

Dunchurch Schools' Federation News



I hope you and your family enjoyed the half-term week. Towards the end of the break, the government announced a new lockdown period. Unlike the lockdown period in the Summer, schools are still expected to stay open, so there are no major changes, but we have taken the opportunity to continue to review what we do and consequently we have made some changes:

School	Change	Reason for change
Dunchurch Infants and Nursery	No more prospective parent tours will be booked, individual virtual meetings will be offered instead.	We need to minimise the number of people in school and, in line with government guidance, encourage people to stay at home.
Dunchurch Boughton Juniors	The open evening planned for Thursday 26 th November will no longer go ahead as planned, but a virtual meeting will be offered instead.	We need to minimise the number of people in school and, in line with government guidance, encourage people to stay at home.
Dunchurch Boughton Juniors	Parents will not be able to stand in a certain part of the upper playground. This area will be marked with spray paint. Parents can walk through it, but not stay in this area.	We have noticed parents congregating near the ramp from Don Cerce Close and the trees at the end of the day. We need parents to social distance in order to reduce the risk of spread between individuals and bubbles.
Dunchurch Boughton Juniors	Parents on site must wear face coverings.	This has happened already at the Infants and has worked well. Although there are less parents on site at the Juniors, with national cases rising, we feel this is a good time to take further steps.
Both schools	Only one adult should be on site when dropping off and collecting children.	This is a measure we had during the Summer. Again, with national cases rising, we feel this is a good time to take further steps.
Both schools	Most staff will wear face coverings when outside of their bubble, e.g. walking from one part of the school and when on the gate at the start or end of the school day.	This is to minimise the spread of COVID across bubbles. If there is a positive case, it is likely to spread within a bubble, but we do not want it spreading into other parts of the school.

A remind also for parents to not get too close to members of staff when talking to us.

Following some feedback from parents, we are working on a new way of sharing learning with parents. I will write more about this in next week's newsletter.

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Two important areas for parents are after school clubs and wraparound care. Guidance from the government is vague on this, but at this point I can say that care with Owls and WOOSH will continue and also peripatetic music lessons too. After school clubs are less clear and we are awaiting further guidance. They will continue for the time being and I will inform you if this has to change.

Attached to the email is a letter written by the local Public Health team for all parents in Warwickshire. Please take a few moments to read it as it will help you to understand when your child should be off school. As we approach the winter months, the common cold and other such illnesses will have more of an effect and it may be difficult to distinguish between this and COVID symptoms.

The government has issued schools with some extra money to help pupils catch up on learning missed. At both Dunchurch Infants and Dunchurch Juniors we are using the money for additional teaching support. At the Infants Miss Lucy Armistead and at the Juniors Mrs. Gemma Colston both started working for us this week and I would like to welcome them to the schools. Both will be working part-time with us until next Summer. Your child may be taught by one of them, or it may be that they are teaching other children allowing your child to be in a smaller group with their normal teacher.

Owing to COVID this isn't a great time for children to have a birthday as they won't be able to have parties with friends or perhaps see some of their family. A parent has made a suggestion that any child with a birthday could be allowed to wear non-uniform on their big day (or another day close to it if it's on a weekend). I think this is an excellent idea and simple way of doing something special for children, so if your child has a birthday coming up, they are welcome to wear non-uniform. This is, of course, optional.

Normally at this time of year we would be selling poppies for remembrance. We would still like to do this and so to make things safe, there will some changes: On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday children can bring in some money to put in a pot in their classroom. They will then be able to help themselves to a poppy (20p) or other items (flyer attached with prices) which will not have been touched by anyone else for a period of 72 hours. The money will be quarantined until safe to be sent to the office and then it will be collected by the British Legion. Many charities have struggled to raise money recently, so please support if you can.

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Woody's Blog

Hello Everyone

Welcome back and I hope you had a lovely week off. It was great to see so many of you on the Halloween pumpkin trail last weekend.

Now we're back in lockdown again I thought I would show you all how to wear a face mask correctly. It's so important to stay safe and look after each other.

A reminder that the grown ups can follow me on Instagram at [#woodytheschooldog](#) and see what I get up to at home and on my walks.

Have a lovely weekend and take good care.

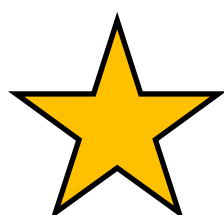
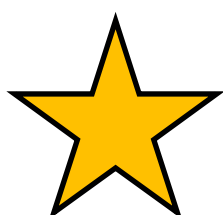
Love from Woody.



