

Dunchurch Schools' Federation News



Newsletter

You will have noticed some changes to this week's newsletter. After temporarily having one single newsletter for both Dunchurch Infants and Juniors, I polled parents in July to see whether they would like to continue with this arrangement. There was an excellent response - 186 people - with a slight preference (52%) for having separate newsletters. However, a significant number of the 52% added a comment saying they would be happy with one newsletter with a layout that clearly set out an Infant and Nursery section and Junior section. You will see that each page of the newsletter has a border - red for the Infants and Nursery and blue for the Juniors - as is the uniform. Federation wide information, such as this page, has purple. I hope this arrangement works well for you.

Should I send my child to school?

We have had many parents contact us each day this week to explain their child's, or someone else in their family's, ailments or potential ailments. Clearly there is lots of uncertainty at the moment and I appreciate the fact that parents are taking seriously the potential of spreading coronavirus. To help give some clarity about when a child should or shouldn't be in school, the next page has a table listing potential scenarios and the corresponding advice from Public Health. This is, of course, subject to change, but I hope it will help you make decisions if your child is unwell, particularly as we head towards winter when the common cold will become more prevalent and it will be difficult to know the difference between coronavirus and something less serious.

Parents at the Junior School were informed yesterday of a confirmed case of coronavirus in year 4. I am pleased to say that the child in question is well and has only had mild symptoms. The child has not attended school since last Friday and as their symptoms didn't develop until after a 48 hour period of absence from school, Public Health England have assured us that there is no risk of the children in the particular bubble contacting the virus. It is inevitable that there will be more cases in the coming months, but I would reassure parents that our bubble system is working well and this means where outbreaks occur, children in other year groups will not have had contact with the child concerned.

Car Parking

We have had a number of complaints about the way some parents are parking their vehicles at the start and end of the day. Mostly these complaints have been raised by other parents. Please consider others when parking. From next week we will continue to publish photos of irresponsible car parking as before summer.

Parent emails

During lockdown we set up year group email addresses to make it easier for parents to contact teachers. These email addresses are no longer monitored, so if you would like to contact a class teacher, please do so through the relevant office addresses, either office@dunchurchinfants.co.uk or office@dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk. Nursery parents can email natalieherbert@dunchurchinfants.co.uk.

Coronavirus changes

Every day myself and colleagues discuss how well arrangements are working. Sometimes these discussions lead to changes and below are some changes we are making this week or next:

PSHE Jigsaw Scheme

The Federation are using a new P.S.H.E. scheme of work at both the junior and infant school from September. Please see the attached parent information sheet.

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Change	Which school does this apply to?	Reason for change	Change from...
When parents visit the office, they should wear a mask.	Both	To protect our office staff. We are having quite a few parents come to the office, meaning these colleagues are at risk.	Monday 14 th September
On days when PE kit is needed children should come in their kit, rather than their usual school uniform.	The Juniors (Infants already do this.)	We are keeping the number of bags brought into school to a minimum. PE bags also take up space in the classroom.	Monday 14 th September
Children attending WOOSH will now use the usual WOOSH entrance (from the upper playground) and use the hall instead of classrooms.	The Juniors	This is largely because it has been hard to adequately supervise children in different parts of the school. To ensure children stay in their year group bubbles, the hall will be divided into year group areas.	Monday 14 th September

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A reminder that the symptoms for coronavirus are recognised as:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Situation	Isolate
1. I have tested positive for COVID-19	Yes (for 10 days, +48hr after temperature resolves)
2. I have developed symptom and not tested yet.	Yes (until you test negative, if the test is positive see above)
3. I have been told I am a close contact of a case	Yes (for 14 days, unless you develop symptoms and test positive, then see above)
4. A house hold member has developed symptoms and has not tested yet.	Yes (until they test negative, if test is positive isolate for 14 days)
5. A household member has been told to isolate as a close contact.	No. (be vigilant, if they start to feel unwell you will need to isolate until they test and its negative)
6. I visited someone, within 2m, who has now been told to isolate as a close contact.	No. (The person was not symptomatic, if within 48 hrs of the visit they develop symptoms and test positive follow number 3.)
7. I am a close contact of someone who tested positive, I've got tested however and I was negative.	Yes (for 14 days, unless you develop symptoms and test positive, then see above)
8. My sibling in another class and needs to self isolate due to a COVID-19 positive case in their class. I am in a different class	No. (They are not themselves a close contact of a positive case, if their sibling develops symptoms they will need to isolate)
9. My nan is unwell and I saw her 2 days ago.	Maybe. (Need to check if the nan had COVID-19 symptoms, a positive test result and whether they were a close contact. If they were none of those then no. If they test positive then follow number 3.)

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Hi Everyone

I'm pleased to report that I've been allocated to a bubble in each school. I will be working in Nursery at the Infants and Year 3 at the Juniors. This will happen on different days. Rest assured my coat will be washed and brushed each evening and my collar and lead will be sanitised. We all need to keep each other safe, so hand washing will be vital before and after my visit. Please remember to send in your signed permission slips so we can have some fun and work together again.

Have a lovely weekend after your first full week in school. Well done everyone, love from Woody



Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery News



Diary Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	After next week
After School Clubs Yr2 French— 3.30pm to 4.30pm— collec- tion from play- ground		After School clubs Yr1&2 Football— 3.15pm to 4.45pm— collection from back of hall	After School Clubs Yr1&2—3.15pm to 4.45pm— collection from back of hall		

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD

Awarded to Little Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Lodge's class for keeping their classroom and working environment the cleanest and tidiest throughout this week!

