

# Dunchurch Schools' Federation News



I am sure that some of you reading this will have seen the news stories about a small number of schools wanting to close early for Christmas. This has caused some controversy and is not a step that we will replicate in Dunchurch; children have missed too much school as it is and we are very aware of the challenges school closures bring to families. However, I can understand the rationale behind such a move, none of us want to pick up coronavirus just before Christmas and with restrictions about meeting other people being relaxed over the festive period. We want to take all reasonable steps to minimise the chance of an outbreak in the run up to Christmas and to this end we are taking the current procedures we have in place and making them tighter still.

Firstly, staff will be following more prescriptive guidelines about contact with others, particularly those outside the bubble in which they work. We will be extending the use of face coverings and at the infants, reducing bubble sizes in nursery and reception. Secondly, for parents, we are going to be asking you not to send in children if they are unwell in anyway and to be tested if your child has any of the following symptoms:

*Fever or chills • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Muscle or body aches • Headache • Sore throat • Congestion or runny nose • Diarrhoea • Fatigue*

This is an extension of the symptoms which currently trigger a COVID test and is in line with advice from the local Public Health team. Attached to the email this newsletter was sent with, are two documents which give more details on this and how to book a test. Please read and follow the guidance. By working closely together we can greatly reduce the chances of Christmas celebrations being disrupted.

We are please to announce a scheme we are running alongside Hunts Bookshop of Rugby. From time-to-time we host a book fair where children and parents can purchase books. This is not possible at the moment because of COVID, so we are doing things a little differently. Teachers from nursery to year 6 have selected their favourite books for different ages. If you are looking for a Christmas present for your child or a niece or nephew, you can order though us and Hunts. The school gets paid a commission, so it helps our budget and we will reinvest this money into more books for school. The children receiving the books will get high quality and enjoyable books which will help to enthuse them about reading. By purchasing books through the scheme you will also be supporting a local independent business at a challenging time for high street shops. Books will be delivered to the school and distributed to children before the end of term. In the event that your child is not in school, Hunts will deliver to your house. More details to follow. Please support the scheme if you can.

Tomorrow is a teacher training day. Among other things, nursery staff have training on continuous provision, KS1 staff are auditing our reading books before we order new ones and Junior school staff are learning about the inspection framework for Church schools.

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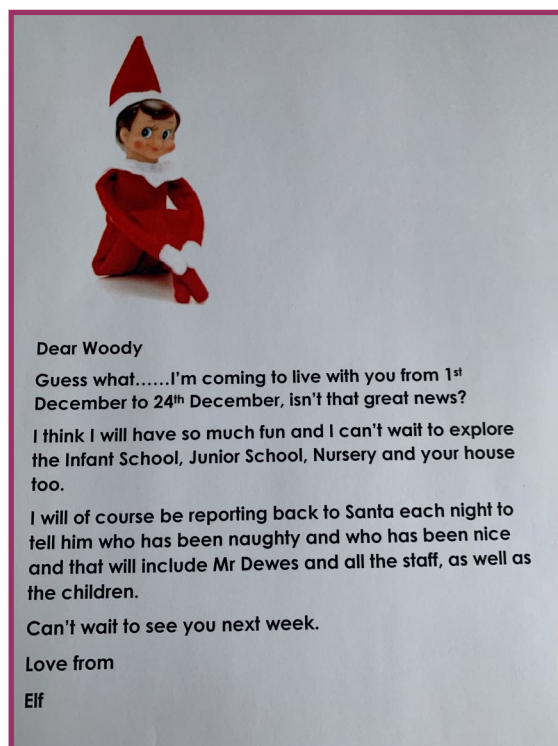
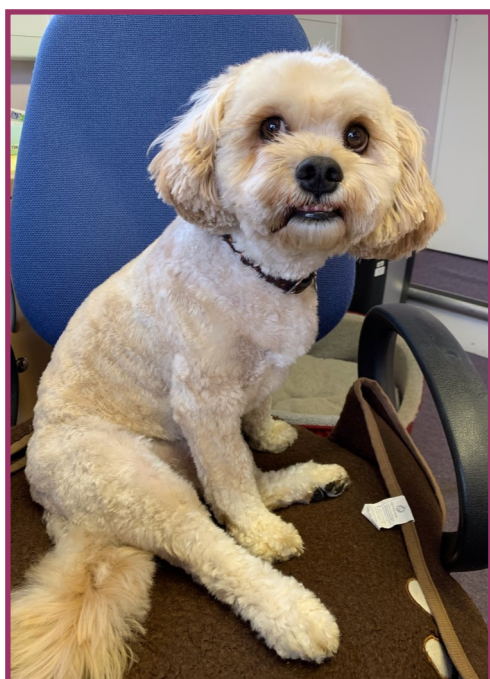
## Woody's Blog

Hello Everyone

So, my exciting news refers to the letter below that I've received from Elf. I'm so excited that he's coming to stay with me, although I've heard he can be a bit mischievous. I'll report back each week about what Elf gets up to in school and at home.

