

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

There has been much in the news recently about coronavirus and there has been a steady flow of parents asking about the school's position. I am not an expert on coronavirus or a healthcare professional, but fortunately, there are very well qualified people who are working full-time on assessing the risk for all of us. The school receives regular updates from government agencies with the latest advice and this dictates the actions we take. There are some schools which are closed, but reading beyond the headlines, the few schools that have decided to close (out of 24,000 in the country) have done so when the advice is for schools to stay open.

The few families who have been abroad over half-term have all taken the necessary precautions, been in communication with us and, like the school, have followed the official advice. Some of you will know that one family have kept their children off school for the last few days after returning from a holiday abroad. Initially no symptoms were evident and after seeking guidance their children were in school for one day. One child then developed a minor cough, so further advice was taken and the children have not been in school while they await test results. I have taken advice myself and there is no need to close the school or for people to be worried. As of yesterday morning there were a little over a dozen patients in England who have tested positive for COVID-19 out of over 7,000 who have been tested. Therefore a child being tested does not mean a positive result is likely. Given that the child is asthmatic and it is February, a cough is easily explained, and as it happens he is no longer coughing, but will remain off school with his sibling until the test results are returned.

The government has said that there should not be a blanket closure for schools. Matt Hancock, the health secretary, has said: "If anyone has been in contact with a suspected case in a childcare or an educational setting, no special measures are required while test results are awaited". As time goes on we will follow advice from the experts at all stages. In the meantime we have stressed to children the importance of good personal hygiene in line with Public Health England guidance.

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 2-6 March

MONDAY 2	
TUESDAY 3	
WEDNESDAY 4	
THURSDAY 5	World Book Day – no dressing up
FRIDAY 6	Hot Chocolate PTA

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 14 February 2020				
	Attendance %	No. of Children with Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
★ Little Owls	99%	0	99%	WELL DONE!
Elf Owls	98.3%	0	98.3%	
Barn Owls	95.7%	2	93.7%	
Snowy Owls	97.3%	2	95.3%	
Spectacled Owls	98.9%	2	96.9%	
Tawny Owls	97.4%	5	92.4%	

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	Sadie G
Blue Room	Harry B
Red Room	Charlotte S
Little Owls	Elijah P
Elf Owls	Drew W
Barn Owls	Darcey L
Snowy Owls	Aryahi M
Spectacled Owls	Lucy C
Tawny Owls	Serah T

YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY Rainbow Room</p> <p>This week the children have been showing their interest in buses! Some of the children have never been on one before and have been talking about what happens, where they go, who drives etc. They have created one in the role play area, and today one of our parents brought one to nursery for them to explore! They loved it! Please see our Facebook page for photos. In addition to this, the children have enjoyed trying pancakes and discussing their favourite toppings. Also becoming more familiar with shapes and their names.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>This week the children have enjoyed using junk modelling resources in the creative area to build upon and reflect their experiences, using a range of different textures for different aspects. They have used excellent vocab to describe the textures too. Some of the children have started to show interest in initial sounds of their name and other words, using their brilliantly developed listening skills to aid them. In the Maths area the children have been counting amounts, identifying a set and separating groups of items in different ways.</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 learnt about pancakes this week! We learnt the pancake rap, made a pancake person, made pancakes in role play and chose toppings in the dinner hall at lunchtime on Pancake Day. The children enjoyed talking about pancakes and deciding which toppings were healthy or not. We also read the story of 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and used it as a stimulus to write.</p> <p>We are starting to think about addition by adding 2 groups of things together. We are doing it very practically and thinking about using the correct vocabulary.</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 really enjoyed learning about the parts of a castle. We have talked about the features of non-fiction in English and have begun to write our own non-fiction books about castles. In maths we have been learning to count forwards and backwards to 50. We have found counting backwards particularly tricky! We have been learning about tens and ones in numbers to 50 and have been filling in missing numbers on number tracks and number grids. We have been comparing ways of life in the past and present by looking at how castles are different to homes today.</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 we have been learning about 3D shapes. They have been able to name the shapes and find how many edges, vertices and faces they have. In Literacy the children have been reading the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and have sequenced the story ready to write a retell next week. During topic the children have been using compass directional language to create a map of the school with a key which again the children devised.</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

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

07 PTA Hot Chocolate – 3.15pm

13 Sports Relief – children to wear
sportswear for £1 donation

20 Yr2 Mother's day lunch (letter sent
home)

25 Yr2 Gurdwara visit (letter sent home)

25 Yr1 Kenilworth Castle trip (letter sent
home)

27 PTA Fizz & Quiz night

Apr

03 School closes at 3.15pm for Easter
holidays

**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

**Any items placed in the bike
shed are your responsibility to
collect every day. School are not
liable for items left onsite.**

