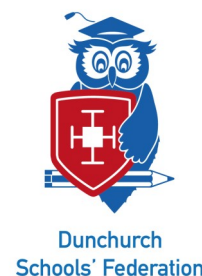


Dunchurch Schools' Federation News



I would like to start by thanking parents for their cooperation with the rules we currently have at both schools and nursery. Following the one-way systems, minimising visits to the site (including the office) and, on the infant site, wearing a mask is all helping the fight against COVID, thank you. A minor request for year 1 parents at the infants - please follow the one-way system all the way round and not go the opposite way past the shed on the edge of the playground. (You can cut across the grass though, this is not part of the one-way system.) A more important request for all parents is to keep a close eye on your children before and after school. We try our best to minimise contact between children who are not in the same class because in the event of a child having a positive COVID test, we want to minimise the number of children off school for two weeks isolating. To help us with this, please make sure children do not mix with other's too freely while waiting for their siblings to leave school.

The children (from reception up) at both schools have elected their school council representatives

Little Owls - Aurelia and Sam
Elf Owls - Aiza and Hector
Snowy Owls - George and Jocelyn
Barn Owls - Eliadah and Molly
Spectacled Owls - Eliza and Kevin
Tawny Owls - Henry and Isabelle

3R - Max B and Niamh
3JT - Anabelle and Charlotte
4B - Oscar M and Emma B
4R - Darcey and Hugo
5K - Tyler and Naomi
5HB - Kara T and Nicholas
6A - Elliot and Holly
6C - Sophia and Jude

Well done to all of the children who have been elected. They regularly meet with Mrs. Miller and discuss issues. They then report back to their classes and gather their classmate's opinions before bringing these ideas back to Mrs. Miller.

This week we have been making plans for Christmas. With ordinary life being so disrupted by coronavirus (and this perhaps becoming more so in the near future) we are determined to do as much of the normal festivities as possible. Clearly some things are not going to be possible - such as nativity performances with audiences, but we are making plans to do as much as we can in a safe way so the children can still enjoy the festive season. I will write to parents soon with more details of the plans.

Another seasonal event enjoyed by many children is Halloween. Usually we make minimal reference to Halloween in school as we know some people have strong opinions about it, however this year we are making an exception for two events. The first is to raise money for a fund set up in the memory of a former pupil of both schools, Fred Bennett. There is a flyer for this later in the newsletter as well as some information about a related event being organised by one of our current pupil's parents:

Dunchurch Pumpkin Trail - #FredsHalloweenHeist

We're looking to organise a Pumpkin Trail as it isn't possible to Trick or Treat this year. It works like this:

You: Display a pumpkin and given letter of the alphabet in your window. Why not carve your letter into your pumpkin?

Kids: Dress up and follow the pumpkin route, can you find the spooky message?

Parents: Dish out a treat to your child when each letter is found, or a prize when completed.

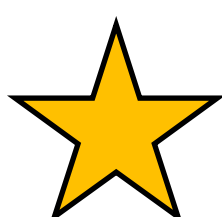
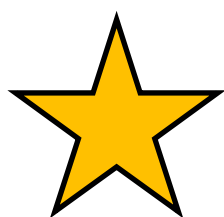
We plan to create a themed map showing route or routes to take around the village. If you're interested, please email your name and address to Mark: markudall25@gmail.com no later than 25 October so that he can create the artwork and give you your letter. We're supporting Fred's Halloween Heist. Text CCLG 5 FRED to 70300 to donate £5

In addition to this the DISN PTA are holding an event children can participate in. Again, there is a flyer for this later in the newsletter. Similar to our wish that we do what we can to make Christmas in school as 'normal' as possible, the PTA associations at both schools have been thinking creatively about the events they can hold under current circumstances. I am grateful to them for their continued commitment.

Dunchurch Schools' Federation Stars of the Week



Reception	Mrs. Carrington: Albie K	Miss Lodge: Maisie P
Year 1	Miss Shrimpton: Seb M	Mr. Coppillie & Mrs. Rawes: Joseph F
Year 2	Miss Guy: Orla B	Mrs. Macauley: Ben G
Year 3	Miss Roberts: Max B	Mrs. Tildesley & Mrs. Jenks: Sophie T
Year 4	Mr. Beasley: Ava T	Mr. Rattue: Millie W & Kartar G
Year 5	Mrs. Keffler: Evelyn H	Mrs. Broderick & Mrs. Hayward Charlie M
Year 6	Mrs. Cooper: Sophia P	Mrs. Andrews: Lexie DB



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Woody's Blog

Hello Everyone

I went to the groomers this week and it was perfect timing as the photographer was at the Junior School when I got back. I sat very nicely and was pleased with the result. The photographer said all the children were great and she had taken lots of lovely photos.

Don't forget the photographer will be at the Infant school on 10th November.

I've seen lots of conkers on my walks this week, but I'm not allowed to play with them as they are poisonous to us doggies. If you are collecting conkers at the weekend make sure you take a big bucket!

