



Newsletter 3rd July 2020

Earlier this week I wrote to parents to explain which teachers were teaching which classes next year. Probably the most important piece of news with regards to next year is that Sandra Barnes, will be retiring from her role as Head of School at Dunchurch Infants. Sandra has worked exceptionally hard throughout her time at the school and I owe her a great deal for all of the support she has given me over my time at Dunchurch. She has had a huge impact on the lives of hundreds of children and will be fondly remembered by almost a generation of children and their families. I am glad to say she will not be leaving completely. She will continue to be our special educational needs co-ordinator, working one day a week.

This week we have welcomed more children back into school. We now have around 130 children each day at the infant and nursery school and around 110 at the juniors. Apart from two who have medical conditions which preclude them from working on site, all of our teachers, teaching assistants and nursery assistants are working in school full time (or part-time for those who normally work part-time). As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the role of SeeSaw is changing as staff are more focused on what is happening on the school site. Teachers have worked extremely hard on SeeSaw, with over 43,000 pieces of work and submissions reviewed and commented on and a further 39,000 pieces reviewed and liked. Clearly children (and parents) have been working hard too!

You will have seen from an email earlier this week that we have been able to arrange a Summer School over the first four weeks of the holiday. This will be a mixture of fun childcare activities and small group or one-to-one teaching. We are using staff from both our schools and so those looking after your child will be familiar faces. We have carefully considered how we can safely run Summer School considering the continued risk of Coronavirus and measures similar to those currently being used in school will be put in place. If you would like to find out more or book a place, please click on [this link](#). The deadline is Monday at 4PM.

Yesterday the government announced details of how school should operate in September. Making detailed plans for September is difficult at the moment as much can change before then, but I am in agreement with government's ambition to have all children back in school by then. We will communicate more with parents in the coming weeks about what school will be like in September.

One of the reasons for us holding Summer School is that we know there is some anxiety over the amount of school missed. Parents may be interested in these [books available through Pearson](#). These are connected to the White Rose and Power Maths schemes which we structure our mathematics teaching around. The books have been designed to cover the key areas of the maths curriculum in each year group and help children to be ready for September. I would stress that there is no pressure or expectation for parents to buy or spend the summer working on maths or any area of the curriculum, this is just for parents who are interested. We will be using this book in Summer School. Parents may also be interested to know that we have extended our subscription for the Times Tables Rock Stars site, so parents at the juniors will be able to use this. Existing activities on SeeSaw will remain over the Summer too.

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Woody's Blog

Hello Everyone

I've been to the groomers this week and I feel so much better. Do you like my new haircut? There was great excitement this week as I heard some of the staff say they had a hair appointment too.....I must remember to tell Mr Dewes that the hairdressers have reopened!

I've been listening to some wonderful music in the hall at the Junior School, the children were so enthusiastic and the singing was amazing.

When I was having a little snooze in the office I think someone was watching me, can you see who it is?

Have a lovely weekend

Love from Woody



Happy birthday to...

Robert S

Dylan M

Arabella R

Johanna H

**Happy
Birthday**

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery

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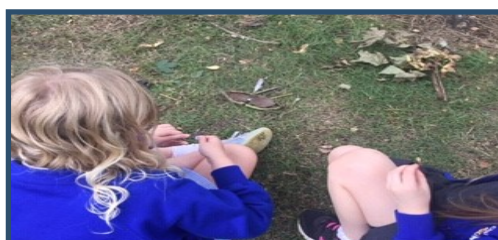
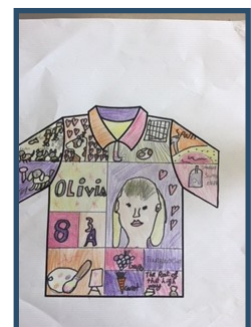
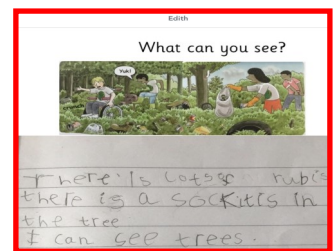
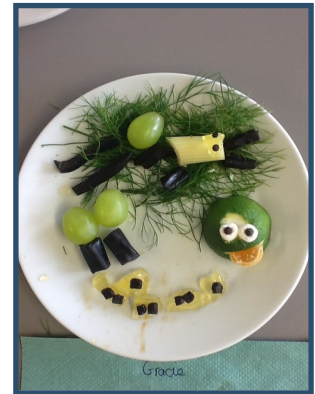
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Dunchurch Boughton C. of E. Junior School

