### Dunchurch Schools' Federation News



As parents will be aware from communications earlier this week, we have had some positive COVID results come back at Dunchurch Juniors. Fortunately, I am pleased to say that none of those in question appear to have been unduly affected so far. This has led to us having to send some children (and staff) home to self-isolate. This is far from ideal and I appreciate the difficulties this can create in some households, particularly where parents cannot work from home. At all times we have followed government and local guidance and carefully trod the balance between keeping children in school wherever possible and doing what we can to keep people safe. After following a tracing procedure, we have been able to have some children return. Those who cannot are learning from home using Seesaw. If any parents are struggling with this, please get in touch.

Yesterday I made the decision to close after school clubs for the duration of this lockdown period. Owls and Woosh are still open. This was done reluctantly; we want children to have as broad an experience as possible and we know how much enjoyment this brings children. I am also very much aware that for the people who run our clubs this is their livelihood. However, with some recent cases, this seems a good time to take extra precautions. We hope to start clubs again in the week beginning 7th December.

Children at both schools marked Remembrance on Wednesday. This is a tricky topic to discuss with children, particularly those who are younger, but I think it is important that children are aware of the related issues. The children in both schools observed the two minute silence. Silence is not something associated with schools, so it was particularly poignant to hear the classrooms fall quiet. Thank you to those who have sent money into school for poppies, this money will shortly be sent to the Royal British Legion. Thank you also to those who have contributed to the Children in Need colouring competition too.

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#### Woody's Blog

Hi Everyone

It's been a very busy week in both schools. We've had two special assemblies. On Wednesday we had a Remembrance Service from Westminster Abbey which was streamed into the classrooms at the Junior School. We learnt about the Unknown Warrior and observed two minutes' silence.

On Thursday I helped Mrs. Miller with the Celebration Assembly. I sat nicely next to her on the chair and had a few treats to keep me quiet!

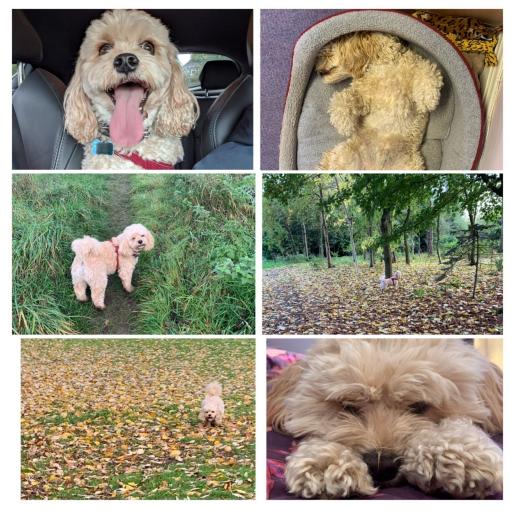
I hope you like my photos this week. I've been on a few winter walks; can you see me among the Autumn leaves?

Have a lovely weekend and remember paws, face, space.

Love from Woody







# Dunchurch Schools' Federation Stars of the Week



Reception	Mrs. Carrington: Theo G	Miss Lodge:  Ryan R	
Year 1	Miss Shrimpton:  Lily D	Mr. Coppillie & Mrs. Rawes:  Drew W	
Year 2	Miss Guy:	Mrs. Macauley: Selwyn MB	
Year 3	Miss Roberts: Jan K	Mrs. Tildesley & Mrs. Jenks:  Sahib B	
Year 4	Mr. Beasley: Preeya B	Mr. Rattue: Ava O	
Year 5	Mrs. Keffler: <b>Mason S</b>	Mrs. Broderick & Mrs. Hayward:  Emma A	
Year 6	Mrs. Cooper: <b>Charlie E</b>	Mrs. Andrews: <b>Heidi K</b>	











#### **Diary Dates**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Yr1&2 Violin lessons by WCC Music Hub 1.10pm—			

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ARE POSTPONED UNTIL LOCKDOWN FINISHES

#### Owls is still open

#### **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

Teacher Training Day— Monday 4th January

School starts—Tuesday 5th January

#### **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



#### Attachments:

Dinner Menu: Week beginning 16th November is RED Week 2.

#### Shorts and Hoodie Day—Wednesday 18th November

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.

