

Dunchurch Schools' Federation News



Dear parents/carers and children,

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed the mixed weather this week. It was lovely to see so many photographs uploaded to Seesaw of families having fun in the snow at the beginning of the week.

A group of C.C.F.C. fans led by Mr. Newton in the village, have provided a tablet for the Junior school and Hayley Burke an ex-employee of the Infant school has kindly donated a laptop. Mr. and Mrs. Crighton have also kindly donated a laptop and tablet. Thank you for these kind donations. Last week I told you that the DfE had provided 10 laptops for the Junior school. This week Warwickshire County Council will be providing 9 laptops for the Infant school. These will be distributed to families to support with remote learning.

During the last week of this half term, both schools will have a focus on mental health and well-being. Teachers will continue to set maths and English work on Seesaw, but will then focus on supporting this using many different resources. We will also be trying to encourage the links between children in school and children at home. Also during this week we will be teaching about Internet Safety and how children can keep safe. Here are a couple of resources that you may want to use at home. This first one is a list of recommended books <https://reading-well.org.uk/books/books-on-prescription/children>

Warwickshire School Health have recommended a Time to Talk activity sheet, created by their school nurse team, compiling family-orientated resources in the form of games and activities designed to instigate conversation. This is aimed at upper KS2 pupils to complete with their families. The activity sheet also includes key contact details and websites for young people seeking support with mental health.

You can access the activity sheet via this link: <http://www.compass-uk.org/time-to-talk-activity-sheet>

The Government have announced this week that all schools will be closed during half term to all children. We have been asked to assist with contact track and trace. "Where pupils or staff still attending their school test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school." Please email me if this is the case once we have broken up.

We are delaying our Parent Consultations at the Infant school that were planned for the week before half term and at the Junior school that were planned for the 26th February. We plan to hold these, once the children are back in school and have settled.

Thank you to all parents/carers who have sent in positive comments about our remote learning and for their appreciation shared. I have passed these messages onto all staff.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the snow that is forecast again. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if we can help with anything.

Tracy Miller

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Woody's Blog

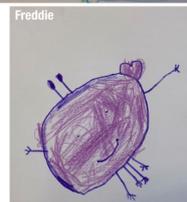
Hi Everyone

First of all I want to say a big hello to the Junior School children. I'm mainly working from the Infant School at the moment so I don't get to see those of you in school but I want you all to know, especially those of you working from home, that you are doing a great job. I miss you and can't wait to see you all soon.

I hope you managed to enjoy the snow last weekend. I absolutely love the snow and Mrs Beech made me my very own snowman. I have to say it wasn't as good as the Spider-Man snowman some of the Year 2 children made on Monday.

I had a lovely time playing in the snow with the nursery children. I was even let off my lead so I could chase the ball and play football with them. We then sat nicely and listened to the story *Aliens Love Underpants*. I was a model, sitting on a chair while the children drew their own doggie alien. I was given the job of picking my three favourite ones. It was so hard as they were all brilliant, but well done to Jessica, Dillon and Freddie, your aliens were great.

Have a good weekend and take good care.



Love from Woody.



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Attachments and Links:

- Fill the Gap Information Letter.
- WCC Hardship Support Leaflet

Worries Email- If any junior child have a worry or concern, remember to use the email account worries@dunchurfederation.co.uk

A Message from Oak National Academy and the National Literacy Trust

Oak National Academy and the National Literacy Trust have come together to launch our [Virtual School Library](#) to keep children reading during lockdown.

Every week, a popular children's author will become our 'Author of the Week' and provide a **free book or audiobook** and exclusive videos and activities aimed at primary school children, these will all be available at library.thenational.academy.

This week, our featured author is Nizrana Farook, who talks about her favourite character creations, offers exclusive activities and recommends her top reads to check out. The Girl Who Stole an Elephant is also available to read for free for a week. Spread the word!

Fun in the Snow.

At the start of the week many of our children enjoyed some seasonal snow fun. The children in the Junior school certainly wasted no time in creating their own special snow sculptures!



Active Camps Half Term Key Worker clubs.

Active Camps are running key worker holiday clubs this half term in Rugby at Bilton Grange School. For more information click [here](#).

WCC Family Information Service.

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

Dunchurch Schools' Federation Stars of the Week



Reception	Home: Jessica B	School: Ryan R
Year 1	Home: George McC	School: Lilly R
Year 2	Home: Freddie B	School: Alfie D
Year 3	Miss Roberts: Holly M	Mrs. Tildesley & Mrs. Jenks: Felix P
Year 4	Mr. Beasley: James S	Mr. Rattue: Olivia R
Year 5	Mrs. Keffler: Florence J	Mrs. Broderick & Mrs. Hayward: Daisy T
Year 6	Mrs. Cooper: Jack C	Mrs. Andrews: Holly C (and Mum)

