

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Thank you to Mrs. Marlow for coming into school today to lead a whole school dance in the playground for Sports Relief. The children had a great time and the money sent in will go to a good cause.

Coronavirus continues to dominate the news, so it may be worth me detailing how we are reacting to developments. As I wrote in last week's newsletter, we will simply follow advice from the relevant authorities when it comes to the question of whether the school should close. If children or their families develop symptoms we will take advice as to the next steps. I hope this approach does not appear to parents as laissez faire; we have spent considerable time preparing for different scenarios.

- All staff have been given time this week to prepare online resources that can be sent home in the event of closure.
- Cleaning staff have changed their duties to focus on the cleaning of taps, door handles, door frames and soap dispensers.
- We are in regular contact with sites of trips to assess the viability of the trip going ahead.
- Children are washing their hands more regularly and have been given guidance on how best to do this.

You will have seen many media stories about coronavirus. One of the difficulties is separating what is news (often written to entice "clicks" from internet users) from official guidance. The latest advice from Public Health England at the time of writing is [here](#).

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 16-20 March

MONDAY 16	
TUESDAY 17	
WEDNESDAY 18	Mother's day gift shop collection (pre-ordered items)
THURSDAY 19	
FRIDAY 20	Wear Odd Socks day - £1 donation for The Ups of Downs charity Yr2 Mother's Day lunch

PUPIL AWARDS

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Little & Elf Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Shrimpton and Mrs Carrington classes 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



The children enjoyed an exercise class today with Mrs Marlow for Sports Relief 2020. Please see Mrs Marlow's business flyer on the last page of this newsletter – Arden Fitness.

LUNCHTIME GOOD BEHAVIOUR AWARDS Awarded by Mrs Burdett and her Midday Supervisors

Rainbow Room	Freddie C
Blue Room	Sam C
Red Room	Lucas R
Little Owls	Sebastian M
Elf Owls	Olivia W
Barn Owls	Grace McN
Snowy Owls	Joshua O
Spectacled Owls	Bence F
Tawny Owls	Isaac F

YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

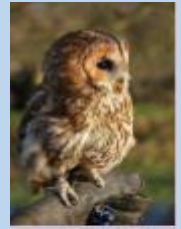
	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY Rainbow Room</p> <p>This week the children have been practising their cutting skills at the cutting station; choosing straight, wavy or zig zag lines to cut along. They have also loved our Garden Centre inspired role play area, following on from their interests of last week, planting, serving customers and writing labels. The children have also continued their learning around amounts - adding the Numicon to the play dough so they can create, count and recognise when there's lots or a few, more or less. Don't forget to bring your reply back for our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 25th March. We hope to see lots of you there!</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>This week the Pre-School children have enjoyed showing their interest in shapes within construction, taking part in lots of junk modelling, choosing particular shapes for a purpose, and finding ways to join them together. They have also been learning about the weather, watching forecasts on the large screen together and then having a go at forecasting themselves in our weather station role play area! During group times and resources provided, the children have become more familiar with the shape and length of their names, tracing and copying some of the letters, remembering to concentrate on their pencil grip too.</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 carried on developing our vocabulary of money, using pennies to pay for pizza items. We introduced a till and pennies in to the role play area and have been impressed with their language when they have been paying!</p> <p>We focused on the 'Curly Caterpillar' letters this week, specifically a, d and g using an anticlockwise movement to form these letters is important.</p> <p>We read the story of 'Dear Zoo' in Literacy, Miss Shrimpton and Mrs Carrington amended the story so there were lots of tricky words. The children spotted them quickly and added them to their own 'Dear Zoo' pieces of writing.</p> <p>We loved taking part in Sport Relief on Friday - especially Mrs Marlow's workout during the morning!</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 found a magic egg in the classroom. We have been asking questions to find out more and have used adjectives to describe it. In maths we have been counting to 50 in twos and fives, forwards and backwards. We have been solving word problems that involve addition and subtraction. In topic this week we have been designing and making gifts ready for Mother's day.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Snowy Owls</p>



**Spectacled
Owls**

YEAR TWO

Year 2 this week have been finding amounts of unit fractions, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. They have also seen a relationship between $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$. In Literacy the children have finished their fantastic retells of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and are now planning their own Lighthouse Keeper's story to write next week. During Topic time the children have drawn a map of Dunchurch using a key to show all of the places, roads and fields around. They were able to follow the roads and even know the names of some as well. If the children would like to bring in some sequins, buttons or beads to sew ready for next week they may but we are supplying them in school.



