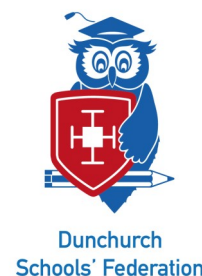


Dunchurch Schools' Federation News

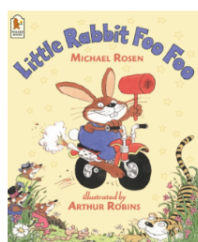


Attached to the email this newsletter was sent with, is a document about three consultations which the governing board of our two schools are launching. The governors have been considering how to improve the schools further and ensure there is sustainability. This has led to the three proposals outlined in the document. Please take a look and tell us what you think using the instructions at the end of the document. At the moment, the governors think there is merit in each of the proposals, but we don't know what your thoughts are, so please share them.

By the time you read this, Father Christmas himself will have visited both schools. We're very grateful that he has taken time out of his busy schedule to not only visit us, but to abide by our COVID restrictions.

As mentioned last week, we have partnered with Hunts Bookshop to offer families a COVID secure way of doing some of their Christmas shopping. Teachers across both schools have chosen some of their favourite books for their respective year groups and these are detailed later in the newsletter. If you are interested in a book, you can place an order with Hunts on 01788 551876, or via enquiry@huntsbookshop. Payment is to Hunts and delivery will be to school or your home before the Christmas holiday begins. The schools will earn a commission for every book sold which we will spend on more books for the children to read in school.

My recommendations...



LITTLE RABBIT FOO FOO
by Michael Rosen - £7.99
EARLY YEARS

A hilarious biker bunny tale by former Children's Laureate Michael Rosen, author of We're Going on a Bear Hunt. He's wild, he's wicked, he's Little Rabbit Foo Foo!



ROOFTOPPERS
By Katherine Rundell - £7.99
KEY STAGE 2

Everyone tells Sophie that she was orphaned in a shipwreck - found floating in a cello case on the English Channel on her first birthday. This is a classic adventure story about pursuing your dreams and never ignoring a possibility.



LEON AND THE PLACE BETWEEN
by Angela McAllister & Grahame Baker-Smith - £6.99
KEY STAGE 1

Wanting to prove to his brothers and sister that magic really exists, Leon volunteers to be in Abdul Kazam's magic show and gets transported to a mysterious world.



VOICES IN THE PARK
by Anthony Browne - £7.99
KEY STAGE 1

Four different voices tell their own versions of the same walk in the park. The radically different perspectives give a fascinating depth to this simple story which explores many of the author's key themes, such as alienation, friendship and the bizarre amid the mundane.



THE QUEEN'S KNICKERS
by Nicholas Allan - £6.99
EARLY YEARS

It's a busy year for the Queen - she has lots of important events to attend. Meanwhile, a little girl is wondering what knickers Her Majesty will choose to wear on a school visit!



ASHA & THE SPIRIT BIRD
By Jasbinder Bilan - £6.99
KEY STAGE 2

Asha lives in the foothills of the Himalayas. Asha makes a pact with her best friend, Jeevan, to find her father and make things right. But the journey is dangerous: they must cross the world's highest mountains and face hunger, tiredness - even snow leopards.

Dunchurch Schools' Federation News



Woody's Blog



Hello Everyone

Look at all the cheeky things Elf has been up to already! He's only been living with me since Tuesday and I can see I'm going to have to keep a close eye on him. He did tell me that he's got a few tricks up his sleeve to play on Mrs Beech and my two cats at the weekend so I'll report back next week.

We were so lucky to have a visit from Santa today as I know he's very busy. Elf managed to have a word with him and I'm pretty sure he has told Santa what good boys and girls you have been. As for the staff.....well I know they've eaten a lot of chocolate this week but hopefully Elf didn't tell Santa.

