
Tawny Owls	All Children

# YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b> <b>Rainbow Room</b></p> <p>The children have enjoyed a lovely festive week this week, with tree decorating, reindeer food making, biscuit decorating and lots of Christmas songs and dancing. They have also loved using the scissors at the cutting station to snip the Christmas garland, as well as posting their letters to Santa, family and friends in our Post Office. A very Merry Christmas from all in Rainbow Room!</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Blue Room</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>The children loved performing their Christmas Nativity for you this week; singing their songs and wearing their costumes, we hope you enjoyed it. The children have also been busy creating festive items for their Christmas bag, and engaging in some Christmas yoga. Today we have joined the rest of the school for the Christingle Service. Merry Christmas from all in Pre-School!</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 are incredibly proud of the children for completing their nativities! They all sang brilliantly and said their words clearly. We hope you enjoyed watching them too!</p> <p>We focused on 3D shape in Maths and thought about the shapes properties (faces, corners).</p> <p>The children have been applying their phonetic knowledge to read lots of words associated with Christmas.</p> <p>We hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas break, ready to start back in the new year. Thank you for all of your support over the Autumn Term 😊</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>We have worked really hard on our Christmas plays this week and the children did a fantastic job! In the run up to Christmas we have been consolidating our knowledge of 2d and 3d shape and have created a front cover and blurb for the stories that we have written. We have been learning about Christingles and have taken part in the Christingle service with children at the junior school. Although we know that Christmas is a very busy time, please keep reading at home over the Christmas holidays. This could be books from home or the library, as well as those in your book bag. We wish you a very merry Christmas and the happiest of new years!</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>This week the children have been learning about the artist Pablo Picasso and studying pieces of his art work. They have drawn a self-portrait, painted it and used other medias such as chalk and pastels to add other detail. Their portraits look amazing and they are all very proud of themselves! Also, the children have been learning their song lyrics and words for todays carol concert. We would like to say a massive thank you for your continued support and enjoy the Christmas break. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.</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

**Jan**

07 School starts 8.45am

09 Reception – NHS height & weight

**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**

## *FROM ALL STAFF*

Thank you very much for the lovely cards and  
presents, they were very much appreciated.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to  
you all and your families



## WOODY'S BLOG

Hello

I'm so excited that Christmas is nearly here. Thank you for my lovely Christmas cards and presents.

It was lovely to see you all in assembly yesterday and I hope you liked my letter to Santa. It's attached to the newsletter in case you would like to read it again.

Have a wonderful Christmas and I'll see you all on Tuesday 7th January 2020.



Love from Woody



Dear Santa

I've been playing in the nursery  
And the children are all so sweet  
But then I heard a funny noise  
It was a very high pitched squeak

What can it be I hear you say  
Well I'm really not too sure  
I'll have to go and investigate  
But now someone's closed the door

But wait, Mr Dewes left his office door open  
Which was really very kind  
I need to get back to Rainbow room  
To see what I can find

I ran along the corridor  
And through the library too  
People were shouting 'Woody come back'  
But there was something I had to do

Mrs Beech thought I was in the office  
Sitting on her chair

I can hear her calling out my name  
But I've escaped and just don't care

The funny noise is very loud  
I can hear it again and again  
There's definitely something in that cage  
And running around the pen

But then I see them, there they are  
I can't believe my eyes  
It's two little guinea pigs  
Oh what a lovely surprise

Their names are Theodore and Elvin  
Do you think they'll let me play?  
I promise I'll be gentle  
And I'll try not to stay all day

So Santa what I'd like to find  
Beneath my Christmas tree  
Is a cute and furry guinea pig  
Especially for me!

**LOTS OF LOVE FROM WOODY X  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE**





**Save the Children**

**We raised a  
brilliant  
£216.21.  
THANK YOU**

**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:**

**Florence O – Blue band SHKTSD Tigers**

**Joshua O – Orange band SHKTSD Tigers**

**William R – Star of the Week for Old Laurentians Rugby club**

**George McC - Yellow band SHKTSD Tigers**

**Henrietta McV – excellent Screen Acting with PQA**

**WELL DONE!**

# 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'



### Raffle Prize winners below:-

**Rainbow room – Amy McN, Red room –**

**Sam T, Blue room – Johanna H, Elf**

**Owls – Jayden A**

**Little Owls – Freddie A, Snowy Owls –**

**Florence M, Barn Owls – Kevin W,**

**Spectacled Owls – Evangeline W and**

**Tawny Owls – Ethan B**

*A huge thank you from the PTA to everyone for helping us raise a whopping £1,258.95 so far this term - and we still have the amounts from the hamper raffle tickets, the performance downloads and the last hot chocolate sale to add in too.*

*Thank you so much for supporting the PTA to raise funds for equipment and activities for the children. From movie night, cake sale and hot chocolate to hamper donations, Christmas parties and cards, clothes sales, scavenger hunts and raffle tickets we appreciate your support. A special big thank you to everyone who has given their time to help with PTA events and behind the scenes and to Tracey and the office team for all of their invaluable help too.*

🎄🎬 Dunchurch Infant School Christmas Nativity 🎬🎄

If you want to order your child's performance, please click on the link below to order online for £8.

<https://alternative-live-video.myshopify.com/collections/dunchurch-infants-and-juniors-video-collections>

£4 per download goes to the PTA and if you couldn't make the nativity due to work, it's a lovely keepsake, plus the children love watching it back and showing relatives.

Any queries please call Richard Wood on 07940960778 or [rich@alternativerootz.co.uk](mailto:rich@alternativerootz.co.uk)

In January we will be collecting in Christmas jumpers / tops that you would like to donate and we will have a Christmas jumper sale next autumn term.  
Please send any donations in to school, we will have collection boxes in the playground at drop off during the first week of term.

## **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](http://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://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

# 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](mailto:sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com)**  
**or 07751 470318**

**GO AHEAD, GET DANCING!**

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*Present*

A Panto for the whole family

**DAME OF  
THRONES**

Written by Sue Protheroe  
Directed by Paul Le Poidevin

**Performed @ Dunchurch Village Hall**

**Evening performances**

Jan 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st and Feb 1st

**Gala Night (£15 with meal) Jan 29th**

**Matinees Jan 25th and 26th**

Tickets £7, £6 (Snr)

£4 up to 16 years

*Reduced price opening night*

**Tickets from Wanda Fashions,  
Dunchurch 01788 522021**

*Book  
Now*

**SATURDAY • 21 DECEMBER 2019 • 10AM TO 12PM**

# **CHILDREN'S**

## **• CHRISTMAS •**

# **CRAFTS**

**ST PETER'S CHURCH, DUNCHURCH**



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INCLUDES A GIFT  
FROM SANTA**



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FROM FATHER  
CHRISTMAS**



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& MINCE PIES FOR  
THE ADULTS**

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



FRIENDS OF  
DUNCHURCH  
SOCIETY (FODS)

## DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM

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WINNERS



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The calendar comes complete  
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*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