

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Next week is our termly Parents' Evening where parents are invited into school to meet their child's teacher. While we like to think we have an 'open door' approach and parents can easily get to speak to staff whenever it is necessary, these termly meetings are an importance chance to take stock of how your child's schooling is progressing. At the meeting, parents of children in reception, year 1 and year 2 will be given a short document which outlines whether your child is on track to reach the expected level in key subjects at the end of the year. There will also be your child's current attendance percentage. Parents are often surprised at how high expectations for attendance are, both at our school and nationally. Last year, there were very few absences; overall attendance in the school was 97.6% and so far this year it is 97.5%. Nationally any child whose attendance is below 90% is classed as a 'persistent absentee'. I hope this gives some context for your own child's figures.

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 10-14 February

MONDAY 10	
TUESDAY 11	Parents Consultation Evening 3.30pm-7pm
WEDNESDAY 12	sign2sing Parents Consultation Evening 3.30pm-6pm
THURSDAY 13	
FRIDAY 14	Non Uniform Day Last day of school

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 31 January 2020				
	Attendance %	No. of Children with Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	99.3%	3	96.3%	
Elf Owls	97.7%	3	94.7%	
Barn Owls	99%	2	97%	
★ Snowy Owls	99.3%	1	98.3%	WELL DONE!
Spectacled Owls	98.2%	1	97.2%	
Tawny Owls	98.1%	4	94.1%	

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Elf Owls






Well done to the children in Mrs Carrington'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	Theo G
Red Room	Maisie P
Little Owls	Nathaniel M
Elf Owls	Charlotte H
Barn Owls	Oliver U
Snowy Owls	Carolina C
Spectacled Owls	Alberto C
Tawny Owls	Noah W

YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY Rainbow Room</p> <p>This week the children have been using various resources to help them to recite numbers in order, which they are getting really good at. They have been singing, reading stories with numbers in, and counting out items, remembering to say one number name for each item. They also loved using the cameras last week, so we have added more ICT items for them to explore, including an old typewriter and keyboards. On Wednesday the children enjoyed the visit from Zoolab, where they met different animals, got to touch and hold them and were super brave!</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>The Pre-school children have had a busy week, continuing to explore lots of different occupations. In the Creative Area they have produced some fantastic paintings of what they would like to be. The children have also been suggesting different endings to familiar stories, and using their imaginations to write their own. In the water tray they have been exploring everyday objects to see if they can describe what they're used for. On Wednesday, the children loved having Zoolab visit, where they were able to hold different small animals and learn about how they behave in the Winter time. For next week's learning, please could all children bring in a group family photo.</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>We have based our learning around the story of 'The Colour Monster' this week, the children have enjoyed acting out the different emotions. We are now encouraging the children to talk about how they are feeling. We had a visit from ZooLab, they brought in a rat, a tarantula, a corn snake, millipede, cockroach and a giant snail! The children were extremely sensible when touching or holding the animals, they learnt about how the animals protect themselves in the wild, what they eat and whether they hibernate or not. We are continuing to look at numbers to 20 but have also looked at finding one more or one less from a group of up to five objects, then ten objects.</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 we have enjoyed learning all about William Webb Ellis and William Gilbert. The children all enjoyed our school trip and were a credit to the school. In maths this week we have begun to subtract using numbers to 20 and have linked this with number bonds. In English we have been learning about recounts and have written a recount of the trip to Rugby School and Rugby Art Gallery. We have continued to learn about Dunchurch in the past and have looked at how life was different during the queen's coronation in 1953.</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>This week in English we have been writing a retell of 'Audrey the Amazing Inventor'. The children have worked really hard on these, taking their time to use language from the text and remembering key events. In maths the children have solved problems that involve multiplication and division. Please continue practising the 2, 3, 5 and 10 timetable facts to support their learning. In DT the children have begun to make their own vehicle in small groups, applying their knowledge from our trip and using language such as axles and chassis. In SPaG we have learnt about possessive apostrophes and the spelling rules. <u>This week's homework - please continue to practise spelling the Year 1 and 2 Common Exception words.</u></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

