



Dunchurch
Schools' Federation
Newsletter 17th July 2020

As usual for this time of the year we are saying goodbye to some colleagues. There is a partial goodbye to Mrs. Barnes. As you know, Sandra is leaving her Head of School role at the Infants. After twenty- two years of outstanding service to education in Dunchurch, she will be enjoying some well earned time at home with her family, although still coming back one day a week in her role as Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. We have held a series of special events today to mark her last day with the children, see later in the newsletter for more. We are also saying goodbye to Emily Longbottom from Red Room in nursery. Emily is leaving us to work at Rokeby and we would all like to wish her the best for her new role.

We are also saying goodbye to some of our pupils. For those whom this is their last week, I wish you the best for the future. I am blessed to have been in Dunchurch long enough to have seen many of our year six pupils join the infants in reception or nursery and it's amazing to reflect on how much they have grown, learned and developed. We say goodbye to some children in other year groups too. Thank you for being part of our school community.

Over the recent period there has only been one newsletter going out for the two schools and nursery. I am interested in whether parents would like this to continue in September, there are pros and cons. If you could vote for your preference [in this survey](#), I would appreciate it.

The last few months have been challenging for everyone. Our main priorities has been having as many children in school as is safe to do so and ensuring that children have good quality online learning materials for when they are at home. The national figures for last week show 16.9% of children were attending school, whereas we have been averaging around 50% of pupils back across both schools, with approximately three-quarters of pupils coming back at some point before the break. The last few months have been a balancing act of trying to offer as extensive provision as we can, without compromising the health of children or staff. With (and I am hope I'm not tempting fate by writing this) no cases of coronavirus in our community and more children in school than any other setting I know, I think we have got things right. I am grateful to my colleagues for their support; without their commitment it would not have been possible for our schools to have operated so successfully. Thank you to them all. Thank you also for your support in adapting to the 'new normal' for schools. Later in the newsletter I have written about what school will be like in September.

We are open for Summer School in the first four weeks. As usual we have some work to improve the school sites over the break, particularly at the Juniors where we have carpenters improving the storage in each of the classrooms and new tables and chairs being delivered. I wish you and your families a happy and safe Summer.

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Woody's Blog

Hi Everyone

I can't believe it's the end of my third academic year. Looking at my school photo I was so small when I started, a bit like the Year 2 children.

Mrs Barnes is retiring today and I will really miss her as she always makes a fuss of me. Have a happy, healthy retirement Mrs Barnes and I suggest you get a dog so you can go for lots of walkies.

Good luck to those of you going to the Junior School, you will still see me and might even hear me bark! If you are going to a different school I want you to know that I will really miss you.

I've been a very lucky boy and had some lovely end of term presents. Can you see that I was licking my lips? Thank you so much for thinking of me.

Let's hope the sun shines throughout the summer holidays. Stay safe, have fun and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Love from Woody



After the holidays

Over the last week or two, myself and colleagues have been making plans for how the two schools will operate after the break. Risk assessments have been written and will be discussed at a meeting of the governing board in August. By then we expect more guidance to be released and we will then be able to finalise plans before sharing them with families. In the meantime, to give you an idea about what school is likely to be like in September, I have written the following summaries of our provisional plans to let you know how we will minimise risk for all.

(Where times for picking up or dropping off are stated, e.g. 8.50-9.00, parents can drop off at any point during that period.)

Things which are the same in both schools in September...

One-way systems will remain in place externally.

Deli bags still in use (or packed lunches from home), with lunches in the classroom.

Playgrounds will be split into areas so bubbles are kept apart.

No face-to-face parents' evenings in the Autumn term. We will hold phone consultations in early to mid-October to discuss where children are in their learning.

We will also send home a short written report.

If a child or staff member has symptoms we will no longer be sending home the rest of the bubble. This is in line with government guidance. We will send a bubble home if a test is positive.



Things to know about Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery in September...



