



## Dunchurch Schools' Federation

Newsletter 10th July 2020

As you will know from last week's newsletter Mrs. Barnes is retiring from her Head of School role this Summer. After many years of outstanding service finding a replacement has been hard, but I am pleased to announce Suzanne Marson will be returning to Dunchurch Infants on a part-time basis, along with her role with her position at Leamington Hastings. Mrs. Marson worked with us in Dunchurch until 2018 and will bring a lot of expertise to the Infant school. Mrs. Miller will spend part of her week at the Infants alongside Mrs. Marson, sharing the Head of School role between them. Mrs. Miller will spend the rest of the week at the Juniors alongside Mrs. Read.

There continues to be much talk in the media about how education will work in the new school year. It is too early to give precise details of what school will be like in September but I am hopeful that a first draft of our procedures will be available to parents before the end of next week. Myself and senior colleagues will meet in August and review any changes needed in light of guidance released during the holiday. We will also consider local rates of infection. At that point we will finalise plans for September and meet the governors to secure their approval. We will then send further communication to parents, most likely a week or so before the start of term.

Despite the restrictions placed on us by the pandemic we are doing what we can to ensure the sorts of events children would normally experience are able to take place in one form or the other. For example recently we've held virtual sports 'days' (staggered over a week) at both schools using the seesaw platform and we've been having assemblies recorded or live streamed into classrooms. We are particularly mindful that for many children these are the last few days in their school and we're doing what we can to make sure these days are special and we mark this important milestone in their lives.

We have had a phenomenal interest in our holiday club, with typically between fifty and sixty children booked in each day. This has created some logistical challenges in terms of our plans, but we are now in a position to send out confirmations to those parents who requested places. You should receive them today.

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## Woody's Blog

Hi Everyone

Matilda and I went on a little adventure at the Junior School in the rain this week. I made sure we took an umbrella as we didn't want to get wet. Can you guess where we are?

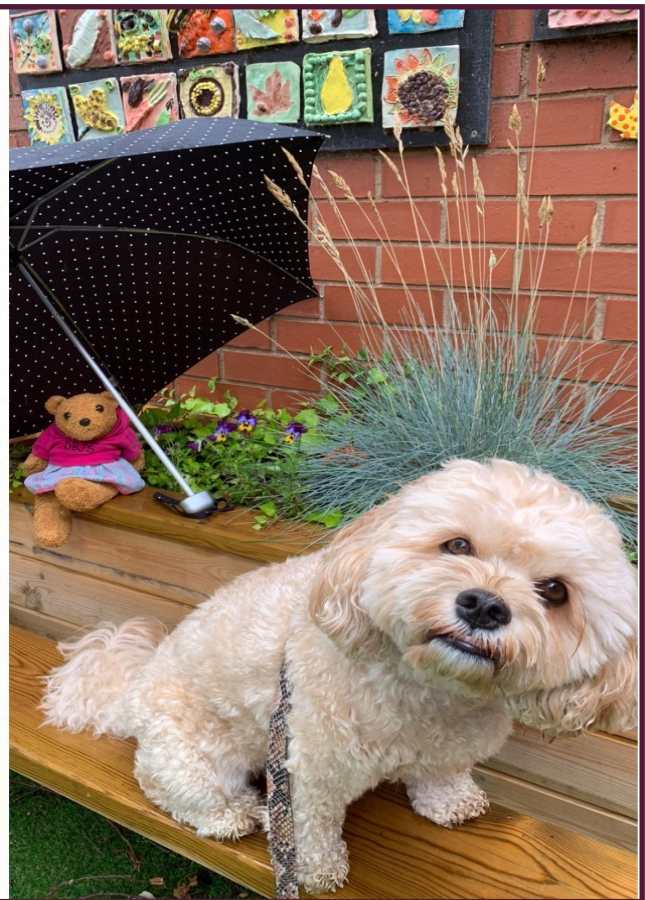
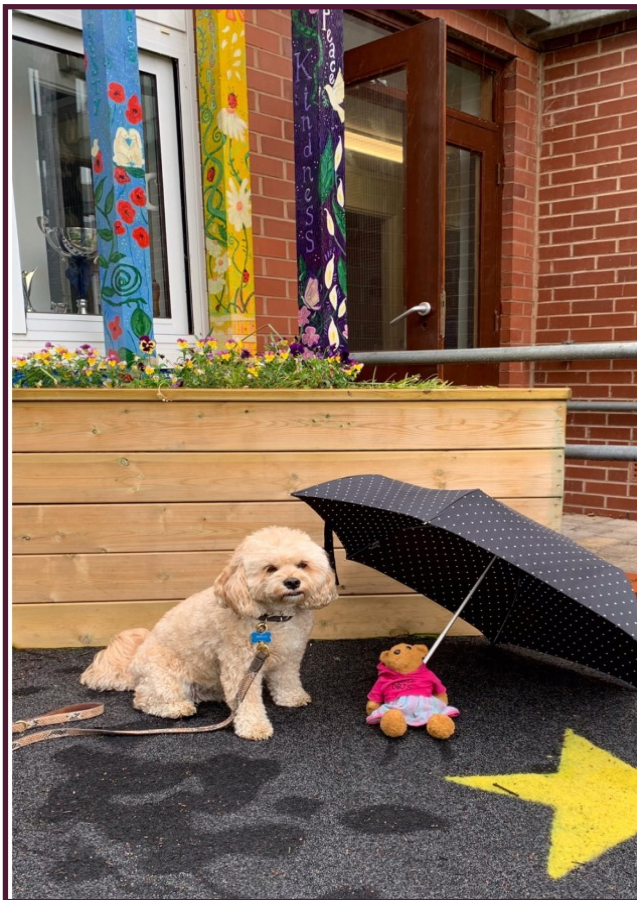
I have also been in front of the camera helping the Year 6 leavers make some special memories, it was great fun.

