

# Dunchurch Schools' Federation News



We have tried hard to balance the necessity of taking COVID-related precautions with the desire to offer something close to our usual curriculum. Safety of course comes first but there are times when we are able to offer some elements of a 'normal' education which other schools may not be able to. To this end we have made the following decisions:

- Reception and nursery have been kept in year group bubbles, rather by class, in order to access the full range of indoor and outdoor continuous provision.
- Specialist teaching of sport, music and (at the Juniors) French has continued.
- Some extra-curricular activities have resumed.
- One trip (Blist Hill for Year 6) has taken place.

Although we are delighted that the year six trip was able to go ahead, this was largely down to it being outdoors, something which is not going to be the case for other trips we would expect to have over the course of the year. With this in mind, teachers are thinking of creative ways of enriching the curriculum. For example, Year 5 have had some Mayan artefacts delivered to school to support their history topic. Other plans are being made and we will let you know about this in the near future.

Some other changes which you may be interested in:

School	Change	Reason for the change
Dunchurch Infants	Each class will have one day a week where they are able to access the computer room facilities. (Reception will do this later in the year.)	Now our computer room has been fully equipped with new equipment (see later in newsletter for how the PTA have helped with this) it can be used again. To do this in a safe way, each class will have a particular day and the room will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day.
Dunchurch Juniors	Children's reading diaries will only need to come into school one day a week – the day your child changes their book.	This is to reduce the times staff and parents are touching reading diaries closely after someone else has touched it.

A further clarification relates to how we will deal with the colder weather. We have been thinking carefully about heating. Throughout much of the pandemic, the approach has been to have windows and doors open and the heating off, but clearly this has become more difficult as the weather has turned and will only be more so as we head towards winter. After seeking advice, we have decided to have the following approach:

1. Windows will be kept closed while there are no children in the class, e.g. before/after school.
2. Doors (internal) will be kept open during the day. Windows to be open as much as is sensible, with the person in charge of the class to make this judgement. More ventilation is obviously good, but we appreciate that as we head towards winter, we don't want children to be cold and uncomfortable in class.
3. Heating will be on whenever it is cold (essentially from now on).

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## Woody's Blog

*Hello Everyone*

It's been very busy in the office this week. While Mr Dewes popped out I thought I'd step in to chair the meeting.

I've had a lovely time in nursery where the children fed me tiny treats. I did very well as I think I had 15 in total! Mrs Carrington's class sat beautifully while they listened to a story all about me and then asked some questions.

I've had a lovely week, I hope you have too.

Have a good weekend.

*Love from Woody* 🐶



# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery News



## Diary Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Football— 3.15pm to 4.45pm— collection from back of hall	

## Term and Diary Dates

Parent Consultation meetings— week commencing 19th October

Half term— 26th—30th October

Parent Evening Virtual Year Group meetings—Wednesday 4th November

Individual School and Nursery Photos—Tuesday 10th November

NHS Flu Nasal vaccination (school children) - Monday 23rd November

Teacher Training day—Friday 27th November

## WEEKLY GREEN AWARD

### Awarded to Barn Owls

Well done to children in Mrs Rawes and Mr Coppillie'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

## NEW POST BOX

We now have post boxes on the outside wall near the Year 2 doors and on the wall by our school Main Reception. Please use these if you have any correspondence for the office, PTA or clubs. The box is locked & will be emptied daily.

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## Attachments

Dinner Menu: Week beginning 5th October is **BLUE** week 3.

## Covid Test Results.

If you test positive for Covid 19/coronavirus, please contact the school immediately via email to the following address: [jandewes@dunchurchfederation.co.uk](mailto:jandewes@dunchurchfederation.co.uk)

## School Office

If it is essential to visit the school office then you will need to wear a mask. All paper correspondence (including after school forms etc ) should be given to the class teachers or put in one of the post boxes.

We appreciate your extra care in the mornings in making sure your child has their lunch boxes, water bottle and book bag before they come into school, thus avoiding unnecessary visitors to the office with forgotten items. Thank you for helping us to keep our school a safer place.

## Revised Lunch Menu From Educaterers

From Monday 5th October the children only be able to have a Hot Deli bag.

## Parent Consultation Appointments

This term these appointments are going to be telephone consultations on the following days:-

Nursery and Reception children—Monday and Tuesday evenings

Year 1 and 2—Wednesday and Thursday evenings

Appointments will booked online through our Parents Evening system and will go live on Thursday 8th October.

To log in you will need your first name and surname, plus your child's date of birth. We recommend that you log in for the first time before the 8th October, so that you can contact the school office to try and resolve any log in issues before the booking system 'goes live'.

Please add you preferred contact telephone number for the appointment in the *Appointment Messages* option on the booking screen. The on-line booking system is available here:

**<https://dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>**

Each appointment is 10 minutes long and will be a telephone consultation between parents and teachers and no meetings will be face to face.

## Parents Year Group English, Phonics and maths virtual meeting

On Wednesday 4th November, in the evening, we will be hosting a 30 minute Microsoft Teams meeting for you to better understand the above subjects and how to support your child. A link will be sent nearer the time for you to join the meeting.