As you can see I've had quite a short haircut this week. I've lost my curls but Mrs. Beech says I feel very soft. It's definitely time to get my winter jumper out. Have a lovely weekend.

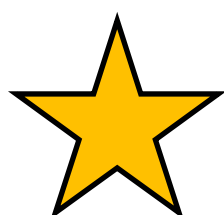
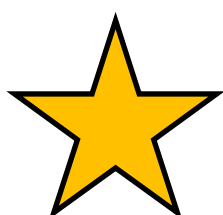
Love from Woody



# Dunchurch Schools' Federation Stars of the Week



Reception	Mrs. Carrington: <b>Dmirty K-S</b>	Miss Lodge: <b>Ava McD</b>
Year 1	Miss Shrimpton: <b>Jason O</b>	Mr. Coppillie & Mrs. Rawes: <b>Oliver W</b>
Year 2	Miss Guy: <b>Jack C</b>	Mrs. Macauley: <b>Joshua E</b>



# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery News



## Diary Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Yr1&2 Violin lessons by WCC Music Hub 1.10pm—2.30pm			Santa Surprise visit for children by Rugby Lions Club

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ARE POSTPONED UNTIL LOCK-  
DOWN FINISHES**

**Owls is still open**

## Term and Diary Dates

Rugby Rokeby Lions Club Santa Sleigh—Friday 4th December  
Christmas Craft day—Thursday 10th December  
Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper—Friday 11th December  
Christingle making & service—Friday 18th December  
School closes for Christmas break—Friday 18th December (normal time)  
Teacher Training Day— Monday 4th January  
School starts—Tuesday 5th January

## **WEEKLY GREEN AWARD**

### Awarded to Barn Owls

Well done to the children in Mrs Rawes & 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

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## Attachments:

Dinner Menu: Week beginning 30th November is **YELLOW** Week 1 - remember these are Universal Free School meals for all children of school age up to and including Year 2.

Christmas dinner Deli Hot bag menu

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Road safety leaflets

WCC update on COVID-19 capacity for testing and symptoms letter

Onside Multi-sports Holiday club

## Rugby Rokeby Lions Club Santa Sleigh - Friday 4th December

This year we are very lucky to have Santa come to school to see the children and drop off their Christmas present. On ParentPay will be an item for the Christmas present (a Cadbury selection box or Free From chocolate depending on allergies) which they will take home on Thursday 10th December. Also there will be an item for you to make a donation to this much worthy cause.

*We at Rugby Rokeby Lions Club are usually seen out and about with Santa and his Sleigh over the Christmas period at supermarkets and around the streets of Rugby bringing a little cheer to everyone. The money we collect during these outings is ploughed back into the community in various ways and just a few of our highlights over the last couple of years include support for families who have struggled with the cost of school uniforms, rehousing single parents and children due to domestic violence where we have provided white goods, kitchenware, mattresses etc. We have also helped purchase a rise and fall chair for a teenager who has lower limb girdle muscular dystrophy and this means that he can get to a standing position without grabbing hold of the radiator and the risk of pulling it from the wall. We sponsored kit bags for a local under 16's Rugby team, a carriage to carry wheelchair users at Rainsbrook Valley Railway off Barby Lane. We purchased a purpose made wheelchair for a young girl who has multiple disabilities and this enabled her to sit up straight to join in with the rest of her family. We purchased a specialised trike for a 3 year old twin, again with muscular dystrophy, and we purchased a little bike for his twin so they could play out together. We have paid for wet room flooring for 2 families. Almost all of these requests come in via the Family Support Units or the Welfare Units at St Cross and we are happy to support when we are able. We also support the Foodbank, Hope4, Friends of St Cross, Macmillan nurses who use the money for the care of our local residents and we also support the Air Ambulance.*

## Christmas Jumper and Dinner day - Friday 11th December

Children can wear a Christmas themed top with non uniform on the bottom and sensible shoes to school on this day and make a donation through ParentPay to Save the Children and also it is Christmas dinner day which this year is a themed Hot Deli bag.

## Christingle making and service - Friday 18th December

All children in school and nursery will make their own Christingle. Please donate through ParentPay donation to The Children's Society.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS TO CHILDREN AND STAFF - Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December

If your child would like to send cards to their friends and/or staff, we are collecting these on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December ONLY so that we can isolate them for 48 hours before handing out later in the week. All envelopes must say the name and class of the recipient please.

