

Dunchurch Schools' Federation News



Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting on Tuesday evening about the consultations we are currently holding. The minutes from this meeting have been written up and embedded in the original consultation document. This has been attached to the email this newsletter was sent with. Please have a look and share your views. The consultations close on 29th January.

As you know from previous newsletters, from January I will be working one day a week in Dunchurch with Tracy Miller taking the role of Executive Head on an interim basis. To ensure things run smoothly, we have a group of people who will be working as Head of School across both schools. At the Infants and Nursery, this includes Mrs. Barnes returning for two days a week.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Executive Head of both schools	Tracy Miller	Tracy Miller Ian Dewes	Tracy Miller	Tracy Miller	Tracy Miller
Dunchurch Infants and Nursery	Suzanne Marson	Tina Carrington	Suzanne Marson	Sandra Barnes	Sandra Barnes
Dunchurch Boughton Juniors	Danielle Read	Danielle Read	Danielle Read	Sue Keffler	Danielle Read

This means that this part of the newsletter will be mostly written by Mrs. Miller from January, although I will still occasionally write pieces. I estimate that this is the 335th consecutive Dunchurch newsletter I have written in since I first started at the Infants in 2012, so it is a shame to be doing it less. I hope parents have found them useful. My one day a week in Dunchurch will be Tuesdays until half-term, with this likely to change to a different day in the second half of the term, before I finish completely at Easter

Tomorrow is a teacher training day, thank you for the understanding you have shown in this late change. Teachers will be trained remotely in some comparative judgement. As the school will be closed to children tomorrow, any positive tests beyond Saturday will not mean that children and staff from the same bubble have to isolate. Regardless, please let me know if your child has had a positive COVID result. Office email addresses are not monitored over Christmas, so please contact me directly, my email address is at the bottom of the page as usual.

I hope you and your family enjoy the Christmas period. This has been such a strange year and all of us have had less time with friends and family, so I hope you are able to enjoy the holidays and they go some small way to making up for the times missed.

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Woody's Blog

Hi Everyone

Hooray, the Christmas holidays are here!

Well done for working so hard this term. It's certainly been challenging but you've done so well, helping each other and keeping us all safe.

I also want to say a big thank you for my cards and presents, I'm a very lucky boy.

Elf has been getting me into trouble but I'm going to miss him as he'll be going back home with Santa.

We have our Winter Wonderland Windows fund raiser in Dunchurch to raise funds in memory of Fred Bennett so please have a walk around the village, enjoy the lights and donate if you can.

Wishing you all a very happy, peaceful Christmas and I can't wait to see you in 2021.

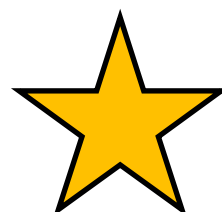
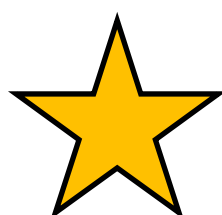
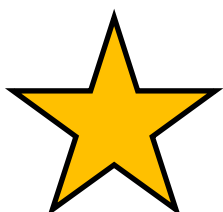
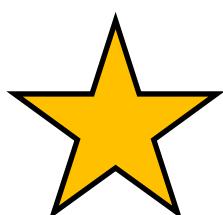
Love from Woody



Dunchurch Schools' Federation Stars of the Week



Reception	Mrs. Carrington: Amelia H	Miss Lodge: Daya R
Year 1	Miss Shrimpton: Cole M	Mrs. Rawes & Mr. Coppillie: Olivia W
Year 2	Miss Guy: Florence M	Mrs. Macauley: Freddie T
Year 3	Miss Roberts: Bence F	Mrs. Tildesley & Mrs. Jenks: Henry H
Year 4	Mr. Beasley: Emma B	Mr. Rattue: Jack D
Year 5	Mrs. Keffler: Seb T	Mrs. Broderick & Mrs. Hayward: Oscar V
Year 6	Mrs. Cooper: Lucas B	Mrs. Andrews: Jenny M



Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery News



Diary Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Teacher Training Day	Yr1&2 Violin lessons by WCC Music Hub 1.10pm—2.30pm			

Term and Diary Dates

School closes for Christmas break — Thursday 17th December (normal time) Extra Teacher Training Day

Teacher Training Day—Friday 18th December

Teacher Training Day — Monday 4th January

School starts—Tuesday 5th January

TERMLY 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 4th January is **YELLOW** Week 1 - remember these are Universal Free School meals for all children of school age up to and including Year 2.

