

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

You will probably be aware that the in September 2018, Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery and Dunchurch Boughton C. of E. Junior School federated. This means that the two schools remain separate schools, but there is only one governing board. Both schools retain their individual identities, but certain decisions can be made for the benefits of the pupils in the schools. For example, we have been focusing on making sure there are similar policies relating to teaching and learning in both schools - it makes no sense for children to be taught one way at the infants and then have to learn a new way when they join year three at the juniors.

Last Summer the governors and senior staff met to discuss the long-term vision for the two schools. It was decided that there would be three broad aims we would like to achieve:

- Being a single school community, with clear values and aspirations that inspire each child to reach their full potential
- Having a school community in which everyone feels loved, respected and valued
- Delivering an enriching curriculum, through which all children engage in and enjoy learning

Since then we have talked in more detail with staff about how each aspect of the vision can be realised. Alongside this, the governing body are thinking about what can be done to make it easier to achieve the vision. Part of this involves looking at the way the two schools are structured. As well as the aforementioned shared governing body, our two schools currently have the following characteristics:

- Both schools are maintained by the local authority
- One is a Church school, the other has no religious affiliation.
- One school is voluntary aided and the other is a foundation school

The governing board is reviewing the above and would be interested in your views. Any changes we make would be subject to a full consultation with all stakeholders, but before then we would be interested in taking people's views at this earlier stage. You can send any views to our clerk to the governing body, Maria Page via MariaPage@dunchurchfederation.co.uk.

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 9-13 March

MONDAY 9	
TUESDAY 10	
WEDNESDAY 11	
THURSDAY 12	
FRIDAY 13	Sports Relief day – wear sportswear for £1

We are continuing to monitor the coronavirus situation carefully. As of this morning there are 115 patients in England who have tested positive for COVID-19 to date, none of whom are in the Coventry or Warwickshire region. Of the remaining 17,968 tests that have been undertaken in the UK, all have been confirmed as negative. We will follow all advice given to us by the government or its agencies. School closures would be a last resort and will only be if we are instructed to do by the experts. We have had an increased focus on hygiene and handwashing in line with recently issued guidance.

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 28 February 2020				
	Attendance %	No. of Children with Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
Little Owls	94.3%	1	93.3%	
Elf Owls	92.7%	1	91.7%	
Barn Owls	94.3%	3	91.3%	
Snowy Owls	97.3%	3	94.3%	
 Spectacled Owls	99.6%	3	96.6%	WELL DONE!
Tawny Owls	99.3%	5	94.3%	

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	George C
Blue Room	Olivia H
Red Room	Amelia H
Little Owls	Edith N
Elf Owls	Theo H
Barn Owls	Esme B
Snowy Owls	Caleb C
Spectacled Owls	Anika R
Tawny Owls	Caitlin M

YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

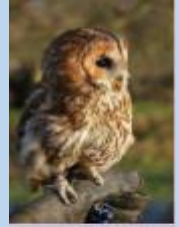
	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY Rainbow Room</p> <p>The children have been exploring musical instruments this week, talking about the sounds they make and hearing the differences. They have also been developing some shape knowledge, having a shape song of the week and identifying some shapes. The children have continued their interest of buses and transport, now sitting on the role play bus for stories & singing time! On Thursday the children coped really well with going to World Book Day assembly and listening to stories read by different adults in the school. Please could all children bring in an empty, washed tin (ring pull only) for next week. Thank you!</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>The Pre-School children have been continuing to explore textures, and have enjoyed painting with rolling pins and string, as well as exploring the filled balloons outside, guessing what was inside based on touch. The children in Red Room have loved role playing in the ice cream shop! Making ice creams for each other, counting the scoops, rolling the playdough, writing the orders; they're ready for Summer! They have also been experimenting with representing numbers and amounts, using fingers, marks on paper and physical items. Some children have even had a go at writing the numerals. On Thursday, all the children enjoyed listening to stories read by different adults in the school. Please could you be mindful of the shoes that your child wears to nursery; the outdoor area can be wet & sometimes slippy and children need to be wearing appropriate footwear. Please can you donate any old newspapers to cover the tables. Thank you!</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>This week in Reception we have started to look at money, we focused on introducing different coins and their names. We had a go at paying for different items with 1p's once we had identified how much they cost.</p> <p>In Handwriting we focused on the 'Ladder Letters' and we can really see how hard the children are trying to create recognisable letters :-) Well done.</p> <p>We were 'Tricky Word' spotters in Literacy! 'The Little Red Hen Makes Pizza' was our focus story for this week and when writing the children did a great job of including digraphs in their writing.</p> <p>We enjoyed Year 4 coming up to our classrooms to share their favourite books for 'World Book Day' and it was just as exciting getting to listen to the adult of our choice share their favourite story too!</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 has seen Year One continuing to work on their exciting topic of Castles and Dragons! We have been learning about the different ways in which armies could attack castles and how the people inside defended themselves. We looked at algorithms in ICT and why giving clear instructions is important. Our Maths work has been about comparing numbers, which is leading us nicely into counting in Twos and Fives. Finally, the children were excited to learn about St David and Wales this week, which included understanding some of the key features and landmarks of the great Principality.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Snowy Owls</p>

YEAR TWO



**Spectacled
Owls**

Year 2 have been writing a retell of the book we have been studying 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. The children have enjoyed using new vocabulary and punctuation to excite the reader. In Maths the children have started a new unit on Fractions. They have understood the terminology whole and part and have been able to recognise and find $\frac{1}{2}$ s in quantities and shapes. During Topic this week they have created their own map of the school and have used an aerial view photograph to locate places in Dunchurch.