Dunchurch Schools' Federation Stars of the Week



Reception	Mrs. Carrington: Charlotte S	Miss Lodge: Ralph H
Year 1	Miss Shrimpton: Erin P	Mr. Coppillie & Mrs. Rawes: Laura K
Year 2	Miss Guy: Gloria M	Mrs. Macauley: Charlie B
Year 3	Miss Roberts: Orla B	Mrs. Tildesley & Mrs. Jenks: Caitlin M
Year 4	Mr. Beasley: Lara H	Mr. Rattue: Lauren O
Year 5	Mrs. Keffler: Amelia-Rose	Mrs. Broderick & Mrs. Hayward: John O
Year 6	Mrs. Cooper: Mia Wa	Mrs. Andrews: Amelia-Faith



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Shorts and Hoodie Day Wednesday 18th November

IN MEMORY OF FRED BENNETT

On Wednesday the 18th of November, the children can come to school dressed in shorts and a Hoodie. Both school councils have decided on this event and this is to raise funds for:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/shortsandhoodies>

Fred was a past pupil at both the Infants and Juniors and we would love to support his family and raise money for this charity, that is linked to research into Leukaemia treatments. Please could parents donate directly through the above website.



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	Yr1&2 Violin les- sons by WCC Mu- sic 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

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

Welly Sponsored Walk PTA—Friday 20th November (details to follow)

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

Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper date to follow next week

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD

Awarded to Tawny Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Guy'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

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Attachments:

Dinner Menu: Week beginning 9th November is **YELLOW** Week 1.

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.**

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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Reception classes

Next week Reception are trying Poppadom's and Mango Chutney for our Diwali day. Please can you email the office if your child is unable to taste / try these foods.

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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

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

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

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Covid Test Results

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

address: iandewes@dunchurchfederation.co.uk

School Office

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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.

WCC Family Information Service.

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Nasal Flu Consent Form

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Children in Need Friday 13th November.

This year the School Council has organised a colouring competition to raise money for Children in Need. Each entry to the competition is 25p and there is a prize to be won per class.

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. More details can be found via this link: <https://teams4u.com/sponsor-a-shoebox/>



Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery News PTA Page



In School Events - donate via ParentPay

A huge thanks to everyone who has already donated - we have raised £540 so far!! Last half term we wrote to you about how we are going to be running in-school events a little differently this year and asked that parents make a donation (suggested £10 per child) via ParentPay to cover the in school events we are planning in place of our traditional playground events. On the Friday before half term we ran a trial and provided some sweet treats for the teachers to distribute to children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 all had a chocolate treat in place of our usual end of half term cake sale. This went really well so we are now working with the Nursery team to arrange a suitable way to do something similar for those children.

We will be doing this again later in the term, please watch this space for more information and don't forget to donate if you haven't already!

Next event: Virtual Quiz Friday 27th November 7:15pm

We are hosting a virtual quiz night (bring your own nibbles and drinks!) to help parents 'meet' each other, have some fun and raise some funds. Please contact Dee Bhabra to book your spot and get the access details. The suggested donation is £5 per household team

[DISN Virtual Quiz POSTER.pdf](#)

Christmas Card Orders

Thank you to everyone who has ordered Christmas cards, tags, mugs, Santa sacks etc. We hope you found the online ordering process straightforward and we will let you know how much this has raised when we have a full total.

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>

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

Easyfundraising - just a click <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dunchurchinfantsandnursery/>

At this particularly challenging time for us all, please don't forget that over 4,100 shops and sites will donate to the PTA for FREE every time you use easyfundraising 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.

Dunchurch Boughton C. of E. Junior School News



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

Diary Dates

Monday 9th	Tuesday 10th	Wednesday 11th	Thursday 12th	Friday 13th	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 3.30-4.45pm Dodgeball Year 4 ** Day change** 3.30-4.30pm	After School Clubs Mixed Football Year 4 & Year 5 3.30-4.30pm Cookery Club Year 3 3.30-4.30pm Hot Shots Basket Ball Year 4 3.30-4.15pm Year 6 4.30-5.15pm Year 6 Acting Club 3.30-4.30pm	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	Friday 13th November Children in Need. Wednesday 18th November : Shorts and Hoodie Day.

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- ◆ 23rd November: NHS Flu Nasal Vaccination.
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- ◆ 18th December : Break up for Christmas Holidays.

Attachments

- ◆ Dinner Menu: Week beginning 9th November: **Yellow**
- ◆ Nasal Flu Consent Form
- ◆ Compass Health & Well Being November Newsletter
- ◆ Compass National Stress Awareness Day
- ◆ Letter to Parents—Symptoms WCC

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If you submitted your form on the old link, then as long as you received a reference number after submitting it, you were successful and you won't need to submit one again.

Please can all parents use this link to either give or not give their consent for their child to receive the nasal flu immunisation in school.

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Well done Year 5

Year 5 have worked very hard to put on a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare today outside. The children have worked hard to learn lines and stage directions. In music, they have added some motifs to compliment the drama. Mrs. Miller really enjoyed watching part of this today. Well done to all the children and teachers who prepared this.

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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>