### Dunchurch Schools' Federation News



Applications are open for reception places at the Infants and year 3 places at the Juniors starting next September. (At the Infants we also have some places available in reception and nursery.) We have had to think about how prospective parents can view the school bearing in mind current restrictions. We recognise how important such a decision is and so we are pleased to be able to offer the following to parents:

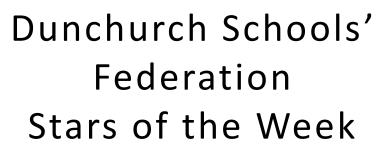
- At Dunchurch Infants and Nursery, individual tours are available. Parents must wear a face
  mask and they are unable to go into classrooms, but can view learning through windows and
  doors as well as find out about the school from talking to myself or Mrs. Miller.
- At Dunchurch Boughton Juniors, we are holding an open evening on Thursday 26th November. No current pupils will be at this event and as the following day is a training day, there will be no issue with children touching things that people from outside may have touched until over three days later. Nearer the time parents will be able to book a fifteen minute tour.

Parents are always welcome to speak to us if they would like to discuss their child coming to one of the schools. Please make contact via the office.

A couple of COVID related changes to let you know about:

School	Change	Reason for Change
Dunchurch Infants and Nursery	The temporary staffroom in the hall will be moved to the computer room.	Our staffroom is too small and if used would increase the risk of COVID spreading among staff and the school having to close. Consequently, we have been using the hall as a staffroom. As the weather worsens it would be useful to have the hall back in use as an additional teaching space for certain COVID-safe PE activities. We can also use it to record Christmas performances. To free up space, staff will now use the computer room as a staffroom. We regret that this will reduce access to computers, but we hope this will only be temporary.
Dunchurch Boughton Juniors	Change of start (8.30-8.40) and finish (3.25) times for year 6.	The changes made at the start of the year for all classes in order to stagger pick up and drop off times are not working so well for the year 6 timetable. Consequently, we are making adjustments. Year 6 parents were sent a separate communication about this yesterday.

I hope you and your children enjoy the half-term holiday. I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work in what has been a very challenging half-term. Thank you also to parents and carers for abiding by the numerous rules and precautions we have introduced, it is much appreciated.





Reception	Mrs. Carrington: Elizabeth R	Miss Lodge: Olivia H		
Year 1	Miss Shrimpton:  Ben L	Mr. Coppillie & Mrs. Rawes:  Rowan B		
Year 2	Miss Guy: Florence M	Mrs. Macauley:  Cody W		
Year 3	Miss Roberts: Class Star Ashton L Music Star Oscar B	Mrs. Tildesley & Mrs. Jenks:  Class Star Annabelle M  Music Star Sophie T		
Year 4	Mr. Beasley: Class Star Jacob H Music Star Milo B	Mr. Rattue: Class Star Lottie F Music Star Oscar W		
Year 5	Mrs. Keffler: Class Star Kaylem N Music Star Adrija G	Mrs. Broderick & Mrs. Hayward  Class star Esme O  Music Star Alice P		
Mrs. Cooper:  Class Star Charlotte G  Year 6  Music Star Isobel B		Mrs. Andrews:  Music Star Jenny M		









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Hooray, it's half term

I performed on the stage in the nursery garden this week and had a lovely time with the children. We also had a little play and a run around but this time of the year I usually end up with a few leaves sticking to my fluffy coat.



I'm sure you know that it's Halloween next week and a special event is going on in the village. We are supporting Fred's Halloween Heist to raise funds in Fred's memory.



If you are going on the Halloween trail look out for a special message from me. I'll be in one of the spooky windows waiting for you.

You have all worked so hard this term as well as washing your hands, following the one way system, but most importantly, being kind to each other.

Have a lovely break everyone.

Love from Woody



#### **Diary Dates**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School Clubs Yr2 French— 3.30pm to 4.30pm— collection from playground	Yr1&2 Violin lessons by WCC Music Hub 1.10pm— 2.30pm	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**

Half term— 26th—30th October

Parent Evening Virtual Year Group meetings— Tuesday 3rd November 6pm—link will be sent on Monday 2nd November via email

Individual School and Nursery Photos—Tuesday 10th November

Shorts & Hoodie day—Wednesday 18th November (see newsletter for details)

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

Year 2 Victorian day—Wednesday 25th November

Teacher Training day—Friday 27th November

School closes for Christmas break—Friday 18th December

#### **WEEKLY GREEN AWARD**

#### Awarded to Spectacled Owls

Well done to the children in Mrs Macauley'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



#### Attachments:

Dinner Menu: Week beginning 2nd November is BLUE Week 3. Thursday 5th November is a special menu for Bonfire Night.

#### Taking Care: Protective Behaviours programme

The children will be covering this during the next half term in school.

