

# DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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**Autumn Term  
Issue 15  
10 January 2020**

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you and your families had an enjoyable Christmas.

In the second half of the Autumn term we asked parents to complete a survey and before Christmas I shared the results and actions we were going to take as a result. One specific point raised was the cost of trips. Consequently we have compiled the trips that have happened, or are likely to take place this year for each year group. The table below (in the newsletter) sets out the trips and the costs. While I think we would all agree that trips and visitors coming into school are an important and enjoyable part of pupils' education, I appreciate that it can be difficult to find the money asked for. We do try to give as much notice as possible (and hopefully this table will help with that) and if any parents are ever struggling, I would ask that they come and see myself or Mrs. Barnes in confidence; we are always keen to help.

**Ian Dewes**  
Executive Headteacher


## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

<b>MONDAY</b>	12.10 – 1.10pm French Club (Year 1&2) 3.15 – 4.15pm Martial Arts Club
<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 13-17 January

<b>MONDAY 13</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 14</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY 15</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 16</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 17</b>	

# PUPIL AWARDS

<b>ATTENDANCE AWARD</b> <b>For the week ending 20 December 2019</b>				
	Attendance %	No. of Children with Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	91%	3	88%	
Elf Owls	92.3%	3	89.3%	
Barn Owls	90.7%	1	89.7%	
Snowy Owls	88%	1	87%	
 Spectacled Owls	92.9%	1	91.9%	<b>WELL DONE!</b>
Tawny Owls	91.1%	3	88.1%	

## 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	Zalan F
Blue Room	Orlaith Y
Red Room	Elliott F
Little Owls	Lily D
Elf Owls	Emily C
Barn Owls	Kevin W
Snowy Owls	Finn G
Spectacled Owls	Emily S
Tawny Owls	Archie H

# YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b> <b>Rainbow Room</b></p> <p>We have had a very busy week in Rainbow Room with all our new children settling in; they have done so brilliantly and have started to enjoy accessing the environment and resources. The children have explored artificial snow, adding the cars and trucks, as well as containers to fill. At group time we have been learning each other's names by rolling the ball to one another, encouraging turn taking and listening skills. The older children have enjoyed practising their cutting skills, both inside and out.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Blue Room</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>The Pre-school children have had a busy week too with Red Room exploring arctic animals, creating observational paintings, learning about their features and recalling particular stories. Blue Room children have been following their interest of dinosaurs, learning about them through the use of ICT equipment. They have also been exploring colours and how they can be changed to create others, then using them to paint with a purpose. All children have settled in well after the Christmas break, and enjoyed telling their friends about their own Christmas celebrations. <b>Next week: Please could the children bring in a small Christmas present for Show &amp; Tell.</b></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>Happy New Year! It was lovely to see so many happy and eager children on Tuesday! We have really enjoyed the children sharing their homework and hearing about how you celebrated Christmas and the New Year. The children are becoming more confident with their speaking in front of the class. The Role Play this week has allowed the children to recreate their Christmas dinner. The children used cotton wool buds dipped in paint to recognise and continue repeating patterns. We have played games to help to recognise the numbers to 20. The children have remembered how to hold their pencils effectively to write. They worked hard to write an independent sentence. Please see further in the Newsletter about our Early Years Open Morning on January 23rd.</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>This week we have been reading the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' in English. The children have been learning about adjectives and have used these to describe characters from the story. We have also used the story as a basis for our science this week, as the children have been testing waterproof and absorbent materials and deciding upon the best materials for 'The Three Little Pigs' to make houses from. In maths we have been learning about numbers to 20. We have been practising counting, forming numbers and identifying tens and ones in the numbers. <b>Next week: Please could the children have a pair of wellies on Thursday 13th January as we will be going on a winter walk around the school field.</b></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>During the first week back the children have been reading a book 'Audrey the Amazing Inventor' and have answered questions including inferences and predictions linked to this text. In Maths the children have been learning about multiplication. They have understood and found equal groups and have used repeated addition to write multiplication sentences. In Topic this week the children have learnt and researched about the first inventions of the car, the train and the aeroplane. They found this very interesting.</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

23 Open Morning for Reception, Red & Blue room classes

29 Yr2 trip to British Motor Museum

### Feb

05 Yr1 trip to Rugby school & museum

05 Reception & Nursery onsite visit ZooLab

11 Parents Consultation evening

12 Parents Consultation evening

14 Non uniform day – funds for PTA

17 Half term starts

**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**

Black Leather Ladies Gloves

Found before Christmas in Owls / Nursery



You are invited to...



**Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery's**

# **EYFS Open Morning**

**Come and see how Early Years works in  
your child's classroom!**

There will be a brief talk with Mrs Bames about Continuous Provision before you can experience our Pre-School Nursery units and the Reception classrooms as well as talking to your child about their learning.



Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

9am– 10:30am

No appointment needed, please sign in at the school office

Tel: 01788 810292

Email: [office@dunchurchinfants.co.uk](mailto:office@dunchurchinfants.co.uk)



## WOODY'S BLOG

### Hello

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year. My new year resolution is not to chase cats and squirrels so I will really try my best.

I've been busy in nursery this week and I've started Woody's Buddies Club for Year 1 this term. I'm certainly ready for a rest this weekend as getting up early for work has worn me out!



Love from Woody

Year Group	Trips / Visitors	Total Cost per Child
Nursery	Warwick Arts Centre (£15) Father Christmas (£1) Zoolab (£3.50) Pre-school trip TBA (???)	£19.50??
Reception	Bear Hunt (£13.50) Pippi Longstocking (£15) Father Christmas (£1) Zoolab (£3.50)	£33.00
Year 1	Pippi Longstocking (£15) Father Christmas (£1) Rugby school & Rugby Art Gallery (£5) Kenilworth Castle (£12.35) Great Fire of London workshop (£6) Synagogue trip (£12.55)	£51.90
Year 2	Freshwater Theatre (£6) Coventry Cathedral (£7) Pippi Longstocking (£15) Father Christmas (£1) Motor Museum (£8) Coombe Abbey Park (£15) RE Gurdwara Sahib (£5.50) Maypole Dancing (£2.50 per adult – max 2 (£5)	£62.50

### Congratulations to:

**Alberto C – Music Award from Warwickshire Music Hub**

**Seth M – POW from PQA Poppets**

**Moon Y – achieved Blue Band in Martial Arts**

**Leon H – Level 2 swim certificate & 15m Rainbow distance**

**WELL DONE!**





## Census Day Launch into Lunch **Space Menu**

Thursday 16th January 2020



**Shooting Stars Shaped Fish  
in Breadcrumbs**

or

**(v) Nebula Noodles with Veggie  
Bolognese Sauce**

**Moonwalk Wedges, Cosmic Corn,  
Solar Salad and Blast off Beans**

**(v) Strawberry Swirl Mousse**



# 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'

🎄🎬 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](mailto: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://www.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://www.easyfundraising.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




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# 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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**RESPECT**

*#Weonlydo positive*



# **GIRLS WANTED FOR FOOTBALL TEAM!**

**Bilton Ajax JFC are looking for girls aged between 5-7 to come and train and create the first ever Bilton Ajax Girls team! So, if you have a friend, daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece or know of any young girls who would like to play football please get in touch.**

**Our coaches are a minimum FA Level 1 qualified and fully DBS Checked. We promise to make your footballing journey a positive and enjoyable experience!!**

**Training is on Wednesday's at Bilton High School Astro 5:00 till 6:00pm, First session is free and then it will be £2 per session! NO HIDDEN FEES!**

**We have friendly matches in the diary for the next few months so if you know of anyone who would like to get involved then PLEASE GET IN TOUCH! All abilities welcome!**

**Please contact me for any further information**

**Sam Mushing-Rimmer**

**07907814204**



**Come and support  
your team!**



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**WASPS**

**Saturday, February 15**

**Kick-off 3:00pm**



[www.leicestertigers.com/schooloffer](http://www.leicestertigers.com/schooloffer)

**CODE: WASSCH20**



**#TigersFamily**



**GROUP DAYS**

## **Leicester Tigers School Offer**

Leicester Tigers are offering you special prices to experience the thrill of a live Gallagher Premiership match at Welford Road!

**Leicester Tigers v Wasps**  
**Saturday, February 15, 3.00pm kick-off.**

Our special offer prices for this match:

**Standing: Adults £15, U18's £6**

**Seated\*: Adults from £20, U18's from £8**

Share this with your friends and family for a fun day out!

There will be a variety of **FREE** activities to join in with before kick-off, so head down early to enjoy what's on offer, including free access to our VIP Junior Tigers Club.

Your Discount Code:

**WASSCH20**

To purchase tickets use the above code at the checkout, or call the ticket office on **0116 319 8888** (option 2) quoting the offer code.

*Please note, if you are booking as a group, in order to sit together you will need to book in one transaction.*

\* Only available in Cat 1 and 2



**0116 319 8888 (option 2)**  
[leicestertigers.com/groupdays](http://leicestertigers.com/groupdays)



**DUNCHURCH PANTOMANIACS**

*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*

# *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, 1/2 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

DUNCHURCH FESTIVAL AND  
EVENTS  
PRESENTS

# Quiz Night

£20 team of 6

Prize for the winning team

Bar and snacks

To book call Rob on 01788817307

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website [www.dunchurchevents.org](http://www.dunchurchevents.org)

**28TH FEBRUARY**  
**DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR**  
**7.30PM START**