## Fred Bennett's Don't Look Down Fund.

Thank you again to all who have donated to Fred Bennett's charity. When Mrs Miller checked earlier this week, it had raised a staggering £1135

Anyone wishing to donate can do so [here](#).

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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

**Year 1** Monday and Wednesday

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

## 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](mailto: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://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

**All Sorts** magazine link:- [https://bit.ly/35xr82g\\_ALLSORTS\\_NOV-JAN](https://bit.ly/35xr82g_ALLSORTS_NOV-JAN)

### **PLEASE FOLLOW THE ONE WAY SYSTEM OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL**

Please could parents/carers watch their child / children when walking through our car parks when following the One Way system for vehicles.

**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**

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 PTA Page



**Next event: Virtual Quiz Friday 27th November 7:15pm**— if you're reading this in time and would like to join the quiz please contact [dbhabra@gmail.com](mailto:dbhabra@gmail.com) for more information.

**Following event:** watch this space for the Dunchurch Infant School & Nursery Big Christmas Raffle- more information will be coming soon about how to buy tickets and the great raffle prizes on offer.

**PTA meeting Tuesday 1st December at 8pm - all are welcome to join us for our zoom meeting, please contact the office for the log in details.**

## **In School Events - donate via ParentPay**

A huge thanks to everyone who has already donated - we have raised £1000 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 [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.

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**

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 30th	Tuesday 1st	Wednesday 2nd	Thursday 3rd	Friday 4th	After next week
Year 6 Online Health Questionnaire in school.				Rokeby Lions Santa Sleigh visit to school.	

#### ♦ Diary Dates.

- ♦ 30th November: Year 6 Online Health Questionnaire.
- ♦ 4th December: Rokeby Lions Santa Sleigh visit to school.
- ♦ 7th – 8th December: Christmas cards can be sent into school.
- ♦ 16th December: Christmas dinner day.
- ♦ 16th December: Christmas jumper /themed non-uniform day.
- ♦ 18th December: Break a rule day. PTA event.
- ♦ 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 30th November: **Yellow**
- ♦ WCC Additional Capacity for Testing Letter.
- ♦ WCC Wider Symptoms Test Access Letter.
- ♦ On-Side Multi-Sports Holiday Cub.
- ♦ Park it Right Campaign—Warwickshire Fire and Rescue.

#### Dinner Menu: Week Beginning 30th November.

Educaterers have advised us that there will be no Cold Deli Bag available to the students until week beginning 7th December, and this may be subject to change.

There will continue to be either a Hot Deli Bag or either a pasta or jacket potato option.

#### Covid Test Results

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### **Fred Bennett's Don't Look Down Fund.**

Thank you again to all who have donated to Fred Bennett's charity. When Mrs Miller checked earlier this week, it had raised a staggering £1135.

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### **Christmas Performances.**

Please note that children will not require any costumes this year to wear during their group Christmas performance. This is the case for the children in all year groups. If you have yet to give your consent to allow your child to appear in the recording of the play, then please click [here](#).

### **Rokeby Lions visit to school.**

On Friday 4th December, the Rokeby Lions Santa Sleigh will be visiting the Junior School. All of the children will have an opportunity to join in this activity. Parents can make a voluntary donation on ParentPay to Rokeby Lions, who raise money for good causes every year with their Santa Sleigh tour of the town.

### **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.

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, as **all unnecessary visits to the office with forgotten items are to be avoided**. Thank you for helping us to keep our school a safer place.

### **Keeping Your Details Up-to-Date**

Please email the school office if you have a change of address, contact details or any change of details and health requirement for your child.

[office@dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk](mailto:office@dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk)

### **Lost Property.**

One of our year 3 pupils has lost their school sweatshirt in school. It has *Hiscox* written on the tag and is a size 7-8. Please can you check at home in case your child has picked up the wrong sweatshirt.

### **WCC Family Information Service.**

To access Warwickshire County Council's latest Family Information Service Newsletter, follow this [link](#).

### **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>

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## C. of E. Junior School News



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### Junior School Christmas Activities 2020.



The Junior school and their PTA have planned some festive activities for the children this December.

- \* 4th December : Rokeby Lions Santa Sleigh visit to school.
- \* 7th -8th December : Children can bring Christmas Cards into school to be quarantined and distributed on 10th -11th December .
- \* 16th December : Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper day. Donations to *Save the Children*.
- \* 16th December : PTA Christmas crafts afternoon.
- \* 18th December : PTA *Break a Rule* day & tuck shop.



More details on the above to follow.