Children In School



News

Video Tour of D.B.J.S. for Year 2 children

We have made a video tour of the school for year 2 children to watch. You should be able to view this on your child's SeeSaw account and it is also available on the Junior school website under the heading *Latest News*.

Photograph or picture

Please could all the children who are coming to D.B.J.S. send in a photograph of themselves or a drawing to office@dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk. We are making a display in school to welcome them and plan to take a photograph of the display to upload onto SeeSaw for them to see, before the summer holiday. Thank you Mrs. Miller.

Reading Book Returns

Please can children or parents return all school reading books to the entrance hall within the next two weeks. We did give extra books out to children at the start of Lock-down and would appreciate the return of these books so that the whole school can share them once more when the academic year starts in September.

Junior School Children Speech and Rhythm and Reading Project.

Opportunity to take part in a (new & online) prosody project! The Speech Rhythm and Reading project is looking for any children ages 7-11 who are interested in participating in an online study.

For any children who took part in the original prosody study: the study involves two 20 minute "computer game" literacy tasks.

For any children who did not take part in the original prosody study: the study involves a short 10-15 minute video call with the lead researcher to go through a word activity and answer any questions, and two 20 minute "computer game" literacy tasks.

After completing the tasks your child will receive a completion certificate and (optionally) be entered into a raffle to receive a goody-bag. If you think your child may be interested, or, if you would like more information, please follow this link:

https://ntupsychology.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6nzy2pQjRXDS9DL

Carry On Vaccinating

Help to protect against serious vaccine-preventable diseases

During Covid-19 local GPs have reported a drop in the uptake of pregnancy, infant and pre-school booster vaccinations in Warwickshire.

Attending routine vaccination appointments is important, as it helps to stop an outbreak of serious vaccine-preventable diseases such as Measles, Meningitis and whooping cough.

If you are pregnant or have young children, it's important that you continue to attend your scheduled vaccination appointments on time. If you cancelled these appointments during lockdown, please rebook now.

Your GP surgery will have all the necessary precautions in place to keep you and your child safe from COVID-19. If you have any questions about the steps they have put in place, why not talk to the receptionist to help ease your concerns.

Attending your routine vaccination appointments not only protects you and your children from very serious illnesses, but also protects more vulnerable people who would be at very great risk if they were to contract these diseases.

If you're unsure about the schedule and when vaccinations are due, check your child's Red Book or visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

For more information call your GP or text:

Warwickshire health visitors on CHAT **Health: 07520 615293** anytime (responses Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm).

Warwickshire school nursing on **03300 245 204** or text Parentline on **07520 619 376**.

A Message from Warwickshire Music

As Warwickshire Music are unable to come into school at present we have set up some free online taster lessons for any pupils who are interested in learning an instrument or having vocal lessons.

This is an ideal opportunity to talk to a music teacher one to one and ask questions. You will also be able to experience what an online lesson is like.

If you would like to sign your child up to a free online taster lesson please click through the link and complete the Microsoft Form. You will then be contacted with an allocated day and time slot and further information.

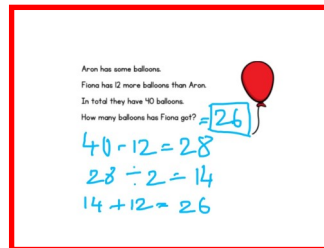
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WCC Family Information Service.

