

Schools' Federation

Newsletter 5th June 2020

This week we have welcomed more children back into school. Following on from the 15-20 children who have been attending each school, each day before June 1st, we now have 36 nursery children, 28 reception children and 45 year six children, as well as another 56 children whose parents are key workers. It's been a pleasure having more children in school; although markedly different to what we are all used to, it feels like we have made a significant step towards more normal times. Some parents have asked about when other year groups will be allowed to attend. For this, we are waiting for more guidance from the government. Initially, the Prime Minister expressed a hope that all years within the primary age range would attend some school before the Summer holidays. With the considerable objections raised by some quarters towards schools having more pupils, it may be that the government is less ambitious. Here in Dunchurch things are going well so far, but it is too early to commit to more year groups being allowed in at this stage. If possible I would like all children to have the chance to return, but we are not able to offer this yet.

I would like to thank the parents who gave up their time over half-term to help prepare the school. A group gave up around fifty hours between them and it would have been hard for school to be ready without their support. With their help we have marked one way systems internally and externally, removed excess furniture from some classrooms and made packs of resources for each child to have exclusive use of (so children aren't touching things touched by others). It was a great example of the school community coming together.

While there has been an inevitable focus on getting the school ready for those pupils returning, it is important that we don't forget pupils who are still learning at home. Work is still being uploaded to SeeSaw and in the latest 'Star of the Week' assemblies, we recognise children who are working at home as well those in school. As I have stressed before, I understand that where parents are able to send their children back they may well feel more comfortable not doing so at this time. I am pleased that both schools have been open to more pupils this week - without this parents concerned would have no choice at all - but there is no obligation or pressure to send your children back until you feel it is right.

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Woody's Blog

Hello Everyone

Well what an exciting week this has been. It was so lovely to welcome back Nursery, Reception and Year 6. You and the key worker children have all been amazing with your social distancing, using the one way systems, washing your hands and generally being super stars!

Well done to all the children still learning at home. I've seen some of your work on SeeSaw and it is fabulous, keep up the hard work and hopefully we will see you in school again soon.

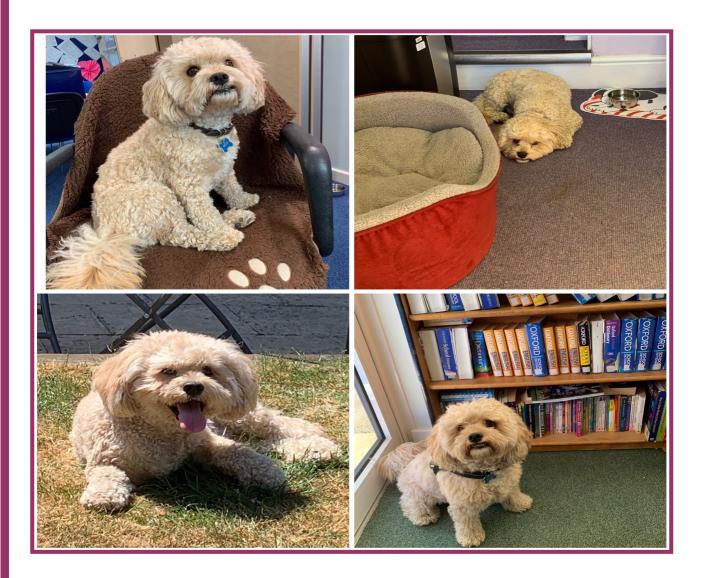
I have loved being back in the office. I've caught up on some sleep at the Infant School and supervised Mrs Beech's work at the Junior School.

We just need the sun to come out again. 🧕

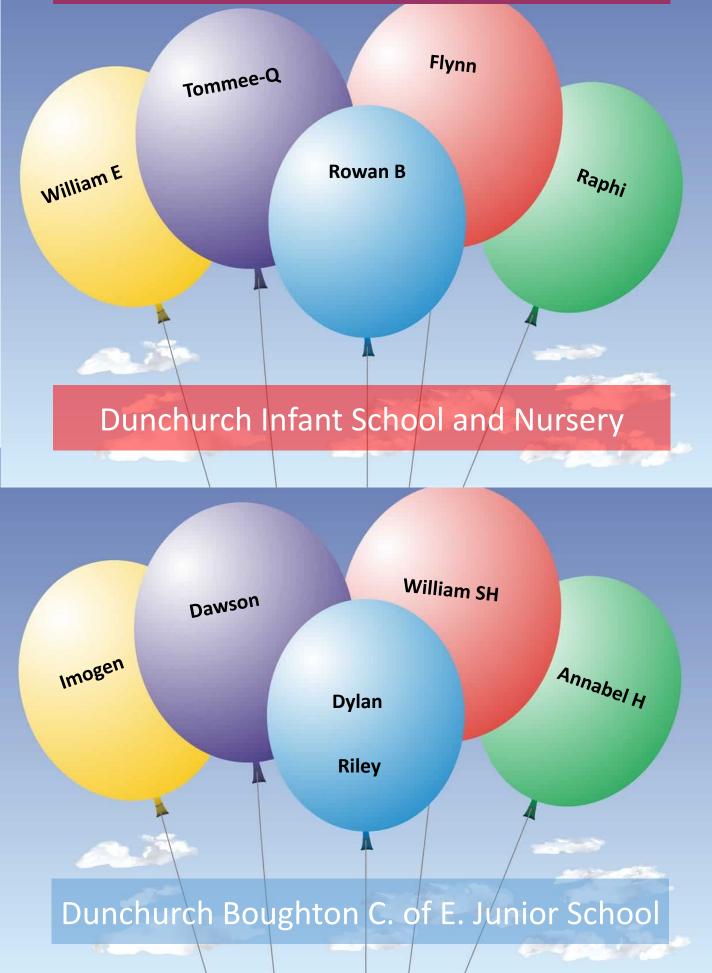
Have a lovely weekend.

Love from,

Woody. 💮



Happy birthday to...



Children In School









Key Worker Group from May 2020.





News.

Junior School New Starter Packs: Year 3 September 2020

Please can parents who have accepted a place for their child at Dunchurch Junior School in September 2020, return their Year 3 starter packs as soon as possible. Starter packs can be posted or emailed back to the Junior school. If you need any further information then please email the school office on Office@dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk.

Summer 2020 online tuition from Warwickshire Music Hub.

During the lockdown period, Warwickshire Music are unable to teach in schools. If pupils want to sign-up for online instrumental lessons from Warwickshire Music. Then please follow the link below for more information. <u>https://www.warwickshiremusichub.org/online-tuition</u>

Assemblies and Collective Worship

Our theme for this half term is Friendship.

Mrs Miller and Mrs Read have started to upload our assemblies and Collective Worship onto SeeSaw now for all children to watch. Thank you to all the children who have made lovely comments linked to this.

Junior School Fruit.

At the Junior school, the children normally have free fruit to eat at break times. Unfortunately our fruit company is not operating at the moment. The children are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit from home to have as a snack if they wish.

Well Done

Well done to Emily B in year 3 who has received a certificate from Warwickshire Music for outstanding work on Charanga.

Virtual Balloon Race

Dunchurch Junior and Dunchurch Infant School Virtual Balloon Races are now on. To follow the race live visit the below web addresses.

http://www.balloonrace.com/dunchurchinfant

http://www.balloonrace.com/dunchurchjunior

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



The Juniors