There will be a multi-level bubble system. Children in year 1 and year 2 to be class bubbles for the majority of the time, but at times will be in year group bubbles, for example for before/after school care (more on this later). Children in nursery and reception will be in a whole nursery or whole reception bubble.

Start time to be staggered over 20 minutes. Nursery and reception 8.40-8.50, year 1 and 2 8.50-9.00. Pupils to come straight into school through a range of pre-determined entrances (all classes use exterior doors, except year 2, use playground doors).

Items brought from home are to be minimised. Some reading books allowed, but less than usual. Children to come into school wearing PE kit on their days for PE (we will advise you of this). Younger children not to bring in a change of clothes. Ensure pupils to bring only essential items into school.

One-way system will remain in place internally.

Staggered lunchtimes/rotas to segregate bubbles. (Nursery 11.30, reception 11.45, year 1 and year 2 12.10)

End time to be staggered over 20 minutes (nursery and reception 3.10-3.20, years 1 and 2, 3.20-3.30). Pupils to leave through a range of pre-determined entrances (year 1 use own doors and walk to the playground), reception and year 2 to use playground doors at different times). Children taken to playground to be collected, except nursery who can be collected from their rooms.

Before and after school wraparound care will be staffed by Owls staff, but will have to be in year group bubbles. One room in each year group will have children before/after school.

In year 2 children will sit in twos in their classroom and in rows, not L or U shapes. Nursery, reception and year 1 children will not sit in rows as we don't think it is appropriate at their age.

The playground will be zoned by year group bubble.

Things to know about Dunchurch Boughton C. of E. Junior School in September...

The inside of the school will be split into zones. Each year group will have their own space, which other year groups won't enter. They will also have their own toilets with the exception of years 5 and 6 who will share. The computer room will be the one shared inside area and it will only be used by one year on any given day. Zones mean there is no need for one-way system internally.



Start time to be staggered over 25 minutes (8.35-8.45 - year 3 and 5, 8.45-9.00 - years 4 and 6). Pupils to come straight into school through a range of pre-determined entrances which we'll share with you in August.

PE kit to be brought in and stored in the classroom. No pencil cases. Ensure pupils to bring only essential items into school. Children to have reading books which are brought in on certain days.

Staggered lunchtimes to segregate bubbles. Years 3 and 5 eat at 12.30, years 4 and 6 at 1.00.

Before and after school care will be available from 8AM and until 6PM. It will be staffed by WOOSH staff, but will it will be in year group bubbles.

Children will stay in their classes for the first two weeks at least, no maths sets during this time.

Children will sit in twos in their classroom and will be in rows. This is to stop children sitting adjacent to each other.

PE will be outside, not in the hall.

Staggered breaks for different year groups (Years 3 and 5 at 10.55-11.10 and years 4 and 6 at 11.15-11.30.)

End time to be staggered over 20 minutes. Year 3 and 5 at 3.20, Year 4 and 6 at 3.30. Pupils to leave through a range of pre-determined entrances year 3 and 6 picked up from lower KS2 playground (the one nearest Don Cerce Close), years 5 and 4 picked up from the upper KS2 playground. Children taken to lower KS2 playground to be collected, except those who are walking home themselves through Sandford Way entrance. Children who walk home themselves to exit through either gate using one way system. External one way system.

This is not an exhaustive list, but I hope it reassures parents about September. I will write to parents again with more details in August.

Ian Dewes

Happy birthday to...

George B

Sophia W

Tayana M

Happy
Birthday

Zuzanna K

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery

Andy P
Lacie W

Fankie B

Joseph M

Renae T

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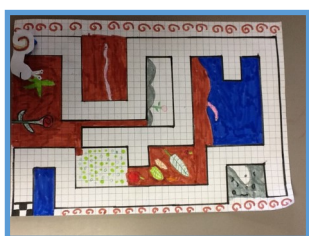
Dunchurch Boughton C. of E. Junior School

A Message from Sandra Barnes

I would like to say thank you so much for the kind thoughts, words, cards and presents from the children, staff and parents of Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery. I've really enjoyed being a teacher, deputy, and head of school here. I've worked with many wonderful staff, children and parents over the last 22 years and I know that I will miss coming here everyday and seeing you all. Thank you.



