

Dunchurch Schools' Federation News



Dear parents/carers and children,

I hope you are all well and that the children are enjoying their learning on Seesaw and their live sessions. I had some positive chats with some parents and children in year 1 this week and I would like to thank all parents/carers for all their support at this difficult time.

Next week, the Federation will focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing. The children will be set maths and English work on Seesaw and then activities linked to wellbeing. At the Infants, there will be some suggested outdoor activities and a focus on Chinese New Year and some yoga moves. At the Junior school, we will be starting by identifying our warning signs and what to do when we get them. We will then be working through activities to develop self-esteem and positivity. These activities are for the children, but they are also great activities for the whole family to do together. Attached to this email are some infographics and resources for parents to help you support your children and also for support for yourselves.

There has been an exciting delivery to the Infant school for the children too. Here is a message from Mrs. Shrimpton and the teachers:

"We've had an exciting delivery at school this week! Our very own 'Buddy Bears' have arrived! Throughout next week children in school and at home will receive their 'Buddy Bear'.

The bear has very kindly been bought by the DISN PTA – so a big thank you to the PTA!

We would love it if you could all try to remember to bring your 'Buddy Bear' to the socials on TEAMS, starting after half term.

We hope that your 'Buddy Bear' keeps you company and brings you comfort in a time where we are unable to be together as a school."

At the Junior school we will be making more links with children at home and in school. Children at home will receive something in the post from a child in school and something to return to a friend in school. I don't want to spoil the surprise, so I won't tell you what it is.

If you are interested in ways to support your child with Home learning, there is an interesting short video clip on the first link. The second link takes you to other information on how you can support your child. The third link is a planning frame for the day, which parents may find useful.

[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/videos/](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/videos/EEF_Supporting_daily_routines_during_school_closures.mp4)

[EEF Supporting daily routines during school closures.mp4](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Resources_for_parents/Summary_of_Resources_-_Parents.pdf)

[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Resources_for_parents/Summary_of_Resources_-_Parents.pdf)
[Resources for parents/Summary of Resources - Parents.pdf](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Resources_for_parents/Summary_of_Resources_-_Parents.pdf)

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[Resources for parents/Supporting home learning routines - Planning the day.pdf](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Resources_for_parents/Supporting_home_learning_routines_-_Planning_the_day.pdf)

COVID. Please can I remind parents that public health have asked schools to follow Local Authority guidance on the wider symptoms list and send children for tests displaying these symptoms. Please take your child for a test if they have: fever/chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, diarrhoea.

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It is also Safer Internet week next week and we will be encouraging the children to look at some resources on Seesaw to develop their understanding. Here are some links specifically for parents to help with screen time.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/new-guidance-parents-and-carers-looking-screen-time>

https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-12/rcpch_screen_time_full_cyp_views.pdf

[https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-12/rcpch_screen_time_parent_fact_sheet - final.pdf](https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-12/rcpch_screen_time_parent_fact_sheet_final.pdf)

Fancy Dress Friday

Next Friday 12th February (the last day before half term), as part of our well-being awareness week, we would like to invite you to dress up! You can choose whatever outfit you like, to make you feel good! You could choose a favourite character from a book or film or dress in your favourite colours or fabrics. Or just the most comfortable things that make you smile. You could dress with your clothes inside out to show that our feelings that are on the inside are OK to be on the outside too! We would love to see photos of the children at home in their fancy dress which can be posted on the blog.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. I am not going to talk about the weather, as my forecast seems to be inaccurate every week! We hope that next week provides children some opportunities and skills to communicate how they are feeling and develop ways to help themselves and each other though these tricky times.

Tracy Miller

Interim Executive Headteacher of Dunchurch Infant School and Dunchurch Boughton C. of E. (V.A.) Junior School.



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Woody's Blog

Hi Everyone

I hope you've all had a good week and have been working hard. As for me, well I've been rather lazy this week! As you can see, I've had a few snoozes in my cosy bed and Mrs Beech said I was snoring.

I wanted to share my exciting news this week. I have a new friend called Murphy. I have sponsored a puppy for Guide Dogs for the Blind. As you can see, Murphy is a really cute puppy and is a Golden Retriever cross. We can share Murphy's incredible journey as he grows from a tiny pup into a fully qualified guide dog and transforms the life of a person with sight loss. Watch this space for pupdates and more photos.

Have a good weekend

Love from Woody



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Attachments and Links:

- Mental Health Awareness Week activities
- Dress up on Friday
- Compass February Newsletter.

TEAMS

Social Sessions on TEAMS- Please could all children join the session with their microphone turned off and respond when asked to by the class teacher. This will help with everybody who is trying to listen and reduce the amount of background noise.

Teacher Training Day.

Friday 12th March 2021 is a Teacher Training Day.

Laptops.

Laptops- We have given out devices to families who need them. If there is anyone else who needs a laptop, please contact the school offices.

WCC Family Information Service.

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

Year Group Federation Email Addresses

To help parents communicate with their child's class teacher, the year group Federation email addresses are now up and running again this term. Please use the relevant year group email address listed below.

nursery@dunchurfederation.co.uk

rec@dunchurfederation.co.uk

yr1@dunchurfederation.co.uk

yr2@dunchurfederation.co.uk

yr3@dunchurfederation.co.uk

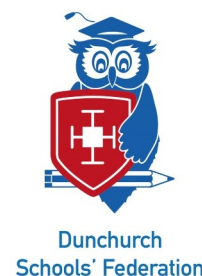
yr4@dunchurfederation.co.uk

yr5@dunchurfederation.co.uk

yr6@dunchurfederation.co.uk

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

Dunchurch Schools' Federation Stars of the Week



Reception	Little Owls: Aurelia M	Elf Owls: Dmitry KS
Year 1	Home: William E	School: Alex J
Year 2	Home: Harry H	School: Carolina C
Year 3	Miss Roberts: Keona G	Mrs. Tildesley & Mrs. Jenks: Charlotte H
Year 4	Mr. Beasley: Harry D	Mr. Rattue: Darcey S
Year 5	Mrs. Keffler: Jennifer WM	Mrs. Broderick & Mrs. Hayward: Lachlan CM
Year 6	Mrs. Cooper: Andrei D	Mrs. Andrews: Laura K