Feb

11 Parents Consultation evening
3.30pm to 7pm

12 sign2sing – All school children
(letter going home today)

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

05 World Book Day – Let's share a story
We do NOT dress up on this day, the
Children will be sharing stories with
adults

27 PTA Fizz & Quiz night

**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

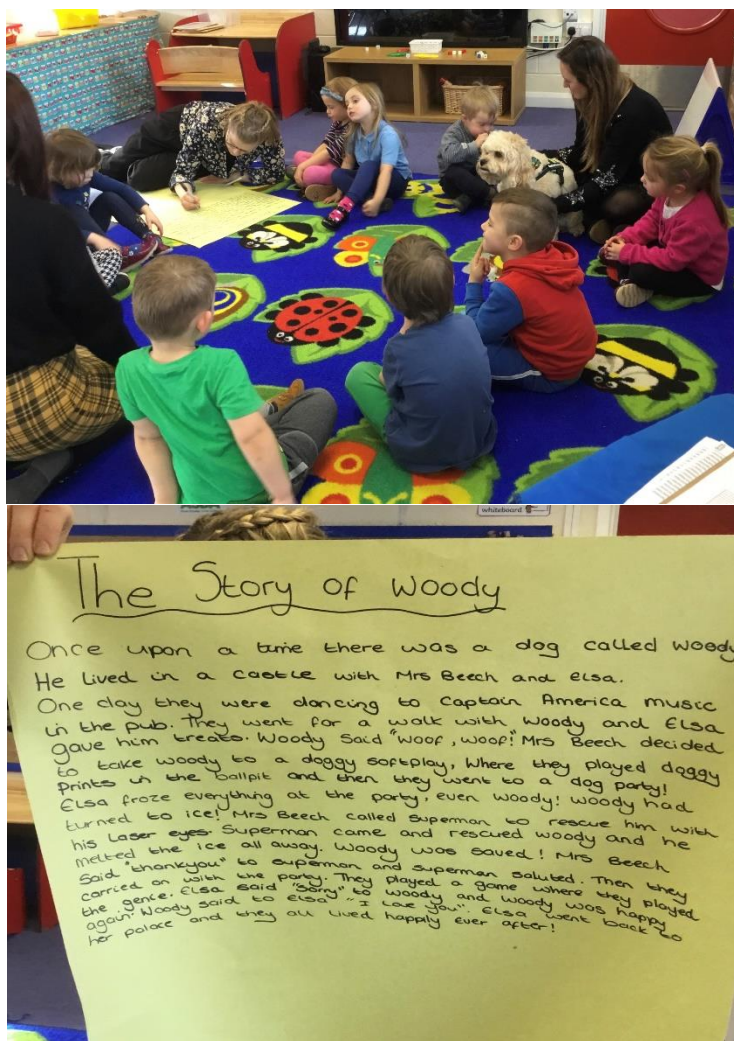
Wednesday 12 February

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

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

This week the children in Blue Room turned into authors. They thought of characters, a setting and an event for their story as part of a 'shared write' group exercise.

The story was about me and I lived in a castle with Mrs Beech and Elsa. I thought you might want to read the story as it is very good. It was quite an adventure but we all lived happily ever after.

Have a lovely weekend, just one more week until half term



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 Bolognaise 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