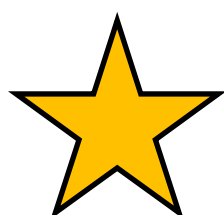
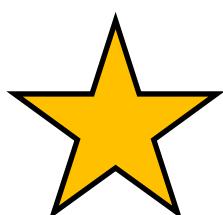
Have a lovely weekend, Love from Woody



Dunchurch Schools' Federation Stars of the Week



Reception	Mrs. Carrington: Lexi M	Miss Lodge: Durphine G
Year 1	Miss Shrimpton: Freddie A	Mr. Coppillie & Mrs. Rawes: Theo H
Year 2	Miss Guy: Aryahi M	Mrs. Macauley: Aston D
Year 3	Miss Roberts: Phoebe TM	Mrs. Tildesley & Mrs. Jenks: Surin T & Catherine Y
Year 4	Mr. Beasley: Dexter M	Mr. Rattue: Oscar H
Year 5	Mrs. Keffler: Akilan P	Mrs. Broderick & Mrs. Hayward: Sophie K
Year 6	Mrs. Cooper: George U	Mrs. Andrews: Jack C



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		Christmas Fun Day in school—school uniform to be worn	Christmas Jumper and Christmas special menu day—Non uni- form for all

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ARE POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY

Owls is still open

Term and Diary Dates

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 ELF Owls

Well done to the children in Mrs Carrington'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

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery News



Attachments:

Dinner Menu: Week beginning 7th December is **BLUE** Week 2 - 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 for Friday 11th December

Benn Partnership FREE Christmas meal flyer

WSHWBS newsletter December 2020

Warwickshire Music newsletter

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.

Covid Test Results

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

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

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Nursery



WHATEVER NEXT! by Gill Murphy - £6.99

The moon and back before bath time? A beautiful story of innocence and imagination.



THE COLOUR MONSTER by Anna Llenas - £6.99

One day, Colour Monster wakes up feeling very confused. His emotions are all over the place; he feels angry, happy, calm, sad and scared all at once!



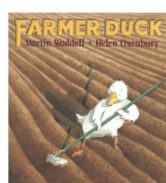
WHAT THE LADYBIRD HEARD by Julia Donaldson - £6.99

With brilliant rhyming verse, bright distinctive illustrations and glitter on every page, this much-loved modern classic is perfect for reading aloud.



ZIM, ZAM, ZOOM! by James Carter - £7.99

Want to travel in a rocket? Search for a grumpy dragon? Make your very own monster? Visit a high-gledy-piggledy farm? Well, hop into Zim Zam Zoom - for fun and adventures galore!



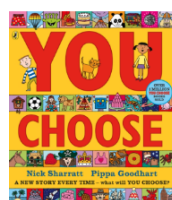
FARMER DUCK by Martin Waddell - £7.99

The duck cooks and cleans, tends the fields and cares for the other animals on the farm - and all while the farmer lies in bed! That is until the day the animals decide to take action ...



HAIRY MACLARY FROM DONALDSON'S DAIRY by Lynley Dodd - £6.99

Hairy Maclary goes off for a walk in town, followed by doggyish friends of all shapes and sizes. A hilarious rhyming classic!



YOU CHOOSE By Pippa Goodhart - £6.99

Imagine you could go anywhere, meet anyone and do anything. Where would you live? Where would you sleep? Who would be your friends? What games would you play? Go on ... you choose!



I'M STICKING WITH YOU by Smriti Halls - £6.99

A wonderful, warm bear-hug of a story with sumptuous illustrations. A modern classic.

Reception

Year 1



WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE by Maurice Sendak - £6.99

One night Max puts on his wolf suit and makes mischief of one kind and another, so his mother calls him 'Wild Thing' and sends him to bed without his supper. The wild rumpus begins!



MR. WOLF'S PANCAKES by Jean Fearnley - £6.99

Join Mr Wolf in the kitchen as he gets into lots of trouble making pancakes in this funny, illustrated picture book.



MEERKAT MAIL By Emily Gravett - £7.99

Imagine you could go anywhere, meet anyone and do anything. Where would you live? Where would you sleep? Who would be your friends? What games would you play? Go on ... you choose!



RAINBOW FISH by Marcus Pfister - £6.99

A fish with shiny, multi-coloured scales. Best known for the message about selfishness and sharing.



THE WOLF WILDER by Katherine Rundell - £7.99

Feodora's mother is a wolf wilder, and Feo is a wolf wilder in training. A wolf wilder is the opposite of an animal tamer. A story of revolution and adventure, standing up for the things you love and fighting back. And, of course, wolves.



MR. MAJEIKA by Humphrey Carpenter - £4.99

As a rule, magic carpets don't turn up in schools, but this is exactly what happens when Class Three's new teacher flies in through the classroom window and lands on the floor with a bump.



