

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Warwickshire Road Safety Club recently visited pupils in our school to deliver some road safety education workshops. Although it was for the year 1 pupils, I thought it was worth sharing with all parents. The workshops reminded the children of the Warwickshire Road Safety Code to:

THINK about roads

STOP before the kerb

LOOK and **LISTEN** carefully for traffic

CROSS SAFELY, walking, holding hands, looking and listening

Workshops reinforced safe behaviours and safe choices, including holding hands with an adult, staying away from the kerb and always looking for a safe place to cross. The children enjoyed the sessions and we hope they will help to keep the children safe.

In reception and nursery yesterday we welcomed parents into see what we call continuous provision. This is the part of Early Years teaching where children choose from different activities. It is quite different from a lot of schooling further up the school in that there is much less direction from the teacher, but behind the independence the children have, there is careful monitoring of the children's learning. We have had very positive feedback from parents and are grateful that they could give up the time to come and find out more. Thank you also to the staff for organising the event.

Ian Dewes
Executive Headteacher

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	12.10 – 1.10pm French Club (Year 1&2) 3.15 – 4pm Martial Arts Club
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 27-31 January

MONDAY 27	
TUESDAY 28	
WEDNESDAY 29	Yr2 British Motor Museum trip
THURSDAY 30	
FRIDAY 31	

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 17 January 2020				
	Attendance %	No. of Children with Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	97.3%	0	97.3%	
Elf Owls	99.7%	2	97.7%	
Barn Owls	95.3%	2	93.3%	
★ Snowy Owls	98.7%	0	98.7%	WELL DONE!
Spectacled Owls	100%	4	96%	
Tawny Owls	98.5%	5	93.5%	

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Barn Owls

Well done to the children in Mrs Rawes and Mr Coppille'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	Maebh T
Blue Room	Luke T
Red Room	Jessica B
Little Owls	Ben L
Elf Owls	Seth M
Barn Owls	Rachel M
Snowy Owls	Faye G
Spectacled Owls	Queen A
Tawny Owls	Dylan M

YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY Rainbow Room</p> <p>This week the children have been developing their fine motor skills through different mark making activities, as well as using small items such as pasta and Cheerio's for threading. They are starting to show a preference for a dominant hand in preparation for more drawing/writing. They have also been categorising objects according to their size, colour, etc. and using their interest of dinosaurs to help them. As the weather has been particularly frosty this week, all the children have enjoyed exploring the outdoor learning area in a different light!</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>The children have been showing their understanding of rhyme this week, engaging in lots of activities, promoting simple rhyming strings. Following huge amounts of mark making, some children have become interested in writing their names correctly. These children have been practising their pencil grip and anticlockwise movements this week, as well as, correctly forming some letters from their name. They have also been learning about Chinese New Year; who and how it is celebrated. Can children bring in something for the discussion next week on 'Occupations' that relates to roles/jobs of a family member please?</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>It was lovely to see so many parents for our Open Morning yesterday. We could see that everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we hope you have more idea of what happens in school. This week we have looked at different containers and used the language of full, empty, half full, etc. The children enjoyed trying this practically in the water trays. We have also used the language of more and less to compare two sets of objects. A lot of this week's learning has been based around the story of 'The Mitten'. We are really pleased with the progress of the children's writing. They are growing in confidence to have a go at writing a sentence independently. Reminder - please remember to remove any earrings for PE on Tuesdays.</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>This week in English we have been learning how to spell the days of the week. We have also been continuing to practise joining words and sentences with the conjunction 'and'. In maths we have been learning to add by counting on and have been looking at patterns when we add a teen number to a single digit number. We have been learning about Dunchurch in topic and have investigated why there is a statue of Lord John Scott in the village.</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 have been writing a letter to Audrey this week describing their designs of a toy for wet playtime. They have used a variety of sentence starters, expanded noun phrases and even a list or two! In maths the children have started to learn how to use grouping and sharing when dividing numbers and recognising the relationship between multiplication and division. During Science the children have been sorting through materials and objects and have used scientific language to describe them too!</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

Jan

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 sign2sing – All school children
(see below)

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14 Non uniform day – funds for PTA

17 Half term starts

25 Pancake Day in school & nursery

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for updates and learning
at @dunchurchinfant**

Please do not park on the zigzags
outside the school between
the hours of:
7am – 6pm

sign2sing

Wednesday 12 February

This year our choice of song is "Friends
Forever" which you can access and help your
child learn through the website address –

www.sign2sing.org.uk

All school children will be joining in on
Wednesday afternoon at the Junior school and
you can make a monetary donation during
that week.

sign2sing

RAISING MONEY FOR THE DEAF HEALTH CHARITY SIGNHEALTH



WOODY'S BLOG

Hello

I went for a very muddy walk at the weekend and had to have a bath when I got home. Luckily I didn't get as dirty when I went for a walk with nursery last week. I pop into nursery on a Wednesday and they always have something fun for me to do with the children. I can't wait to see what's in store next week.

Have a good weekend



Love from Woody



Congratulations to:

Joshua O, Florence O, Charlie B & Flynn M – all receiving medals from DM Football

Marci B, Charlotte H, Sam MG & Keira S – all receiving medals from Love Ballet Dance Co

Orla B – rosettes from Christine Anderson Theatre School

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'

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



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OUTSIDE SCHOOL EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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

28TH FEBRUARY
DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR
7.30PM START