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE ONE WAY SYSTEM OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL**  
**ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BRING A WATERPROOF COAT INTO SCHOOL**  
**EACH DAY**

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

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## 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 R** Tuesday

**Year 1** Monday and Wednesday

**Year 2** Thursday and Friday

## Book Bags

**Year R** Thursday and Friday **AFTER HALF TERM**

**Year 1** Monday and Wednesday

**Year 2** **TAWNY**—Tuesday / **SPECTACLED**—Thursday

## **Congratulations to:**

**Daniel L—Old Laurentian RFC certificate and medal**

**WELL DONE!**

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Although our fundraising activities last year were cut short, as a school community we raised over £2500 which has been used to purchase some new IT equipment. The children are going to make good use of the new computers.

Next meeting: The PTA is holding its AGM via zoom this year. It will be on Tuesday 6th October at 8pm. Would you like to come along? Feel free to supply your own drinks and nibbles! All are welcome and we would especially like to invite parents who are new to the school this year to come and find out about the PTA. It is a great way to get to know the school even better.

Now more than ever, the PTA needs your input and with meetings being held remotely, perhaps you can get involved? To receive the link for the AGM via zoom please contact [dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com](mailto:dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com) or the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DunchurchInfantandNurseryPTA>

School Logo'd Uniform - the PTA second hand uniform 'shop' is up and running again and we would like your donations of outgrown logo'd uniform please. Please contact Anna Buckland or the PTA facebook page if you have any requirements.

# Dunchurch Boughton

## C. of E. Junior School News



### Diary Dates

Monday 5th	Tuesday 6th	Wednesday 7th	Thursday 8th	Friday 9th	After next
<p>After School Clubs</p> <p>Tri-Golf Year 3 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Dodgeball Year 5 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Mixed Football Year 6 3.30-4.30pm</p>	<p><b>Individual School Photographs</b></p> <p>After School Clubs French Year 3 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Art &amp; Craft Year 4 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>DM Football Year 5 3.30-4.45pm</p> <p>DM Football Year 6 3.30-4.45pm</p>	<p><b>Parents' Consultation</b> <b>Bookings close at 4pm</b></p> <p>After School Clubs Dodgeball Year 4 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Mixed Football Year 4 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Mixed Football Year 5 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Hot Shots Basket Ball Year 3 3.30-4.15pm Year 5 4.30-5.15pm</p>	<p>After School Clubs DM Football Year 3 3.30-4.45pm</p> <p>DM Football Year 4 3.30-4.45pm</p> <p>French Year 4 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Construction Year 5 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Dodgeball Year 6 3.30-4.30pm</p>	<p>After School Clubs Dodgeball Year 3 3.30-4.30pm</p>	<p><b>Parents' Consultations</b></p>

12th-15th October: Parent Consultations.  
26th – 30th October Half Term.  
Monday 23rd November: NHS Flu Nasal vaccination.  
27th November Teacher Training Day

#### Attachments

Dinner Menu: Week beginning 5th October. [Blue](#)  
This Month in the Den.

#### Electronic Letters Home This Week

On-Line Bookings for Telephone Consultations.

#### Parent Consultation Appointments

The on-line appointment booking system is now live and will close at 4pm at Wednesday 7th October.

#### Individual Photographs 6th October 2020

Braiswick photographers will be in school on Tuesday 6th October to take the children's individual photographs. If your child has PE on that day (3JT and Year 5) then please send your child into school wearing their school uniform and bring in their PE kits in a bag.

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## Coats in School.

Please make sure you send your child to school in a named coat.

## COVID-19 Test Results.

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## Music Lessons in School with IMS.

Piano lessons begin on Tuesday 6th October.

Keyboard and violin lessons begin on Wednesday 7th October.

If your child has signed up for lessons then please can they bring their instruments and sheet music (if any) into school on these days.

Drum, brass and woodwind lesson start dates are still pending .



## Harvest Festival.

We will be holding Harvest Festival classroom based assemblies next week. We will not be collecting donations in school but it would be great if you could donate to the Rugby Food Bank directly or through your local food store.

## Vacancy.

The Junior school has a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor, Monday to Friday 12.25pm -1.40pm £2553.84 - £2604.93 PA  
If you are interested, please email - [office@dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk](mailto:office@dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk) for an application form.

## Congratulations.

Congratulations to Bobby in 5K who has completed the *One Million Steps Challenge* for Diabetes UK. He has raised a total of £323.02. Bobby was diagnosed in March 2020 with type 1 diabetes. It is an autoimmune lifelong condition which requires daily management and injections. The money raised helps to support research projects which brings Diabetes UK one step closer to finding a cure. If you would like to sponsor Bobby please visit <https://step.diabetes.org.uk/pages/lucy-43>

## A Message from Rugby High School.

Rugby High School will be holding an online Q&A Events on Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October to give parents and their daughters a chance to meet Mark Grady, their Headteacher, Yvette Grogan, Senior Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo who will be able to answer questions about their SEND provision and pastoral care, together with the Heads of the English, Maths and Science Departments.

If you are interested then please follow the link below.

<https://www.rugbyhighschool.co.uk/live-q-and-a-for-parents-of-girls-in-years-5-and-6>

## Princethorpe College Open Day.

Princethorpe College will be holding their open day this year on Sunday 5th October between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

The Open Day will be split into three hour-long sessions. Each session will open with a Welcome Address by the Headmaster and then visitors will follow a tour route around key school locations.

For more information, contact Princethorpe College on 01926 634200.

## Blessing of the Animals.

Bring your pets to be blessed at St Peter's Church, Sunday 4th October 11:30am. There will be no service. Just bring your pets to the church door and they will be blessed, then continue on your way. Social distancing will be observed between humans!



## Star of the Week.

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

Bethany P, Alberto C, James B, Ryan J, Bobby D, William S and Renae T.