**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

Mar

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

18 Mother's day gift shop – ICT room

20 World Down Syndrome day
(21/03/2020) – wear odd socks and donate £1 for local charity

The Ups of Downs

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

20 School reopens after Easter

May

08 VE day Bank Holiday

Jun

09 School Class & Leavers photos

18 Yr2 Father's day lunch

19 Teacher Training day

Jul

08 County Transfer day

17 School closes for summer

**Follow us on Twitter:
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at @dunchurchinfant**

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

**Please make sure all children
bring their school water bottle
into school every day.
Replacement bottles are £2.50
and bottle lids are FREE**



WOODY'S BLOG

Hello

I hope all the children enjoyed World Book Day this week. I don't like to boast, but I was the most popular in assembly, with a third of the children opting to listen to my story, 'Woody's Adventure in Petlandia'. All of the story books sounded very good and I was particularly interested in the one about a cat. I live with two cats and I find them very annoying! It's quite exhausting being a super star so I had to have a little rest.



Love from Woody

Congratulations to:

Ellen H – medal from DM Football

Lucy C – certificate & badge for level 4 gymnastics

WELL DONE!



IT'S GAME ON



Monday 9th March 2020

**British Pork Meatballs
in Rich Tomato Gravy
with Pasta and Vegetables or Salad
or
(v) Quorn Nuggets with Rainbow Rice
Vegetables or Salad**

**Finishing Line
Healthy Boost**

**Fresh Fruit Salad
or
Organic Yeo Valley
Yoghurt**



Be a
winner with
a school
dinner

THE FEAST DAY OF Thursday 23rd April

ST GEORGE

On 23 April, many people across England will be celebrating the country's patron saint for St George's Day. Very little is actually known about George and there's a lot of stories about him that are full of myth and legend including the most famous when he slayed a dragon.



Lunch Menu

Breaded Fish Fillet with Chips

Considered to be such an important part of the British diet, fish and chips remained unrationed throughout WWII.

or (v) **Vegetable Cottage Pie topped
with Cheesy Mash**

Garden Peas or Baked Beans

**Homemade Eve's Pudding
with Custard**

A traditional English pudding of apples baked under a Victoria sponge cake topping.

or **Fresh Fruit Platter**





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>		<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>		<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>	
MONDAY		MONDAY		MONDAY	
<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>	<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>	<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 Flapjack or Fresh Fruit</p>
TUESDAY		TUESDAY		TUESDAY	
<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>	<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>	<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>
WEDNESDAY		WEDNESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
<p>OUR ROAST OF THE DAY British Roast Pork Joint/Loin or Gammon Joint, Apple Sauce, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes</p>		<p>OUR ROAST OF THE DAY Roast Chicken Fillet or Joint, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes</p>		<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 Fruit Crumble & Custard</p>	<p>On the side... Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Up Beet Chocolate Cake</p>	<p>On the side... Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Melting Moment Biscuit</p>	<p>On the side... Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Jam Tart and Custard</p>		
THURSDAY		THURSDAY		THURSDAY	
<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>	<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>	<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>
FRIDAY		FRIDAY		FRIDAY	
<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>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>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.



YOUR LOCAL BOOKSHOP

Golden Ticket

In conjunction with World Book Day we are offering all children and educational staff a Golden Ticket like Willy Wonka offered, in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." The Golden Ticket is to be spent exclusively in Hunt's Bookshop.


The Golden Tickets are valid between **Thursday 5th March and Thursday 30th April, 2020**. We would be very grateful if you could distribute the Golden Tickets by World Book Day (Thursday 5th March.)

Thank you for supporting your local bookshop.

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About Us

Hunt's is a well-established traditional family run bookshop of 23 years. Rugby's only independent bookshop is located on the High Street within the shadows of the famous Rugby School of 'Tom Brown's School Days.'

The bookshop is home to a unique selection of new and used books, enjoyed by both adults & children. The shop prides itself on a quality, friendly service, including special orders. To complement the books, Hunt's offers a large selection of sheet music books and records, covering all instruments, genres and vocals.

The children were kindly all given a golden ticket/voucher from Hunt's bookshop this week as part of World Book Day



WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY!



THE UPS OF DOWNS
Celebrating Down syndrome



**Friday 20th March –
GET YOUR ODD SOCKS OUT!
Come to school and nursery
in your brightest pair of
odd socks!**

MAKATON AND TALENT SHOW!

**We kindly ask all children to come to school with a
£1 donation. All proceeds will go to our local 'The
Ups of Downs' charity.**



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

All School and Nursery parents / carers are welcome to join our meetings as we are always looking for new members for the team, even if you can only occasionally help out



PTA meeting
Tuesday 10th March
8pm Dunchurch Social club



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

