

# DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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## Spring Term Issue 4

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Starting from Monday we will have a new system for when children have bumped their head. Currently, a minor bump results in a slip being sent home to parents. This means parents can see that their child has had a minor accident and they should watch out for signs of concussion. Often these slips get buried at the bottom of the bag and may not be noticed. (Although of course in more serious cases there would be verbal contact between home and school). From Monday, as well as the existing provision, there will also be wristbands given to children. These will simply say "I bumped my head in school today". There will still be the more detailed slips and sometimes phone calls, but they will be a visual prompt that the child has hurt their head and there is chance (albeit small) that they may show signs of concussion. This will also help staff, as much as parents. Children of course do not stay with the same adult all day, so this will make it easier for staff to know if there has been an incident earlier in the day. The bands will have the date written on them, but it is still important that parents remove the bands before children come into school the next day.

Occasionally the weather is too bad for children to go outside at lunchtime or playtime and the children stay in their classrooms. Some of our classes are short of toys for the children to play with, so if you have any items that your children no longer play with or if you are having an early Spring clean, we would be happy to accept any donations.

**Ian Dewes**

**Executive Headteacher**


### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

<b>MONDAY</b>	12.10 – 1.10pm French Club (Year 1&2) 3.15 – 4pm 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 3-7 February

<b>MONDAY 3</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 4</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY 5</b>	<b>Deadline today for booking your child's Parents Evening appointment</b> <b>Yr1 trip to Rugby</b> <b>Reception &amp; Nursery visit from ZooLab</b>
<b>THURSDAY 6</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 7</b>	

# PUPIL AWARDS

<b>ATTENDANCE AWARD</b> <b>For the week ending 24 January 2020</b>				
	Attendance %	No. of Children with Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	98.7%	1	97.7%	
Elf Owls	98%	1	97%	
Barn Owls	98%	4	94%	
Snowy Owls	99%	2	97%	
 Spectacled Owls	98.6%	0	98.6%	<b>WELL DONE!</b>
Tawny Owls	100%	5	95%	

## WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Spectacled Owls







Well done to the children in Miss Lodge'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	Elijah M
Blue Room	Ava McD
Red Room	Aurelia M
Little Owls	Olivia H
Elf Owls	Amrin T
Barn Owls	Francesca W
Snowy Owls	Gloria M
Spectacled Owls	Fayth P
Tawny Owls	Orla B

# YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b> <b>Rainbow Room</b></p> <p>This week the children have been using pouring jugs in the water tray and tweezers in the sand to develop their control and accuracy when using one handed tools and equipment. They have also loved making 'biscuits &amp; cakes' with the pink playdough; using their strength to roll it, then using cutters and talking about size. This has prompted lots of discussion around baking at home! Outside, the children have been engaging in some small world imaginative play with the dinosaurs, expanding their vocabulary and building relationships.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Blue Room</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NURSERY</b></p> <p>The children in Pre-School have loved bringing in items from home and discussing different occupations with their friends! We have had some very interesting items! This has been great for asking questions, learning new vocabulary, building confidence and developing understanding. They have also enjoyed using creative resources to create work badges for themselves, act out roles they are interested in and build with a range of large and small blocks.</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 looked at Chinese New Year on Monday and we created our own dance! We watched different videos to show the celebrations and enjoyed activities inspired by event. It has been brilliant to see children re-enact the story of the race using the appropriate animals when in Small World!</p> <p>We read the story of 'Cleversticks' and the children applied their phonetic knowledge well to write simple sentences.</p> <p>In Handwriting we finished our recap of the One-Armed Robot letters and we have had a big emphasis on retracing the vertical lines!</p> <p>The children have loved using the Bingo Dabbers to complete the number hunt in Continuous. We started our learning on 'One More' in Maths, we will be leading on to 'One Less' soon...</p> <p>Please make sure all items of your child's clothing is named, it is essential now we are changing for PE.</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 in year one we have been continuing our learning about the local area. We have been learning about physical and human features of the school grounds and Dunchurch village and have been comparing them to other places. We have read the story 'The house held up by trees' and have been predicting, sequencing and making inferences. In maths we have been using numbers to 20 to add and subtract and have been making links between number bonds. E.g. If I know that 5 and 2 is 7 then I also know 15 and 2 is 17. If I know that 8 and 2 is 10 then I know that 18 and 2 is 20 and 8 and 12 is 20. The children have been finding this tricky. Some links to number bond practise are included below if you would like to practise at home.</p> <p><a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</a>  <a href="https://www.ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/index.html">https://www.ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/index.html</a>  <a href="https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/funkyMummy/index.html">https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/funkyMummy/index.html</a></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Snowy Owls</b></p>

## YEAR TWO



**Spectacled  
Owls**

Year 2 have been busy in topic understanding how materials can change and learnt how to use different materials on the school trip to the British Transport Museum. In maths the children have been solving many word problems involving division of 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. The children in literacy have been sequencing the story of 'Audrey, The Amazing Inventor' and remembering the parts of the story to support their writing of a retell next week.