Awarded by our caretaker, Mr Haggan, and his assistant, Mrs Turtle

Term Dates

Half term— 26th—30th October

Teacher Training day—Friday 27th November

Please do not park on the zigzags outside the front of the school between
the hours of:
7am – 6pm

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Congratulations to:

PLEASE BRING IN ANY CERTIFICATES / ACHIEVEMENTS THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN AWARDED OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TO SHARE ON OUR NEWSLETTER.

WELL DONE!

Welcome Back from the PTA

For everything PTA related please watch this space in the weekly newsletter where we will share information with you about fundraising events, how funds are being spent in school, how you can get involved and support your school and how to get in touch with the PTA.

We are here to add to school life by running fun activities that enrich the children's experience at school and raising money that can be spent on resources. In recent years, funds raised by the PTA have been used to buy IT equipment, purchase games and equipment, and install new out-

This year, more than ever, we will need your help. The PTA committee is looking for new volunteers to get involved and for new ideas for how we can adapt PTA activities to suit 2020 life. Would you like to join us? Please email dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com for more information. We know that our meetings will be virtual for now so if you can join us on Zoom to find out more, please drop us an email. There will be an AGM meeting scheduled in the coming weeks

You can also find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DunchurchInfantandNurseryPTA> where we will share information about upcoming activities and

Over the summer, we suggested some children might like to do "Something Sponsored" to raise money to support the school. A huge thanks to the families that have donated their sponsorship money - at the time of writing £155 has been raised. The just giving page is still live so to donate please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/dunchurchinfantschoolnurserypta>

The PTA second hand uniform 'shop' is up and running again. Please contact Anna Buckland or the PTA facebook page if you have any requirements.

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C. of E. Junior School News



Diary Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	After next week
After School Clubs Tri-Golf Year 3 3.30-4.30pm Dodgeball Year 5 3.30-4.30pm Mixed Football Year 6 3.30-4.30pm	After School Clubs Tri-Golf Year 3 3.30-4.30pm Dodgeball Year 5 3.30-4.30pm Mixed Football Year 6 3.30-4.30pm	New to Year 4 TEAMS Meeting 7pm New to Year 6 TEAMS Meeting 7.30pm After School Clubs Dodgeball Year 4 3.30-4.30pm Mixed Football Year 4 3.30-4.30pm Mixed Football Year 5 3.30-4.30pm	After School Clubs DM Football Year 3 3.30-4.45pm French Year 4 3.30-4.30pm Construction Year 5 3.30-4.30pm Dodgeball Year 6 3.30-4.30pm	Year 3 Roald Dahl Fancy Dress Day After School Clubs Dodgeball Year 3 3.30-4.30pm	Year 6 visit to Blists Hill Victorian Town Basketball After School Club Start date TBC

13th October Parent Consultations

15th October Parent Consultations

20th October Individual Photos

Half Term 26th – 30th October 2020

27th November Teacher Training Day

Attachments

Den Letter to Parents

PSHE Introduction to Jigsaw.

Electronic Letters and Forms Home.

Year 3 Roald Dahl Dress up day and Year 6 Blists Hill.

Email messages.

If you have an urgent message to pass to the school such as a change of home time arrangements on the day, please phone the school office on 01788 811028 rather than sending an email.

Football After School Clubs. Week beginning 14th September.

All children who have requested spaces in Mr. James' and Mrs. Clusker's after school clubs have been allocated places.

Pick up times for those children will be 4.30pm from their usual year group collection points.

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Instrumental Lessons for 2020 - 2021 - Important Update

Owing to COVID-19 restrictions, instrumental lessons are taking a little longer to organise and implement this year. However, we are hoping to have guitar, violin, keyboard/piano, brass, drum-kit and woodwind lessons up and running by mid-October.

As in previous years, lessons take place during curriculum time, i.e. children come out of their classroom to go to their instrumental lesson. Please take this into account when considering whether instrumental lessons are the right option for your child.

Both individual and group lessons will be on offer, with the latter being taught in "bubbles".

Please be reassured that all visiting instrumental staff will be briefed with regards to our ongoing COVID-19 safeguarding practices.

Mondays (starting 14th September): Guitar lessons with Mr Butler (letters have been emailed out).

Tuesdays and Wednesdays (starting w/b 21st September) : Violin and Keyboard/Piano lessons with Independent Music Solutions (letters have been emailed out).

Thursdays (provisionally starting early October): Brass lessons (morning) and Drum-kit lessons (afternoon) with Warwickshire Music.

Fridays (provisionally starting early October): Woodwind lessons with Warwickshire Music.

Please contact the school office if you require a guitar, violin/keyboard/piano letter. We are currently awaiting further information from Warwickshire Music so are unable to email out letters for brass, drum-kit or woodwind at this time.

P. E Kit

Please could the children wear plain black, grey or blue joggers or shorts, a white t-shirt and a black, grey or blue sweatshirt to school on the days they come to school in their P.E. Kit.

PE days are as follows:

Year 3 3R Monday and Thursday & 3JT Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 Wednesday and Friday

Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 Wednesday and Friday.

Star of the Week.

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards:

Serah T, Mason C, Molly W,

Sofia C, Emelia-Grace F,

Han W and Elliot S.