**Please can all outstanding
invoices for Owls & Nursery
be settled over the weekend
unless you have a
prearranged monthly
payment plan, thank you**

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

Weekly Menu

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




Nov 19 Nursery

Week one	Week two	Week three
<p>Week Commencing: 11/11, 2/12, 6/1/20, 27/1, 24/2, 16/3, 20/4, 11/5, 8/6, 29/6.</p> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">MONDAY</div> <p>Main meal... British Pork Sausages with Gravy and Creamy Mashed Potatoes</p> <p>On the side... Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (v) Strawberry Swirl Mousse</p> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">TUESDAY</div> <p>Main meal... Chicken Fillet with BBQ Sauce, Baked Potato Wedges</p> <p>On the side... Fresh Salad</p> <p>For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Iced Mandarin Sponge</p> <div style="background-color: #FFD700; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">WEDNESDAY</div> <p>OUR ROAST OF THE DAY British Roast Pork Joint/Loin or Gammon Joint, Apple Sauce, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes</p> <p>On the side... Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Fruit Crumble & Custard</p> <div style="background-color: #0000FF; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">THURSDAY</div> <p>Main meal... (h) Homemade Organic Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake</p> <p>On the side... Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (v) Yeo Valley Organic Yoghurt</p> <div style="background-color: #FFA500; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">FRIDAY</div> <p>Main meal... SEASIDE SPECIAL FISHY FRIDAY (msc) Crispy Fishcake, Criss-Cross Potatoes</p> <p>On the side... Peas</p> <p>For dessert... (v) Gluten Free Mini Doughnut</p>	<p>Week Commencing: 18/11, 9/12, 13/1/20, 3/2, 2/3, 23/3, 27/4, 18/5, 15/6, 6/7.</p> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">MONDAY</div> <p>Main meal... MEAT FREE MONDAY (v) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wedge</p> <p>On the side... Fresh Salad</p> <p>For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Chocolate Cracknel</p> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">TUESDAY</div> <p>Main meal... Organic Beef Grill with Gravy and Crispy Baked Potatoes</p> <p>On the side... Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (v) Ice Cream Tub</p> <div style="background-color: #FFD700; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">WEDNESDAY</div> <p>OUR ROAST OF THE DAY Roast Chicken Fillet or Joint, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes</p> <p>On the side... Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Up Beet Chocolate Cake</p> <div style="background-color: #0000FF; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">THURSDAY</div> <p>Main meal... (v) Veggie Hot Dog with Potato Wedges</p> <p>On the side... Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Melting Moment Biscuit</p> <div style="background-color: #FFA500; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">FRIDAY</div> <p>Main meal... FISHY FRIDAY (msc) Gluten Free Breaded Fish Fingers with Chipped Potatoes</p> <p>On the side... Baked Beans</p> <p>For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Favourite Fruit Muffin</p>	<p>Week Commencing: 25/11, 16/12, 20/1/20, 10/2, 9/3, 30/3, 4/5, 1/6, 22/6, 13/7.</p> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">MONDAY</div> <p>Main meal... Organic Pork Meatballs, Rich Tomato Gravy and Pasta</p> <p>On the side... Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Fruity Flagjack or Fresh Fruit</p> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">TUESDAY</div> <p>Main meal... (h) Homemade Pasta with Peas and Bacon</p> <p>On the side... Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Sponge with Fruit in Juice</p> <div style="background-color: #FFD700; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">WEDNESDAY</div> <p>OUR ROAST OF THE DAY British Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes</p> <p>On the side... Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Jam Tart and Custard</p> <div style="background-color: #0000FF; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">THURSDAY</div> <p>Main meal... (h) Homemade Chicken Pie and Gravy with Creamy Mash</p> <p>On the side... Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... Fresh Fruit Platter</p> <div style="background-color: #FFA500; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">FRIDAY</div> <p>Main meal... FISHY FRIDAY (msc) Gluten Free Breaded Fish Fillet with Chipped Potatoes</p> <p>On the side... Peas</p> <p>For dessert... (v) Ice Cream Tub</p>

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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.

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



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 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



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

OUTSIDE SCHOOL EVENTS AND INFORMATION



RUGBY SWIMMING CLUB

Open Assessment Day

Year 2 & 3

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CENTRE

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH

18:00–19:30

Does your child enjoy swimming? Do they think they are the next Adam Peaty?

If the answer to one of the above is yes, and they can swim 100m unaided then we would love to see them at our assessment day. We are looking for our next intake to become our next County, Regional and National swimmers.

As well as the assessment we will have a demonstration from some of our club swimmers.

Find out more and sign up by emailing

enquiries@rugbyswimmingclub.co.uk

Swimming is not only a fun, healthy activity, but an important life skill for all