#### Reading Books—Monday 23rd November

On the training day on 27th November some of the infant school staff will be reviewing the reading books we have before placing an order for new ones. To help with this we need to collect all reading books in. From Monday 23rd November, we would like you to return any books you have at home. That week we will not send any books home. Things we return to normal in the following week.

#### 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

#### **Remembrance Day**

Thank you to all the children who purchased items and helped raise monies. Below are pictures of students who came into school in their uniforms.











#### 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

#### **Nursery request**

Please can we have donations of BOYS pants, socks & trousers / joggers as spares.

#### Year 1 request

We would like donations of clean plastic boxes with lids, the type you get from a takeaway restaurant please.

We are pleased to let you know that our school website now has Knowledge Organisers uploaded onto the year group pages. These explain the key knowledge and skills that are taught, vocabulary covered and how this links with prior learning. Please take a look.

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

#### **POST BOXES**

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** 



#### **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**

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.

#### WCC Family Information Service.

To access Warwickshire County Council's latest Family Information Service Newsletter, follow this link.

https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=41e0f6e374

#### **Nasal Flu Consent Form**

An email containing the e-consent letter for the nasal flu immunisation in school on Monday 23d November was sent to parents yesterday (5th November). The link expires at midnight on Tuesday 17th November.

#### **Warwickshire Music**

Please find attached the weekly newsletter for you to view.

#### 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: <a href="https://teams4u.com/sponsor-a-shoebox/">https://teams4u.com/sponsor-a-shoebox/</a>

#### **Children in Need**

Mrs Miller would like to say a 'Big Thank You' to all the children that have joined in with the Pudsey colouring competition. The School council will be choosing the winners on Wednesday and handing out the prizes.



### Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery News PTA Page



### **Next event: Sponsored Welly Walk Friday 20th November**

During the school day on Friday 20th November we will be holding our first sponsored welly walk. Please send wellies in on the day and the children will complete their sponsored walk around the junior school field. We're asking parents to collect sponsorship money from your family and friends.



#### Virtual Quiz Friday 27th November 7:15pm

Book your spot for the PTA virtual quiz night and you could win a £30 voucher for Square Coffee! We have prizes up for grabs and our 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. Poster is attached to the newsletter.

#### 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.

Watch this space for more information and don't forget to donate if you haven't already!

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

#### Easyfundraising - just a click

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 16th	Tuesday 17th	Wednesday 18th	Thursday 19th	Friday 20th	After next week
		Shorts and Hoodie Day.			Nasal Flu Spray Teacher Training Day

- 23rd November: NHS Flu Nasal Vaccination.
- 27th November :Teacher Training Day—School closed to pupils.
- ♦ 18th December : Break up for Christmas Holidays.
- ♦ 21st December- 1st January: School closed for Christmas Holidays.
- 4th January: Teacher Training Day—School closed to pupils.
- 5th January: Children return to school.

#### **Attachments**

- Dinner Menu: Week beginning 16th November: Red
- Open Surgery Poster

#### **Dinner Menu: Week Beginning 16th November.**

Educaterers have advised us that there will be no Cold Deli Bag available to the students next week. There will continue to be either a Hot Deli Bag or either a pasta or jacket potato option. We will confirm availability for week beginning 23rd November ASAP.

#### **Nasal Flu Consent Form**

The Nasal Flu immunisation team will be in school on Monday 23rd to administer the vaccination. If you have not already done so, please can you use the link below to either give or not give your consent for your child to receive the Nasal Flu immunisation in school.

The link expires at midnight on Tuesday 17th November.

https://iv.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/form?identifier=42492299-cdd8-406d-8abe-d77ce5a8d8a6

#### **Covid Test Results**

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



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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.

#### Well Done.

Chloe D in year 5 has received a *NHS Thanks Kids* award. This is awarded to children who have been nominated for their community support and helping others during lockdown. Chloe responded to a local advert during the first lockdown this year, to dog walk what ever the weather. Chloe has continued to do this 3 times a week. Well done Chloe!

#### Poppy Appeal 2020.

Thank you to all of the children who supported the *Poppy Appeal 2020*.



#### **Children in Need Colouring Competition.**

We had lots of children join in the *Children in Need* colouring competition this week. Thank you to everyone who took part and thank to the School Council for organizing and judging the competition. The eight winners will be announced next week and we will announce how much money was raised.

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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