**Tawny  
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 ONLY BE  
BOOKED DURING THE SCHOOL  
HOLIDAYS**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### Feb

05 Yr1 trip to Rugby school & museum

05 Reception & Nursery onsite visit ZooLab

07 PTA Hot chocolate – 3.15pm

11 Parents Consultation evening  
3.30pm to 7pm

12 sign2sing – All school children  
(see below)

12 Parents Consultation evening  
3.30pm to 6pm

14 Non uniform day (see PTA page)  
PTA Valentine's Cake Sale – 3.15pm

17 Half term starts

25 Pancake Day in school & nursery

### Mar

27 PTA event (see PTA page)

**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**

**Please can we have any plastic  
bags that you may have spare for  
wet / dirty clothes.**

*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](http://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 had a very important job to do in Blue Room on Wednesday. I had to wear my jumper so some pictures could be stuck on it. Then the children had to choose two pictures that had rhyming words. It was great fun and the children were so clever. At the end the children fed me some lovely treats as I was such a good helper and I also performed some of my special tricks.



Love from Woody

### UP TO DATE SCHOOL DINNER MENUS WITH CHANGES AS BELOW

**WEEK 1 – Monday is British Pork Sausage with Pasta and Gravy, Wednesday is Chicken with Crispy Roast Potatoes and Gravy and Cookie for dessert, Thursday is Hot Dog's and Friday is Pollock with Criss-cross Potatoes**

**WEEK 2 – Thursday is Bolognese with Pasta and Homemade Bread and Yoghurt for dessert and Friday is Melting Moment Biscuit for dessert**

**WEEK 3 – Monday is Organic Pork Meatballs with Pasta and Gravy, Thursday is Cookie for dessert and Friday is Cheese and Crackers for dessert**

Find out more about Saffron, Iris, Reece and Doug, our NUTRIGANG at [www.educaterers.co.uk](http://www.educaterers.co.uk)

Ketchup is offered with selected dishes. Vegetable accompaniments change to reflect seasonal availability.

Nov 19 Nursery

Week one		Week two		Week three										
Week Commencing: 11/11, 2/12, 6/1/20, 27/1, 24/2, 16/3, 20/4, 11/5, 8/6, 29/6.		Week Commencing: 18/11, 9/12, 13/1/20, 3/2, 2/3, 23/3, 27/4, 18/5, 15/6, 6/7.		Week Commencing: 25/11, 16/12, 20/1/20, 10/2, 9/3, 30/3, 4/5, 1/6, 22/6, 13/7.										
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>Main meal...</b> British Pork Sausages with Gravy and Creamy Mashed Potatoes <b>On the side...</b> Vegetables of the Day <b>For dessert...</b> (v) Strawberry Swirl Mousse	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>Main meal...</b> Chicken Fillet with BBQ Sauce, Baked Potato Wedges <b>On the side...</b> Fresh Salad <b>For dessert...</b> (v,h) Homemade Iced Mandarin Sponge	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>OUR ROAST OF THE DAY</b> British Roast Pork Joint/Loin or Gammon Joint, Apple Sauce, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes <b>On the side...</b> Vegetables of the Day <b>For dessert...</b> (v,h) Homemade Fruit Crumble & Custard	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>Main meal...</b> (h) Homemade Organic Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake <b>On the side...</b> Vegetables of the Day <b>For dessert...</b> (v) Yeo Valley Organic Yoghurt	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>Main meal...</b> SEASIDE SPECIAL FISHY FRIDAY (msc) Crispy Fishcake, Criss-Cross Potatoes <b>On the side...</b> Peas <b>For dessert...</b> (v) Gluten Free Mini Doughnut	<b>MONDAY</b> <b>Main meal...</b> MEAT FREE MONDAY (v) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wedge <b>On the side...</b> Fresh Salad <b>For dessert...</b> (v,h) Homemade Chocolate Cracknel	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>Main meal...</b> Organic Beef Grill with Gravy and Crispy Baked Potatoes <b>On the side...</b> Vegetables of the Day <b>For dessert...</b> (v) Ice Cream Tub	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>OUR ROAST OF THE DAY</b> Roast Chicken Fillet or Joint, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes <b>On the side...</b> Vegetables of the Day <b>For dessert...</b> (v,h) Homemade Up Beet Chocolate Cake	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>Main meal...</b> (v) Veggie Hot Dog with Potato Wedges <b>On the side...</b> Vegetables of the Day <b>For dessert...</b> (v,h) Homemade Melting Moment Biscuit	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>Main meal...</b> FISHY FRIDAY (msc) Gluten Free Breaded Fish Fingers with Chipped Potatoes <b>On the side...</b> Baked Beans <b>For dessert...</b> (v,h) Homemade Favourite Fruit Muffin	<b>MONDAY</b> <b>Main meal...</b> Organic Pork Meatballs, Rich Tomato Gravy and Pasta <b>On the side...</b> Vegetables of the Day <b>For dessert...</b> (v,h) Homemade Fruity Flagjack or Fresh Fruit	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>Main meal...</b> (h) Homemade Pasta with Peas and Bacon <b>On the side...</b> Vegetables of the Day <b>For dessert...</b> (v,h) Homemade Sponge with Fruit in Juice	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>OUR ROAST OF THE DAY</b> British Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes <b>On the side...</b> Vegetables of the Day <b>For dessert...</b> (v,h) Homemade Jam Tart and Custard	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>Main meal...</b> (h) Homemade Chicken Pie and Gravy with Creamy Mash <b>On the side...</b> Vegetables of the Day <b>For dessert...</b> Fresh Fruit Platter	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>Main meal...</b> FISHY FRIDAY (msc) Gluten Free Breaded Fish Fillet with Chipped Potatoes <b>On the side...</b> Peas <b>For dessert...</b> (v) Ice Cream Tub