Weekly Menu

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.	
MONDAY		MONDAY		MONDAY	
Main meal... British Pork Sausages with Gravy and Creamy Mashed Potatoes	On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v) Strawberry Swirl Mousse	Main meal... MEAT FREE MONDAY (v) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wedge	On the side... Fresh Salad For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Chocolate Crackle	Main meal... Organic Pork Meatballs, Rich Tomato Gravy and Pasta	On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Fruity Flapjack or Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY		TUESDAY		TUESDAY	
Main meal... Chicken Fillet with BBQ Sauce, Baked Potato Wedges	On the side... Fresh Salad For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Iced Mandarin Sponge	Main meal... Organic Beef Grill with Gravy and Crispy Baked Potatoes	On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v) Ice Cream Tub	Main meal... (h) Homemade Pasta with Peas and Bacon	On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Sponge with Fruit in Juice
WEDNESDAY		WEDNESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
OUR ROAST OF THE DAY British Roast Pork Joint/Loin or Gammon Joint, Apple Sauce, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes	On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Fruit Crumble & Custard	OUR ROAST OF THE DAY Roast Chicken Fillet or Joint, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes	On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Up Beet Chocolate Cake	OUR ROAST OF THE DAY British Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes	On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Jam Tart and Custard
THURSDAY		THURSDAY		THURSDAY	
Main meal... (h) Homemade Organic Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake	On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v) Yeo Valley Organic Yoghurt	Main meal... (v) Veggie Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Melting Moment Biscuit	Main meal... (h) Homemade Chicken Pie and Gravy with Creamy Mash	On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... Fresh Fruit Platter
FRIDAY		FRIDAY		FRIDAY	
Main meal... SEASIDE SPECIAL FISHY FRIDAY (msc) Crispy Fishcake, Criss-Cross Potatoes	On the side... Peas For dessert... (v) Gluten Free Mini Doughnut	Main meal... FISHY FRIDAY (msc) Gluten Free Breaded Fish Fingers with Chipped Potatoes	On the side... Baked Beans For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Favourite Fruit Muffin	Main meal... FISHY FRIDAY (msc) Gluten Free Breaded Fish Fillet with Chipped Potatoes	On the side... Peas For dessert... (v) Ice Cream Tub

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Menu may change to meet customer preferences.

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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:

George H – good ball skills DM Football

Daniel L – football skills – DM Football & First Class Football

Cody W – good tackling & football work – DM Football

Ellen H – Primary in Dance – RAD & training of puppy – Paws to Train

WELL DONE!

Pancake Station

Dessert on
Tuesday 25th February

Choose from
the following toppings:

Fresh Fruit Salad

Choice of Sauce Topping

Chocolate Custard

Traditional Lemon and Sugar

Golden Syrup

Chopped Bananas

What's your favourite?



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'

UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT IN YOUR DIARIES

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 information

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


**KEEP
CALM
AND LOVE NON
UNIFORM
DAY**

CAKE SALE



Friday 14th February is a non-uniform day so all children can come to school in their own clothes, please send in £1 donation towards the PTA funds

Valentine's themed cake sale will be held on Friday 14th February at 3:15 in the playground. Please send in cakes on Friday morning - shop bought cakes are just as welcome as home-made!

Mother's DAY

The Mother's Day Gift Shop is back! Have you had a form come home yet? forms and money back to the office by Thursday 13th please



Places are going fast at the Quiz & Fizz night - it's going to be on the evening of Friday 27th of March so book a babysitter and gather your team. Names to Verity Timmins please



Dunchurch Infant School & Nursery PTA Mother's Day Secret Gift Shop



Wednesday 18thth March 2020

We are delighted to be running our Mother's Day Secret Gift Shop once again in school on Wednesday 18th March, where all children, including nursery, will have the opportunity to independently choose a gift for their special Mum, Granny, or Auntie. This is a hugely popular event, which goes down a storm with the children, the helpers and the Mums!

How does it work?

Our gift shop will feature a range of quality wrapped gifts, specially selected for Mother's Day, priced at £3.50 each. One of each type of gift will be left unwrapped on our shop display, so that children can each choose the perfect present for 'Mum', then take one away with them all ready wrapped up for Mother's Day on Sunday 22nd March.

Whilst there is no limit to the number of gifts a child may buy, we will be ordering stock based on pre-orders received, so please make sure you place your order by the deadline below to avoid any disappointment. Unfortunately orders placed after the deadline has passed will not be accepted.

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the form below and



Name of child:

Class:

No. of gifts required:

Name of parent/guardian:

Signature:

Date:

Please note that by signing this form you consent to us using the class registers to track attendance of the gift shop



OUTSIDE SCHOOL EVENTS AND INFORMATION

DUNCHURCH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

**Please complete online
or post**

(in the stamped addressed envelope provided)

by

Saturday 15th February 2020

**Your views and comments
are
extremely important
for the
future planning
of our
beautiful, historic village**

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**



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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