THANK YOU

All the staff from School and Nursery would like to say a 'big thank you' for all the cards and presents that we have received this Festive season.

Spare Clothes

Please can you send in any donations of spare clothes including underwear for when the children have accidents.

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://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

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



Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery News PTA Page



Happy Christmas from the PTA....and see you next term!

Thanks for everyone's support, our final event was the Big Christmas Raffle which raised over £500! It was great fun and we were bowled over by the support from people in our school community and local businesses in donating some fabulous prizes.

We have our next Zoom meeting on Tuesday 19th January at 8pm, please come and join us to find out more about how you can get involved.

In School Events - donate via ParentPay

A huge thanks to everyone who has already donated so far. You can still 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 about what we have in store next term 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 4th	Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th	After next week
SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Training Day	Children return to school			Break the Rules Day for children who were isolating on 17th December.	

Diary Dates.

- ◆ 4th January : Teacher training day—school closed to pupils.
- ◆ 5th January: Children back in school for Spring term.
- ◆ 15th-19th February: Half term holidays
- ◆ 4th March: World Book Day

Attachments.

- ◆ Dinner Menu Week 1: Week beginning 4th January 2021: **Yellow.**
- ◆ St Peter's Crib Service and Children's Nativity
- ◆ Evelyn and Matthew's Wildlife Photography Competition.
- ◆ Dunchurch Consultation for Parents and the Wider Community

Dinner Menu: Week Beginning 4th January 2021.

Educaterers have advised us that there will be no Cold Deli Bag available to the students until further notice. There will continue to be either a Hot Deli Bag or either a pasta or jacket potato option.

Thank you.

Thank you Jenny Mynott and Mrs Fairbrother for their excellent Christmas carol medley, which they performed flawlessly for all the Christmas church services for our delight.

Christmas Performances.

You will receive an email before Christmas which includes a link to your child's class Christmas performance in school last week. Please can we remind parents that the contents of this link is solely for the community of the school.

Evelyn and Matthew's Wildlife Photography Competition.

Evelyn and Matthew in year 5 are trying to raise some money towards a night vision camera for the school grounds. It would be great to see which animals visit our school field when it is dark. So we would like to hold a photo competition in January. 50p per entry. You are allowed 2 entries but they have to be different images. Please see the attachment for full details.



After School Clubs 2021.

The re-start date for after school clubs will be reviewed in January.

Break the Rules Day 3JT and other children who are self-isolating.

On Friday 8th January 2021, the children who are self isolating this week, will have their own *Break the Rules Day* in school.

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Donation

If anyone has an old clean bean bag and cushions they could donate to school, please phone the school office on 01788 811028.

The Friends of Dunchurch Society (FODS) Winter Wonderland Fundraiser in Memory of Fred Bennett.

On Saturday 19th December FODS Facebook page will post a map with details of every house which is supporting their campaign to raise money for the Children's Leukaemia Group, in memory of Fred Bennett. If you would like to donate, simply text CCLG 5 FRED to 70300.



Virtual Crib Service – Thursday 24th December, 4pm

St Peter's Church will host a virtual crib service on Thursday 24th December from 4pm.

Visit www.facebook.com/StPetersDunchurch/ to view the crib service any time from 4pm onwards.

For families with young children, you can use the following multi-sensory materials to help engage them during the service:

- Large peg dolls, one smaller one (big enough not to choke on)
- Brown crinkle paper (or real hay)
- A small cardboard box for a manger (an earring box, for example)
- An angel figure – bonus if it's got interesting textures or if it's shiny
- A star decoration – again, bonus for texture or visual interest
- Farm animal figures
- Shakers to make noise during the music

Make sure you have paper, pens, and a candle ready to use. Children could dress up as a character from the story or you could create a 'Prayer Space' next to your computer – your crib scene, the candle, some decorations, anything you want to make that space feel special.

Nativity Escape Room – download any time

A gift from St Peter's Church: Like most of God's unfolding story, the humble birth of our Lord was a big mystery to almost everyone at the time. We invite children to go back to the time of Jesus to solve the mysteries of His birth by decoding the facts... so they can SEE THE LIGHT! Download the instructions here: www.teach Sundayschool.com/dl/toplp/NativityEscapeRoom-s83jd7q.pdf Enjoy!

Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service

Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service have a useful website where you can get advice on local services, challenging behaviour, sleep disorders and many other self help resources. For more information, please follow the link below.

<https://www.compass-uk.org/news/parents/help-at-christmas/>

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>