## DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



### Spring Term Issue 7

28 February 2020

#### **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.

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#### **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 (Year 1&2)   1.10 – 3.10pm Violin C   3.15 – 4pm Spanish Cl		
WEDNESDAY	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football	
THURSDAY	Y 3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football	
FRIDAY		

Reminders/changes for 2-6 March		
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THURSDAY	World Book Day – no	
5	dressing up	
FRIDAY	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

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## **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 <u>ONLY</u> 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

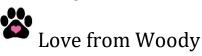


#### woody's blog Hello

I hope you all had a lovely week off and have settled back into school. I've enjoyed seeing you all again, particularly in registration and Woody's Buddies Club.

I've been to the care home this week and I was fascinated by the fish tank. There were two big gold fish swimming around and they were coming up to

the glass to touch my nose. Have a good weekend



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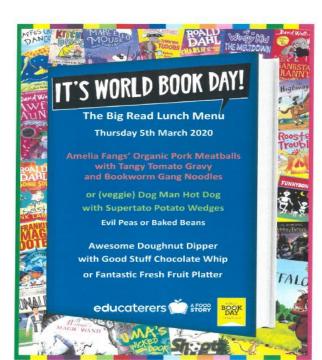
Saanvi BR – achieved her yellow stripe in Tadashii-Do Ju-Jitsu

Oriana & Evangeline W – winning medal / trophy at Ski school

Joshua & Florence O – medal for football from DM Football Coaching

Eliza T – Dive certificate for completing an Underwater Voyage

## WELL DONE!



#### **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





**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 <u>www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk</u>

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: <u>mailto:annabuckland@hotmail.co.uk</u> 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 <u>easyfundraising.org.uk</u> 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/dunchurchinfant sandnursery

2. Sign up for free

3. When you're shopping online, go to easy <u>fundraising.org.uk</u> 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