I had a bit of a fright at the Infant School this week! I was going up the corridor and all of a sudden I could hear a loud voice coming from all the classrooms. I soon realised it was Mr Dewes streaming our assembly into each classroom. He was talking about whether some rules were silly or good. I agreed with the children that washing your hands regularly was a really good rule.

Only one week left until the Summer holidays



Love from Woody



# Happy birthday to...

**Dylan M**

**Carolina C**

**David K**

**Happy  
Birthday**

**Freddie A**

**Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery**

**Kara A**

**Sienna-Rose**

**Martha D**

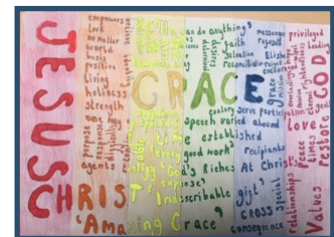
**Esme O**

**Leah A**

**Dunchurch Boughton C. of E. Junior School**



# Children In School



## **News**

### **Reading Book Returns**

Please can children or parents at the Junior School, return all school reading books to the entrance hall within the next week. 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.



Can all of the Infant School children either return their school books to the Infant School main reception or if in school, outside of your child's classroom.

### **Children Starting in Reception at the Infant School September 2020.**

If you have not yet returned your child's reception starter forms to the Infant School, then please do so before the end of term. You can either email the forms to the Infant School or return hard copies to the school office.

### **Children Starting in Year 3 at the Junior School September 2020.**

If you have not yet returned your child's year 3 starter forms to the Junior School, then please do so before the end of term. You can either email the forms to the Junior School or return hard copies to the school office.

Can we also request that if you have not already done so, you confirm your child's attendance at the Teddy Bear's Picnic on 16th July at the Junior School.

If you have any questions please contact us on [01788 811028](tel:01788811028) or email us at [office@dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk](mailto:office@dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk)

### **Collection of School Books and PE Kits At The Junior School.**

We will be putting any children's full exercise books and PE Kits into the entrance hall next week, if any parents want to collect them. The days for collection are:

Tuesday- Year 4

Wednesday- Year 5

Thursday- Year 6 (children not in school)

Friday- Year 3

If children are in school, they will be given their full books and PE Kits to bring home during next week.

### **Return Activity On-Line Forms Year 6**

Can year 6 parents please reply to the on-line form sent out on Wednesday 8th July. Completed forms need to be returned by Sunday 12th July.

### **The FORTITUDE Research Project for the Junior School Children.**

The FORTITUDE research project is based at the University of Leicester and is working to build up children and young people's ability to deal with law-related issues they encounter in their day to day lives.

Some of our pupils at the Junior School were involved in this project before lockdown, and the project will continue in person and online next year.

The FORTITUDE Team is making a short film about the project and they would like to feature short clips from as many children as possible in this film.

If your child is interested in being involved, please email Professor Dawn Watkins at [fortitude@le.ac.uk](mailto:fortitude@le.ac.uk) by 17th July 2020 or call her on 0116 223 1082.

### **Congratulations**

#### **The Rugby School Poetry Prize 2020**

Congratulations to Francesca in Year 5, who has been Highly Commended for her entry into this year's Rugby School Poetry Prize. Well done Francesca.

### **Owls Club Forms**

Owls Club forms have gone out to all parents, please return before 17th July 2020.

### **Woosh Bookings Before and After School Club at the Junior School.**

If you require Woosh places for your child/ren starting September 2020, please complete the online form (link below) by Monday 13th July.

[Woosh 2020-2021 Booking Form](#)

### **Friday 17th July 2020.**

Friday 17th July is the last day of term and both schools will finish at their usual times. Both the Infant and Junior Schools start back for pupils on Wednesday 2nd September, as Tuesday 1st September is a Teacher Training Day.

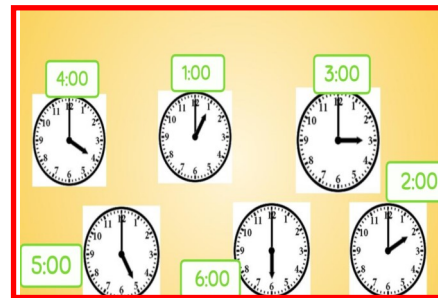
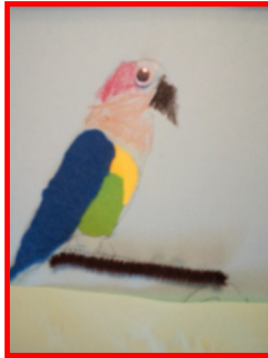
### **WCC Family Information Service.**

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

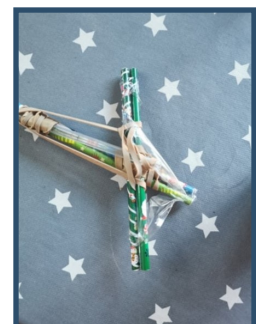
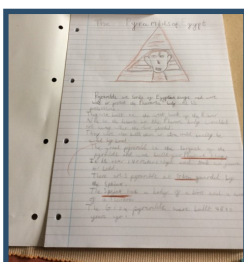
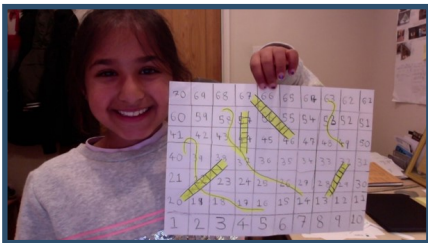
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## Infants



## 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 Just-giving 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!