HAPPY ENDINGS By Carol Ann Duffy - £7.99

What would happen if we lost the happy endings to stories - imagine the tears at bedtime! A fantastic and magical tale about what happens when, one night, a wicked witch steals the happy endings to bedtime stories.



A FIRST BOOK OF POETRY by Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan - £6.99

The topic based collection features brand-new poems about fairies, mermaids, princesses, monsters, mythical creatures, dinosaurs, pets, transport and much more.....

Year 2



Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery News PTA Page



A huge thank you to everyone for the amazing support of the PTA events this term. There is still time to send in Welly Walk sponsorship money and to make a donation for the in school events. Please use the links on Parent Pay.

So far, we've raised over £600 from the Welly Walk; over £300 from sale of Christmas cards, tag and mugs; £105 from the virtual quiz night; and over £550 from the donations for in school events - thanks to everyone who been involved.

The big news in PTA land right now is the **BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!!** There are some fantastic prizes on offer. Tickets are £1 each and can be bought via Parent Pay. There is an email from the school office (dated 1st December) explaining how to do it!



Virtual Quiz Night was a big hit. We were really grateful to Square Coffee who donated the £30 voucher first prize won by Natalie Owen and Mops who donated a £15 voucher won by Verity Timmins. The quiz, organised by Dee Bhabra and hosted by Carrie Weir, was a big success and loads of fun - watch this space for another quiz night in the new year.

Nursery treats were given out this week following the successful trial of having sweet treats passed out via the school staff in place of our usual cake sale events. We've got the hang of this now so will be doing more of the same next term across all year groups. Keep your eyes peeled for a little non-edible treat from the PTA coming home before the end of term with all of the children.

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 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 7th	Tuesday 8th	Wednesday 9th	Thursday 10th	Friday 11th	After next week
Christmas cards can be sent into school.	Christmas cards can be sent into school.		Christmas cards distributed.	Christmas cards distributed.	Christmas Dinner day. Christmas Jumper day. Christmas Concert day. Break the Rules day.

Diary Dates.

- ◆ 7th – 8th December: Christmas cards can be sent into school.
- ◆ 16th December: Christmas Dinner day.
- ◆ 16th December: Christmas Jumper /themed non-uniform day.
- ◆ 16th December : Christmas Service Year 3 9.15-9.45am
- ◆ 16th December : Christmas Service Year 4 10.15-10.45am
- ◆ 17th December: Christmas Service Year 5 9.15-9.45am
- ◆ 17th December: Christmas Service Year 6 10.15-10.45am
- ◆ 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.

Attachments.

- ◆ Dinner Menu: Week beginning 7th December: **Red**
- ◆ Break the Rules Day. PTA event.
- ◆ Benn Partnership Centre Christmas Dinner Poster.
- ◆ Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service December Newsletter.
- ◆ Dunchurch Consultation for Parents and the Wider Community

Consultation Document.

As well as this week's newsletter, there is an important document attached to this email relating to three consultations being launched today by the schools. Please see Mr. Dewes' section of the newsletter for more on this.

Afternoon School Clubs.

After school clubs are cancelled until next year. We will confirm the re-start dates as soon as possible but until then, they are postponed.

Dinner Menu: Week Beginning 7th December.

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.

Christmas Dinner Day.

On Wednesday 16th December, only Christmas dinners are available from the school canteen. If you have not ordered a Christmas dinner then please can you make sure **your child comes to school with their own packed lunch from home as Educaterers are unable to offer the children an alternative.**

Dunchurch Boughton

C. of E. Junior School News



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Christmas Church Service

We are planning to take the children in classes to church at Christmas for our Christmas service. Unfortunately due to COVID, we will not be allowing parents into church this year.

If you are able to help as a Marshall in the village to help supervise at key points, we would be very grateful. Please contact school if you are able to help with this. We would need you to arrive at school outside, 20 minutes before the start time, so we could tell you where we would like you to stand in the village. We would need you to stay in position until after the children return. Warm clothes will be needed!

The timings are:

Year 3 16/12/20 9.15-9.45

Year 4 16/12/20 10.15-10.45

Year 5 17/12/20 9.15-9.45

Year 6 17/12/20 10.15-10.45

Many thanks

Mrs Miller



Knowledge Organisers

We are happy to let parents know that our Knowledge Organisers are now on the school website on the curriculum pages. These cover the knowledge, skills and vocabulary taught for each subject and theme. They also cover prior learning and links to other subjects.