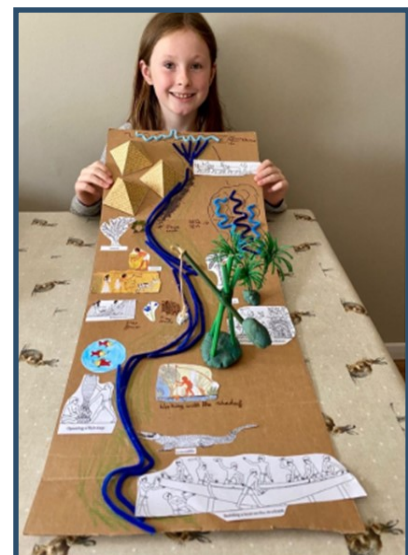
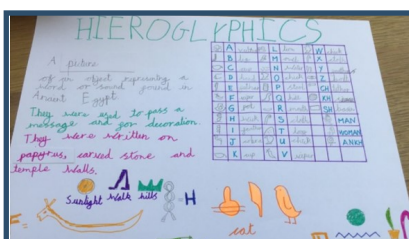
To access Warwickshire County Council's latest Family Information Service Newsletter, follow this link.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=42a62e992f>

Infants



Juniors



A Message From The Dunchurch Infant School & Nursery PTA.

Out with the old, in with the new,

It's time for something sponsored, what could you do?

In recent years we have all worked together as a school community - the parents and families, children, teachers and support staff - to raise funds each year for the school to spend on additional equipment and experiences that enhance the children's time at school.

We've learned a lot in 2020 including discovering what it takes to stop a PTA cake sale in it's tracks - a global pandemic - and consequently fundraising has been limited at a time when the school is incurring additional unforeseen costs and having to make all manner of changes to be able to welcome more and more children back to school.

Usually around this time, the PTA would hold a sponsored walk. The children are sponsored by their nearest and dearest to walk laps of the Junior school field to raise money for the school. This year we would like to do something a little different - "a sponsored something". We know the children enjoy raising money themselves and we know lots of families are looking for ways to engage and occupy children at home. We will be sharing updates on the PTA Facebook page (closed group for school families only) throughout the summer, so please share your ideas, photos etc - it can be another way for the children to be connected while they're apart

Could your child/ren be sponsored to....

- ♦ Cycle around Draycote Water
- ♦ Keep a tidy bedroom
- ♦ KidzBop dance marathon (other purveyors of squeaky stage school children singing are available)
- ♦ Read books
- ♦ Be silent
- ♦ Help clear up a green space
- ♦ Walk or run
- ♦ Complete football or rugby training drills
- ♦ Cosmic Kids yoga-athon
- ♦ Plank challenge
- ♦ Complete random acts of kindness

Any money raised through sponsorship or donated will be very gratefully received. We have set up a Justgiving page to make it easy to send in sponsorship money. Please take a look and share the page <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/dunchurchinfantschoolnurserypta>

We would like to raise more money so that there is a fund to spend on things that will make the return to school as enjoyable as possible for the children. As with so much in our world right now, we don't know exactly how things will be in September or exactly how the money will need to be used - it could be additional playground equipment to encourage more socially distanced play, classroom resources, virtual experiences to enhance learning.

We are acutely aware that many families within the school community will be feeling the pinch of the impact of the pandemic on the economy and that many people have already donated to support the fundraising efforts of the group of Reception parents who are doing a sponsored run / cycle / walk.

For families who can raise something to help the school bounce back better than before, we have set up a Justgiving fundraising appeal and all donations will be welcome. We would love your help by encouraging the children to do their own sponsored activities over the summer - I know I'll be lobbying my 6 year old to do a sponsored silence or perhaps a sponsored tidy up!