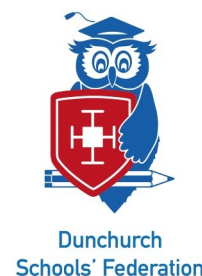


Dunchurch Schools' Federation News



Dear Parents/Carers and Children

I hope you are all well. As I said this week, we are delighted that all children will be able to return to school on the 8/3/21. Please read the information below linked to the full re-opening and check the details. I have also attached an NHS document to the newsletter to help parents prepare their children for returning to school after a Lockdown.

Consultations-Please find attached a message from our chair of governors, Lindsey Wright, about the consultations that were held recently.

R.S.E.- Relationships and Sex and Health Education Parent Forum- On 30th March at 6pm, we will be holding a forum on TEAMS for parents from both schools. We will be discussing our policy, approach and the resources we will be using to teach this part of the curriculum. If you are interested in joining this session, please could you email the school office and then the link to join will be emailed out to you.

World Book Day 4.3.21- Both schools will be celebrating this day, so watch out for this on Seesaw. We would also like to support the local independent bookshop called Hunts. Please see the attached reading lists and ordering details in preparation for the World Book Day promotion. Hunts will keep a record of orders taken and deposit labelled book orders to our school office on the 22nd / 23rd March. These will then be sent home with the children.

Parent Consultations- We will be holding these week beginning the 19th April and week beginning the 26th April. These will be a 10-minute appointment by phone with the class teacher and will be in the evenings. Booking details and confirmation of times will be released shortly.

Local News Website- A new hyperlocal news website for South Rugby (that's Dunchurch, Bilton, Cawston and Thurlaston etc) has been set up recently that may be of interest to you. <https://www.southrugbynews.co.uk>

[Details about the return to school for all pupils on 8/3/21](#)

Please be aware that we are still operating during a pandemic and our risk assessment will still be in operation. Please note the following.

- ◆ Owls and Woosh will now be open from 8am and until 6 pm.
- ◆ Specific Entrance and Exit doors (Please use same entrance and exit as children used before Christmas).
- ◆ One way systems external and internal at infants and zones at juniors. Please could all parents/carers follow the external one-way system and collect children from the playground.
- ◆ Please could parents keep all children off the play equipment, tyres and trim trail as it is rotated to specific bubbles.
- ◆ Parents also should not stand on the ramp path up to Don Cere and should avoid waiting to the bank side of the white line leading from the playground gate to the ramp.
- ◆ Parents please keep social distanced on the playground when picking up and dropping off
- ◆ Staggered arrival and departure times and lunch times .

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	Arrive	Depart
Blue Room and Rainbow Room nursery	8.50-9.00	3.10-3.20
Red Room Nursery	8.40-8.50	3.00-3.10
Reception	8.40-8.50 (reception doors)	3.10
Year 1	8.40-8.50 (Year 1 classroom doors)	3.15
Year 2	8.50-9.00 (main playground doors)	3.20
Year 3	8.35-8.45 (Woosh door)	3.20
Year 4	8.45-8.55(Year 4 cloakroom door)	3.30
Year 5	8. 40-8.50 (Year 5 cloak room door)	3.25
Year 6	8.35-8.40 (Year 6 cloakroom door)	3.25

- ◆ Adults to wear masks on site.
- ◆ Offices closed to visits- Please phone or email
- ◆ Children coming to school in P.E. kit on P.E. day
- ◆ Reading books into school on specified days

Class	Wear P.E. kit to school	Bring Reading Book into school
Reception	Tuesday	Tuesday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday	Monday and Wednesday
Spectacled Owls	Thursday and Friday	Thursday
Tawny Owls	Thursday and Friday	Tuesday
3JT	Tuesday and Thursday	Every day and changed on a Monday and Friday
3R	Monday and Tuesday	Every day and changed on a Monday and Friday
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday	Every day and changed on a Tuesday
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday	Every day and changed on a Wednesday
Year 6	Wednesday and Friday	Every day and changed on a Thursday

- ◆ Only small bags into school
- ◆ Deli bags served in classrooms
- ◆ Fruit/snack- This will be provided by school at the infants. Please could junior school children bring a healthy break time snack.