**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

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

25 Yr2 Gurdwara visit

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:
for updates and learning
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 you all had great fun today wearing something sporty for Sports Relief and raising money for this excellent cause.

Mrs Beech and I played football in the hall. I'm pleased to say I won and I was a very good goal keeper.

Remember to keep washing your hands very well. I'm washing my paws regularly!

Have a good weekend.



Love from Woody

Congratulations to:

Keegan, Ethan & Flynn – Medals from DM Football for various rewards

Saanvi – Trophy from Bilton Ajax Wildcats FC

WELL DONE!

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**

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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	Main meal... British Pork Sausages with Gravy and Creamy Mashed Potatoes On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v) Strawberry Swirl Mousse	MONDAY	Main meal... MEAT FREE MONDAY (v) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wedge On the side... Fresh Salad For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Chocolate Cracknel	MONDAY	Main meal... Organic Pork Meatballs, Rich Tomato Gravy and Pasta On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Fruity Flagjack or Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Main meal... Chicken Fillet with BBQ Sauce, Baked Potato Wedges On the side... Fresh Salad For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Iced Mandarin Sponge	TUESDAY	Main meal... Organic Beef Grill with Gravy and Crispy Baked Potatoes On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v) Ice Cream Tub	TUESDAY	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	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	WEDNESDAY	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	WEDNESDAY	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	Main meal... (h) Homemade Organic Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v) Yeo Valley Organic Yoghurt	THURSDAY	Main meal... (v) Veggie Hot Dog with Potato Wedges On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v,h) Homemade Melting Moment Biscuit	THURSDAY	Main meal... (h) Homemade Chicken Pie and Gravy with Creamy Mash On the side... Vegetables of the Day For dessert... Fresh Fruit Platter
FRIDAY	Main meal... SEASIDE SPECIAL FISHY FRIDAY (msc) Crispy Fishcake, Criss-Cross Potatoes On the side... Peas For dessert... (v) Gluten Free Mini Doughnut	FRIDAY	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	FRIDAY	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.



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

Thanks for all of your continued support of the PTA activities. We welcome anyone with children in the school or nursery who would like to get involved in helping with events, please get in touch via our Facebook page "Dunchurch Infant School & Nursery PTA" if you can help.

Our next PTA committee meeting will be 8pm on Tuesday 28th April at the Dunchurch Social Club.



In the run up to Easter, the PTA will be arranging some Easter themed activities. On the final Friday of term (April 3rd) there will be the Easter egg treasure hunt at 3:15 and you never know, the actual Easter bunny might even make an appearance!

We will also have an Easter raffle to win a gorgeous fluffy Easter bunny, look out for a letter coming home in book bags to enter your child/ren into the draw.



We are taking final forms now for the last places at the quiz and fizz night so please get your booking form in by Thursday 19th March. If you are a smaller team we can join you up with another small group, just contact Verity Timmins via Facebook for information

OUTSIDE SCHOOL EVENTS AND INFORMATION



Discover a fitter, healthier and happier YOU in 2020!

Super-friendly, challenging and fun group Hiit classes designed to drive cardio fitness, burn fat and strengthen muscle:

Move it Monday
9.15-10.15am

Cawston Community
Centre, CV22 7GU

Feel Good Thursday
7.15-8.15 pm

Flecknoe Village Hall,
CV23 8AY

Friday's Rock!
9.15-10.15am

Cawston Community
Centre, CV22 7GU

All abilities welcome, just bring yourself, a drink and lots of enthusiasm! Term price £6 per session or pay as you go £7

Personal Training:

Invest in yourself by booking personal training sessions:

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