These are informative documents and support the children to learn and remember key facts and vocabulary. They will be also interesting for parents to find out about what their children are learning at school.

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](#).

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.

Poppy Appeal.

We are pleased to say that the school raised £234.55 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal.

Thank you PTA!

A BIG THANK YOU to the PTA for giving all the children a gift today (Friday) and thank you for their time and efforts in their planned activities for the festive season.

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.

Please email or phone the school office if your child has a negative test result to office@dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk or 01788 811028.

Hunt's, your local independent bookshop, is working in partnership with Dunchurch Boughton C Of E Voluntary Aided Junior School and Nursery to provide a direct ordering service for parents who wish to purchase books from the school recommended reading list. Which ones will you pick?

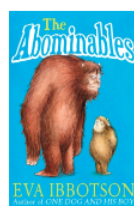
Year 3



THE SHEEP-PIG
by Dick King-Smith - £6.99
Babe is determined to learn everything he can from Fly. He knows he can't be a sheep-dog. But maybe, just maybe, he might be a sheep-pig.



THE TWITS
By Roald Dahl - £5.99
Down in their garden, the ghastly, evil Twits keep Muggle-Wump the monkey and his family locked in a cage. But not for much longer! Because the monkeys are planning to trick the terrible Twits and make their escape, once and for



THE ABOMINABLES
by Eva Ibbotson - £6.99
A hundred years ago, in the Himalayan peaks of Nanvi Dar, the daughter of an English earl is kidnapped by a huge hairy monster. In a secret valley Agatha Farley is introduced to a family of motherless yetis and devotes her life to their upbringing.



THE BUTTERFLY LION
by Michael Morpurgo - £5.99
A lyrical and moving tale of a young boy growing up in Africa, and his lifelong friendship with a white lion. "All my life I'll think of you, I promise I will. I won't ever forget you."



CHARLOTTE'S WEB
by E.B. White - £6.99
Wilbur the pig's life has already been saved by Fern, but when he is sold to her uncle, he realises his life is in even more danger.



VARJAK PAW
by SF Said - £6.99
Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats.



THE GIRL WHO STOLE AN ELEPHANT
By Roald Dahl - £7.99
Down in their garden, the ghastly, evil Twits keep Muggle-Wump the monkey and his family locked in a cage. But not for much longer! Because the monkeys are planning to trick the terrible Twits and make their escape, once and for all...



THE HIGHLAND FALCON THEIF
by M.G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman - £6.99
Harrison Beck is reluctantly joining his travel-writer Uncle Nat for the last journey of the royal train, The Highland Falcon. But as the train makes its way to Scotland, a priceless brooch goes missing, and things are suddenly a lot more interesting.

Year 4

Year 5



BEEBLE BOY
by M.G. Leonard - £6.99
Perfect for children who like Roald Dahl. But how can a boy be friends with a beetle? And what does a beetle have to do with the disappearance of his dad and the arrival of Lucretia Cutter, with her taste for creepy jewellery?



WHO LET THE GOD'S OUT?
by May Evans - £6.99
The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help.



GREEK MYTHS
By Marcia Williams - £7.99
Eight favourite Greek myths - illustrated in colourful, cartoon-strip style! The Greek myths are among the greatest, most exciting stories ever told and feature some of the world's best loved heroes and heroines.



MISSION SURVIVAL
by Bear Grylls - £6.99
Beck Granger is lost in the jungle with no food, no compass, and no hope of rescue. But Beck is no ordinary teenager - he's the world's youngest survival expert. If anyone can make it out alive, he can.



LETTERS FROM A LIGHTHOUSE
by Emma Carroll - £7.99
A stunningly evocative wartime drama, and sure to keep you breathlessly reading to its very last page.



PERCY JACKSON AND THE LIGHTNING THIEF
by Rick Riordan - £6.99
I was just a normal kid, I went to school, played sports and hung out with my best friend. Until I accidentally vaporised my maths teacher. Now, I spend my time at Camp Half Blood, battling monsters and generally trying to stay alive.



WONDER
By R.J. Palacio - £7.99
'My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.' Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside.



WILDSPARK
by Vashti Hardy - £6.99
A mind-bending adventure! A year after the death of her older brother, Prue Haywood's family is still shattered by grief. But everything changes when a stranger arrives at the farm.

Year 6