No clubs after school currently apart from Owls and Woosh. We hope to restart some clubs after Easter.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and that the children continue to work hard on Seesaw next week. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office or myself.

PTA World Book Day Quiz.

It will be great to see the children at this TEAMS event. Please see the attached flyer with details on emailing the Junior School PTA to sign up.

Tracy Miller

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

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Lent message for the school from Reverend Pat

This week, Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of our season of Lent. What a different experiencing for us as we were unable to mark people with ashes and instead had a zoom service of reflection and prayer.

Traditionally we see Lent as a time when we give up things but I think for many of us, if not all of us, we would be excused for saying, "Lord, for goodness sake, what else do you want us to give up?" We've had to give up so much in the last year: family, holidays, in some cases weddings, other celebrations, and so much more.

Lent lasts 40 days, and in Biblical symbolism the number 40 is not necessarily to be taken literally, but simply means "a long time". Jesus was in the wilderness a long time, the Israelites wandered in the desert a long time.

For us, we could say we have and are still living through 40 days/years of Covid. A long time. A year which perhaps has seemed like 40 years. Surely God doesn't expect us to give up more?

In the Bible the number 40 also marks the end of one thing and the beginning of another. Rain fell for "forty days and forty nights" during the Flood, marking the end of one way of living and signalling the beginning of a new. The people of Israel left Egypt and their lives of slavery and spent 40 years in the desert, marking the beginning of a new way of life in the Promised Land.

Perhaps this Lent, instead of giving up yet more, we can look instead reflectively at the past year and see it as the period between the end of one way of living and the beginning of a new way. We can ask ourselves, "What have we lost in the last year which we want to get back?" and "What have we lost in the past year which can remain lost, we don't need it back?"

Also we can ask ourselves, "What have we gained in the last year which we really want to keep?" and "What have we gained during this past year, but we will be happy to let it go when the time is right?"

Questions we can ponder, young or old, as schools prepare to reopen and we look forward in the hope that this is the beginning of the end.

May God bless you all this Lent season and hold you in his care.

Pat

Another image from Charlie Mackesy:



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Woody's Blog

Hello Everyone

I hope you had a lovely half term. I went out for lots of walks and bumped into my friend Daphne. It's really starting to feel like Spring is on its way.

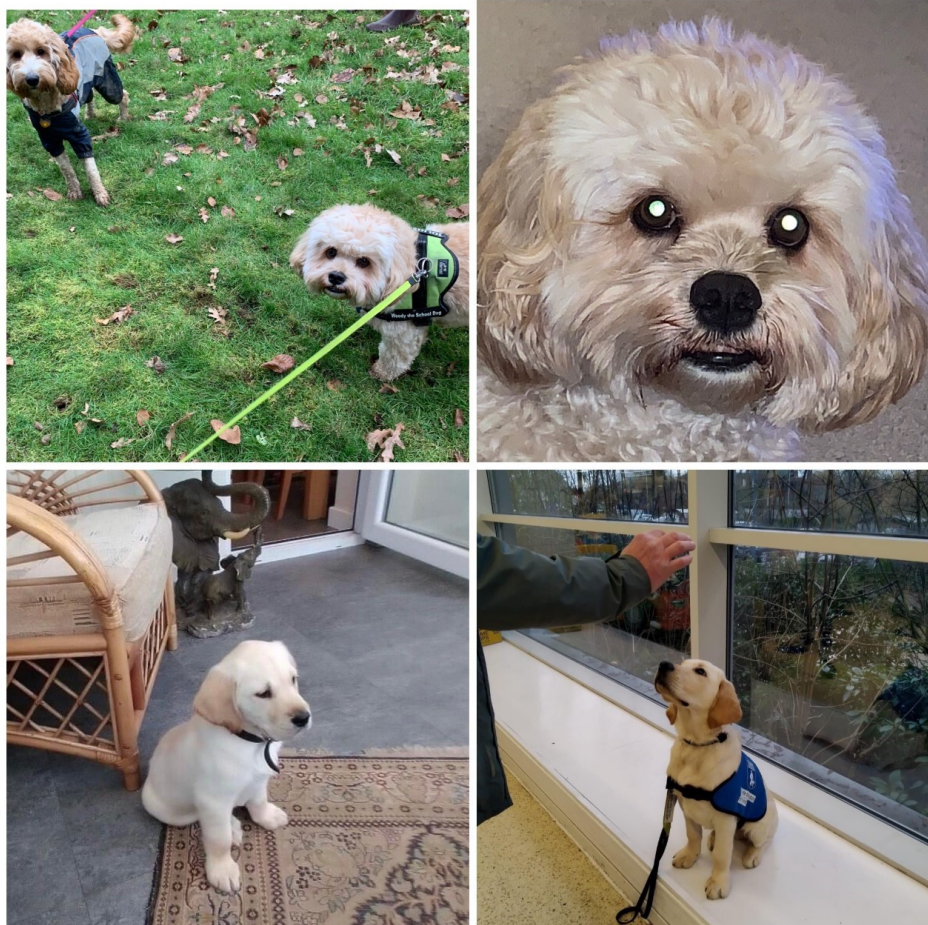
I've heard the good news that all the children will be back in school on Monday 8th March. I'm so looking forward to seeing you all.

