



Dunchurch Schools' Federation

Newsletter 15th May 2020

I am sure you will be aware of the government's announcement this week about schools being allowed to welcome back more pupils in a few weeks time. Over the last few days there has been a lot discussion about this and lots of viewpoints have been shared through different media. Personally, I am pleased at the prospect of us taking a step towards school returning to normal, but the plans are not without their challenges. The plan is that schools will hopefully have children in certain year groups returning from June 1st. It is worth stressing one point which has rarely been mentioned in the mainstream media: There are different expectations for different types of schools. For an infant school, the plan is for pupils in nursery and reception to return. It has widely been reported that year 1 pupils will return too, but this is only for primary schools. Therefore at Dunchurch Infants, year 1 pupils will not be among the first wave of children to return. Year 6 children will be the first to return at Dunchurch Boughton Juniors. In both schools, children of key workers and certain other invited children will continue to attend. The government has expressed a hope (one that I very much share) that all children will have the chance to attend school before the Summer holidays.

As pleased as I am about the prospect of more children returning, I am aware that there will be many people feeling anxious about their children returning. This week, myself and colleagues have started the process of writing a comprehensive risk assessment which will help us to identify actions needed to ensure children and adults are as safe as possible. It is important to note that it is not possible to eradicate all risk in any activity at any time, let alone during a pandemic, but I am confident that we can provide a suitably adapted school environment to allow more children to attend. In order to reassure parents about the steps we are taking, this risk assessment will be shared next week. We will then ask parents of eligible children to tell us if they intend for their child to attend. I hope that parents are happy for their children to attend, but I believe this is a decision that each family should make. The government has indicated that parents who choose not to send their child to school will not be penalised.

Work continues to be set for all children from the pre-school upwards. Over 90% of children are now engaging in the Seesaw platform and while it cannot replicate 'normal' school, the children are progressing in their learning. Last week I started uploading weekly celebration assemblies - they are available on each class' page. Hopefully they are a little reminder of 'normal' schooling.

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Woody's Blog

Hello Everyone

I hope you have had a good week and enjoyed your learning activities.

How did you do with the guessing game? I was in the staff room at the Infant School and in the first aid area at the Junior School.

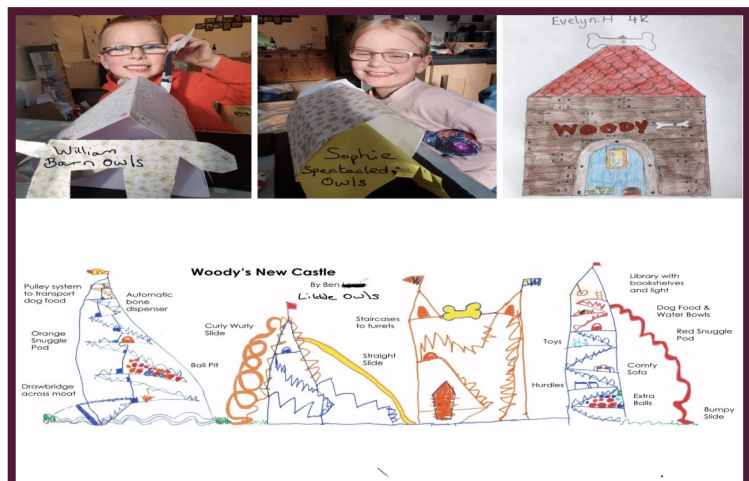
Can you see something different about me?.....I've been to the groomers and had a lovely haircut. I feel so much better and I know my family are very jealous as they all need a good haircut too!

I have had some more wonderful doggie house designs. As you can see from the photo, William and Sophie made an actual model of their houses which was fantastic. Evelyn designed a house with a giant bone on the top which I'm sure I would want to eat and Ben has created a very detailed doggie castle. The castle is full of fun things to do, with some snuggly sleep areas for me to relax. I particularly like the automatic bone dispenser. I'm going to ask Mr Dewes if I can have the castle built in the playground.

Keep up the good work boys and girls.



Love from Woody



Happy birthday to...

Meliny

Conor

Rachel

Alberto

Rocco

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery

Ashaz

Sofia

Elliot

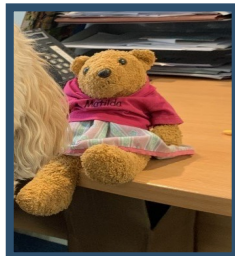
Happy
Birthday

Raja

Dunchurch Boughton C. of E. Junior School

Other News.

A New Friend for Matilda the Teddy Bear at the Junior School.



Matilda the Teddy Bear

Mrs Laithwaite has very kindly made us a new Junior School teddy. When we are all back at school, we will vote on a name, so try to think of some ideas. Our resident Junior School Teddy Matilda, now has a new friend so she is very happy!

Spirited Arts and Spirited Poetry Competition

Mrs Miller suggests this:

This is an exciting R.E. project that you can do at home. There are £25 prizes for the winners and your work may appear on the web gallery. The art you make should be all about your own ideas on a big religious or spiritual question. It can be 2D art, painting, drawing, pastel colours. It can be 3D fabric or sculpture, video art, music or poetry. More details can be found on the following website.

www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-2020/

WCC Family Information Service.

To access Warwickshire County Council's latest Family Information Service Newsletter, follow this link.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=e2b644c7e3>

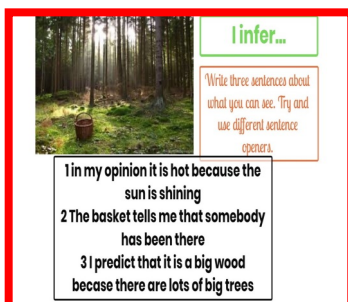
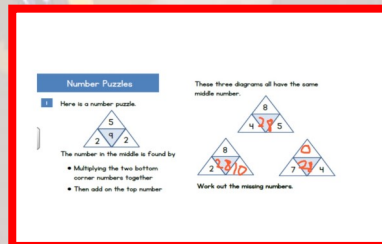
Virtual Balloon Race

Thank you to everyone who has bought a virtual balloon for our balloon race on 1st June. More information can be found by following the link below.

<https://www.dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk/home/virtual-balloon-race>

<https://www.dunchurchinfantschoolandnursery.co.uk/home/virtual-balloon-race-2020>

The Infants and Nursery



The Juniors