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 the 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 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.

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery News



Attachments

Dinner Menu: Week beginning 12th October is **YELLOW** Week 1.

Covid Test Results

If you test positive for Covid 19/coronavirus, please contact the school immediately via email at the following address: 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.

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 be 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 your 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

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery News



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:

WELL DONE!

Please do not park on the zigzags outside the front of the school between
the hours of:

7am – 6pm

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery News



Thanks to all of the new faces who came to join us for our AGM on Tuesday. We discussed how we can work this year to carry on achieving our goals of enriching the children's experiences at school and raising funds that the school can use to purchase equipment, activities etc. Last year the funds raised by the PTA were used to purchase computers for the IT suite and this year we will be putting our funds towards new smart screens for the classrooms.

Did you know there are lots of ways to get involved without being part of the PTA committee? This year we will be welcoming all offers of help with one off events etc., so if you can give a little time every once in a while please drop us a line at dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com or the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DunchurchInfantandNurseryPTA>

We will be getting in touch soon with more information about how we see PTA events running this year so that everyone stays safe. We are working on some new activities and some tweaks to the old favourites. Our first events will be the fun Boo Roll activity and the 2020 alternative version of a cake sale. Instead of selling donated cakes in the playground we are going to be providing the children with a shop bought cake (allergy safe as appropriate) in their classrooms on Friday 23rd October. We will have more information for you about how you can donate to support these types of activities.

Easy fundraising

At this particularly challenging time for us all, please don't forget that over 4,100 shops and sites will donate to [dunchurchinfantsandnursery] for FREE every time you use Easy fundraising to shop with them. This means you can support the school, when you get your groceries, order a takeaway, renew your insurance policies or buy anything else online – at no extra cost to yourself! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE to use.

Just visit: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dunchurchinfantsandnursery/>

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

Come and find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DunchurchInfantandNurseryPTA> where we will share information about upcoming activities and try to amuse you with silly gifs

Dunchurch Boughton C. of E. Junior School News



Forgiveness ... Honesty ... Kindness ... Patience ... Peace... Generosity ... Thankfulness

Diary Dates

Monday 12th	Tuesday 13th	Wednesday 14th	Thursday 15th	Friday 16th	After next
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 French Year 3 3.30-4.30pm Art & Craft Year 4 3.30-4.30pm DM Football Year 5 3.30-4.45pm DM Football Year 6 3.30-4.45pm	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 Hot Shots Basket Ball Year 3 3.30-4.15pm Year 5 4.30-5.15pm	After School Clubs DM Football Year 3 3.30-4.45pm DM Football Year 4 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	After School Clubs Dodgeball Year 3 3.30-4.30pm	

26th – 30th October Half Term.
23rd November: NHS Flu Nasal vaccination.
27th November Teacher Training Day

Attachments

Dinner Menu: Week beginning 12th October. **Yellow**

Halloween Heist Activity

Parent Consultation Appointments

The on-line appointment booking system is now closed. Your child's class teacher will call you at the assigned booking time.

A reminder of the consultation dates for your child/children

Monday 12th October 15:40-18:00. **3JT, 3R, 4R and 5HB.**

Tuesday 13th October 15:40-20:00. **3JT, 3R, 4R and 5HB.**

Wednesday 14th October 15:40-18:00. **6A, 6C, 4B and 5K.**

Thursday 15th October 15:40-20:00. **6A, 6C, 4B and 5K.**

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Coats in School.

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

COVID-19 Test Results.

If your child or someone in your household test positive for COVID-19/coronavirus, please contact the school immediately via email to the following address: landewes@dunchurchfederation.co.uk

Reading Diaries.

Please note, although reading diaries are only being sent once a week, please send your child in with their reading books every day. Please note that teachers are not writing in reading diaries at the moment. This is because we are trying to minimise staff contact with items that have been at home.

Instrumental Lessons - Update.

Piano, violin and keyboard lessons re-started this week and the children really enjoyed meeting their new teachers. We are still awaiting a start date for drum-kit, brass and woodwind lessons (recorder, flute and clarinet). However, Warwickshire Music have requested that all pupils need to be enrolled for lessons this year, even if they are carrying on with lessons. Parents should use the following link to sign up for lessons:

<https://www.warwickshiremusichub.org/>

01926 742630

Taking Care — Protective Behaviours.

During the Autumn term, the children at the Junior school will be covering *Taking Care, Protective Behaviours* in P.S.H.E. The two themes in Protective Behaviours are:

- We all have the right to feel safe all the time.
- We can talk with someone about anything, even if it feels awful or small.

Parking around the school.

We have had some reports from our neighbours that the parking around the school buildings at school drop off and collection times, has been less than considerate to other motorists and pedestrians. Please can we asked that you park with care and consideration to ensure the safety of all our children, parents and staff on their daily commute into school.

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>