Children In School



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Attachments

DBJS Virtual Sports Day Results, Compass Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service, DISN PTA Thank You Poster

School Admissions - September 2021

We would like to bring to the attention of prospective parents a variation to the schools admission policy for September 2021 due to the on going Corona Virus Pandemic, relating to church attendance. The updated policy is available on the school website:

<https://www.dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk/school-information/admissions>



Dunchurch Boughton C of E (VA) Junior School - Admissions

Appeals. As a Voluntary Aided Junior school, Dunchurch Boughton C of E (VA) Junior school is its own admission authority, consequently the procedure for appeals is slightly different to that of maintained schools. www.dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk

DBJS Virtual Sports Day

Well done to everyone who participated in this year's Virtual Sports Day. It was great to see so many children taking part in the various challenges. Hopefully everyone had lots of fun- this was the main aim. For the competitive amongst us, please see the results tables below. For a full round-up, please see this week's newsletter attachments.



Whole School House Results

Position	House	Score
1	Waring	3083
2	Boughton	2792
3	Arkwright	2114
4	Scott	2107

A Message From The Junior School Music Teacher.

Dear Parents/Carers,

In normal circumstances, we would have already contacted you with regards to uptake for instrumental lessons for next academic year. However, owing to the current situation, it has not been possible to do so thus far.

Once plans have been finalised and shared for the wider opening of school, we will turn our attention to resuming instrumental lessons, and will communicate a start date for these as soon as we are able to do so.

Kind regards,

Mrs Louise Fairbrother (Music DBJS)

Well Done.

Well done to Amelia B for singing on V.E. day to the whole of her street. A member of her local community phoned school to say how fantastic this was.

A Big Thank You and Congratulations to the *Walk, Run and Ride* Fund Raising Group

Congratulations to all 14 volunteers who participated in the *Walk, Run and Ride* Fundraiser. Collectively completed a distance of 1400km, raising a total of £1,500 for the school - almost £1 per km!



If you would like to add a contribution to their fundraising total, you can still do so by following this [link](#).

A Message From Dunchurch Scout Group.

The Dunchurch Scout Group will shortly be saying thank-you and goodbye to four of its long serving members. To continue providing services to the local community we desperately need new volunteers in any capacity. If you want to be involved in a warm, friendly community group and enjoy rewarding work with young people - look no further. Meetings virtual for the time being, plenty of time to get up to speed.

Please register your interest at join@dunscout.org.uk



A Message From Dunchurch Schools Federation.

All the staff at Dunchurch Infant School & Nursery alongside Dunchurch Junior School, wish you a safe and enjoyable summer break.

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Wednesday 2nd September**.

We wish all of the Year 2 and Year 6 children luck at their new schools.

Thank you

The staff would like to thank everyone for the very generous gifts, good wishes and lovely cards we have received. They are all much appreciated.



Infants

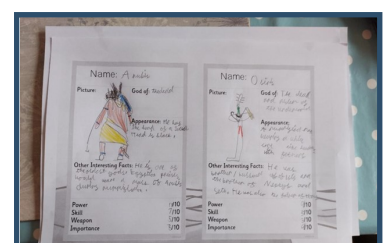
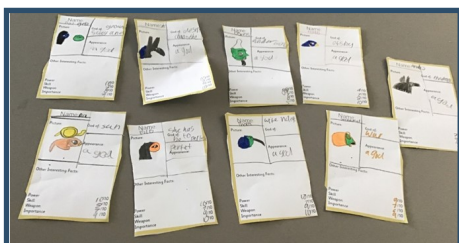
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Juniors



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