As you can see from the photos below, Murphy, our sponsored guide dog is growing very fast. He looks bigger than me already! His training is going very well but I don't think he knows as many tricks as me yet.

Have a lovely weekend



Love from Woody



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Attachments and Links:

- ◆ Federation Consultation document responses
- ◆ Recommended Reading Lists from Hunts Book Shops: Nursery-Year 6
- ◆ Junior School PTA World Book Day Family Quiz
- ◆ NHS Education. Parents' Resource for Children Returning to School

Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd March Year 3 and Year 5 PTA Quiz

Thursday 4th March Year 4 and Year 6 PTA Quiz

Friday 12th March Teacher Training Day

Thursday 1st April Last day of term before the Easter Holidays break

Monday 19th April Back to School

Covid –19 Test Results.

If your child has a Covid-19 test, please can you email a copy of the results to the school office.

Infants: office@dunchurchinfants.co.uk

Juniors: office@dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk

Junior School PTA World Book Day Family Quiz.

The Junior School PTA will be hosting year group virtual family quizzes on Wednesday 3rd March and Thursday 4th March. It will be great to see the children at this TEAMS event.

Year 3 –Wednesday March 3rd 7.00pm – 7.30pm

Year 5 –Wednesday March 3rd 7.45pm – 8.15pm

Year 4 – Thursday March 4th 7.00pm – 7.30pm

Year 6 – Thursday March 4th 7.45pm – 8.15pm

To enter, please send your child's name and year group to: PTA@dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk by Monday 1st March.

Invites will be sent via your child's *Teams* calendar. We kindly request only one entry per family.

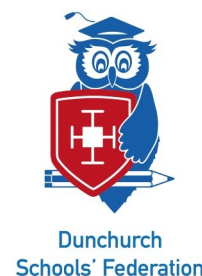
Owls for Infant school and Nursery

Please check your emails as we have sent a request for you to email a confirmation of your child's needs by Wednesday next week for Monday 8th March onwards.

Children's contact details

Can you make sure both schools and nursery are aware of any changes in contact details by email before Monday 8th March please.

Dunchurch Schools' Federation Stars of the Week



Reception	Home: Eliana R	School: Glennesha P
Year 1	Home: Drew W	School: William P
Year 2	Home: Chelsea F	School: Jake G
Year 3	Miss Roberts: Dylan M	Mrs. Tildesley & Mrs. Jenks: Charlie N
Year 4	Mr. Beasley: Maria J	Mr. Rattue: Lily N
Year 5	Mrs. Keffler: Jai D	Mrs. Broderick & Mrs. Hayward: Jamie G
Year 6	Mrs. Cooper: Edwardo D	Mrs. Andrews: Harry F