(v) Vegetarian Option (h) Homemade (msc) Certified Sustainable Seafood

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**Allergies**  
Please contact your school cook for information regarding the content of dishes and products on our menu.

## PARENTS EVENING BOOKING SYSTEM

<https://dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

You will have received an email stating that the booking system is open, so please make sure you book your appointment (school or nursery) by Wednesday evening 8pm.

Parents Evening is Tuesday 11th February 3.30pm to 7pm and Wednesday 12th February 3.30pm to 6pm.

### NURSERY PARENTS

From now onwards you are able to use the electronic system for booking your Parents Evening slot.

Red room is Tuesday 11th February evening

Blue and Rainbow room is Wednesday 12th February evening

### Congratulations to:

Max B – Man of the Match trophy from Rugby Borough FC

Jayden A – Best Goaly from DM Football

Finn G – medals for Football

Orla B – Star of the Week trophy from Bilton Ajax

Molly B – Rosette awards from IDTA for Theatre

Eliza T – Performer of the Week certificate from PQA

Matilda D – took home Teddy (Mario) for Ballet

**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'

## UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT IN YOUR DIARIES

**Friday 7th of February at 3:15** - Hot chocolate will be on sale in the playground - vegan and dairy free options will be available and please remember to bring your reusable cup. If anyone would like to help with making and selling hot chocolate please contact Verity Timmins or the PTA Facebook group.

**Friday 14th February** will be a non-uniform day to raise funds for the PTA. We are keeping it simple and avoiding a complicated theme - you're welcome!

Also on **Friday 14th** we will be holding a Valentine's themed cake sale at 3:15 in the playground. If you would like to help set up the cake sale please contact Verity Timmins or the PTA Facebook group

**Friday March 27th** - Get your team together - we will be doing Quiz & Fizz night again. It is a really fun night, with a very easy (??) quiz, lots of fizz (other drinks are available) and scrummy food. We have space for around 10 teams so get your egghead friends together, book your babysitter and watch this space for more info



# **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://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 you're shopping online, go to [easyfundraising.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, Train line, 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

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

Follow us on Facebook or visit our  
website [www.dunchurchevents.org](http://www.dunchurchevents.org)

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



# GIRLS FOOTBALL TRAINING !

Bilton Ajax JFC are looking for girls aged between 5-11 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 and Futsal 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 Sunday at Bilton High School 10:00 am till 11:00 am, First session is free and then it will be £10 per month! NO HIDDEN FEES!

So if you would like to be a part of our tailor made training which will include Futsal sessions, get involved in matches, make new friends, have your player development tracked and just have fun falling in love with the beautiful game then GET IN TOUCH! All abilities welcome!

Please contact me for any further information

**Sam Mushing-Rimmer**

Lead Coach

(FA L2, L1 Futsal, L1 Talent ID)

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**RESPECT**



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