At Dunchurch infant and junior School, we follow the Warwickshire schools' Taking Care: Protective Behaviours Programme, which forms part of our P.S.H.E. curriculum.

Protective Behaviours is a practical and down to earth approach to personal safety. The aim of the programme is to teach our children about how to feel safe, how to talk about their feelings and how to recognise safe and unsafe feelings. This helps children to feel safe and to have an adventurous approach to life that satisfies their desire for fun and excitement without living in fear. Protective Behaviours helps children to recognise and trust their intuitive feelings – early warning signs – and to support them in developing a range of strategies for self-protection.

The programme focuses on two key themes:

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

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

On Tuesday 3rd November at 6pm 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 on Monday 2nd November via email for you to join the meeting.

#### Year 2 Victorian Day—Wednesday 25th November

Could all Year 2s please come in that day dressed as Victorian's would have. The costumes do not need to be bought and could be PE clothing.

Can we remind parents / carers that items from home should not be brought into school each day, like Lego or Football cards whilst we are under COVID restrictions. Thank you

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parents donate directly through the above website.



#### 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:**

Maisie P—entered a Dressage Competition with her pony Murphy and competed against adults as well as other children

#### **WELL DONE!**

Please consider pedestrians and road users when parking partially on the kerb. This means not taking up so much space that a double pushchair or mobility scooter would struggle to get though and not sticking out unnecessarily in to the road.



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



#### **Covid Test Results**

If you test positive for Covid 19/coronavirus, please contact the school immediately via email at the following address: <a href="mailto:iandewes@dunchurchfederation.co.uk">iandewes@dunchurchfederation.co.uk</a>

#### **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.

Please take a look at the following website for Warwickshire Family Information service website—https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families—it is full of useful and helpful information.

#### **Shoe Box Appeal**

At this time of year, we would usually be launching the Teams4U Christmas shoebox appeal. Unfortunately, we are unable to collect Christmas shoeboxes this year. Teams4U are still taking shoeboxes to Eastern Europe & it is possible to donate the cost of a shoebox as an alternative.

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PLEASE FOLLOW THE ONE WAY SYSTEM OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BRING A WATERPROOF COAT INTO SCHOOL EACH DAY

WE ARE A 'NUT FREE' SCHOOL AND NO ITEMS SHOULD BE SENT INTO SCHOOL CONTAINING NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS FOR LUNCH OR SNACK

#### **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



### Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery News PTA Page



#### Christmas Card Orders

Your child has made a fabulous Christmas card design in school and this week you should have received an order form. This shows you the design and how to order online, and you can choose from cards, labels and mugs for a great price! Perfect for sending to friends and family! Please make sure you've made your order online by Wednesday 4th November and that you have checked the spelling of what name you would like on the items you order. Lost the order form or need help? Please contact Carly on carlymee@icloud.com.

#### In School Events - donate via ParentPay

Last week you received a letter attached to the newsletter email about how we are going to be running inschool events a little differently this year. Today the children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 all had a chocolate treat in place of our usual end of half term cake sale. So instead of donating cakes to be sold and then buying cakes, we are asking for a donation (suggested £10 per child) via ParentPay. Through the year we will be doing hot chocolate, ice lollies and more 'cake sale' treats for the children during the school day - watch this space for more information.

#### **Boo Rolls**

Thank you to all of the children who made a boo roll - they look amazing in the corridor

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 <a href="mailto:dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com">dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com</a> or the facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/DunchurchInfantandNurseryPTA">https://www.facebook.com/groups/DunchurchInfantandNurseryPTA</a>

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.

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



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.

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## Dunchurch Boughton C. of E. Junior School News



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#### **Diary Dates**

Monday 12th	Tuesday 13th	Wednesday 14th	Thursday 15th	Friday 16th	After next week
After School Clubs  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	After School Clubs Dodgeball Year 4 3.30-4.30pm Mixed Football Year 4 & Year 5 3.30-4.30pm Cookery Club Year 3	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-	After School Clubs  Dodgeball Year 3 3.30- 4.30pm	
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#### **Attachments**

Dinner Menu: Week beginning 19th October. Blue

Entrust Care Partnership: Meeting the Sensory Needs of your Child.

Halloween Heist Activity.

October in the Den.

#### Half Term.

A reminder that the school is closed for half term between 26th-30th October 2020. The children are back in school on Monday 2nd November.

#### Year 3 2021 Swimming.

We are aiming for year 3 swimming lessons to start after the Christmas break. An exact date will be shared as soon as possible.

#### School Uniform Reminder.

We have noticed some children are not wearing the correct uniform. Please make sure your child is wearing clothes as described on our website <a href="here">here</a>.

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#### **Junior School PTA News.**

The Junior School PTA now has an Amazon Smile account. To support the PTA simply click on the link below and 0.5% will be donated via Amazon when you make your purchase. It's a great way to support the school at not cost to you.

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1186796-0