

# Dunchurch Schools' Federation News



Dear parents/carers and children,

It is my pleasure to be communicating with you through our first Federation newsletter of the new academic year.

What a first week it has been across both schools. All children, whether arriving for their very first experience of the Infants or the Juniors or moving onto another year group at the same school, have approached their new year with a smile on their face. A huge thank you to parents and family members for supporting your children in settling back in and to the staff for your hard work in preparing the schools for re-opening, welcoming the children with a smile and supporting them in getting used to the new school routines.

Personally, I would like to thank everyone; pupils, their families and the staff alike, in making me feel extremely welcome as I start my new adventure with you all. I feel that I have joined an incredibly supportive community, who are eager to ensure that everyone reaches their potential! Attending the Family Fun Day on Sunday was further evidence of what a lovely community we are part of.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome to Miss Negus, Mrs Ogden, Mrs Hart and Mrs Wrycroft who are joining our midday supervisor teams across the schools. Welcome to the Dunchurch family!

We would also like to say a fond farewell to Mr Eames who has been an invaluable member of the Infant school's midday team over the past 4 ½ years. We wish you all the best.

## **Newsletter Review and Parental Survey**

There is much to share with you all and we hope to be able to do so through our weekly newsletters. We are committed to continuing to make the newsletters as informative and relevant for our community as we can, and are seeking your views around how we can refine communication further. We would very much welcome your feedback on the schools' newsletter, its format and content, and ask that as many of you complete the Microsoft Forms by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September**. Please click on this [form](#) to complete.

Between now and responding to the survey, we will be running an interim Federation newsletter template, which will feel very similar to that you have become used to.

## **Infant School News**

**Infants becomes a Church School** – We are delighted to share that our Infants School and Nursery has become a church school. We are looking forward to working with the Coventry Diocese Board of Education to develop our practice and support us in embedding the values promoted by the church into everyday life. Further information around our development will be shared over the coming weeks.

## **Websites**

We are busily updating our websites with this academic year's information. Please bear with us as it will take a little time to ensure all content is up and ready to view. When needed, links to specific pages will be added to our communication for ease of access for families.

With best wishes,

Mr Joss Andrews

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## Woody's Blog

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back and a big welcome to all those joining Reception and Nursery. It's such an exciting time and I'm looking forward to meeting you all very soon.

I thought I'd share a photo of my first day four years ago, the time has gone so quickly. I'm hoping we can do some great activities together this term. I really enjoyed my first reading session this week and meeting and greeting some of you at my office gate. Next week I'll be starting Woody's Buddies Club again.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Family Fun Day last Sunday. I was dressed as a bumble bee and came first in the fancy dress competition.

I hope you've had a good Summer. I went to the seaside, which was lovely but I'm really looking forward to working hard with you all this term.

Have a great weekend

Love from Woody 🐝 ☀️ 🐶



# Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery News



## Week 1 at the Infants and Nursery

What a wonderful week we have had here at the Infants.

Our newest members of nursery and reception enjoyed their first taster of life at Dunchurch. It was lovely to see so many children smiling (and parents too!) as they arrived and left each day.

All children have enjoyed eating lunch in the hall – a fantastic new experience for them and another opportunity to socialise and learn different skills. The lunch supervisors have said the children have adapted really well to the change of routine – great work everyone.

It was also brilliant to be able to enjoy assemblies back in the hall with year 1 and 2.

We have discussed new beginnings, routines at school, new learning behaviours (Team Meerkat – more info for parents to be shared shortly), and hymn practice.

In class, the children have shown that despite the holidays, they are as eager as ever to read, write, draw and count as much as possible – well done to you all!

Please check the information below about what is happening at the Infants next week.



## **Diary Dates**

Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th
<b>Martial Arts</b> Collection from the back of the Hall	<b>Spanish club</b> Collection from the playground	<b>Performing Arts</b> Collection from the playground <b>Football</b> Collection from the back of the Hall	<b>Football</b> Collection from the back of the Hall	

## **Additional Infant School information**

**Term Dates**—Please see additional email attachment for all term dates (will also be available on our web-site)

**Water Bottles**—please ensure your children bring their water bottles daily.

**Birthdays**—children are no longer allowed to wear their own clothes on their birthday to school but can bring a treat for their class friends if they would like.

**Admission dates**—attached is a schedule of dates for children starting Reception in 2022 and Yr2 leaving for a Junior school.

**Car Parking**— No cars are allowed to park in the school car park during school hours (except staff).

# Dunchurch Boughton C. of E. Junior School News



*Forgiveness ... Honesty ... Kindness ... Patience ... Peace... Generosity ... Thankfulness*

## Week 1 at the Juniors

A great first week has been had at the Juniors.

Year 3 have settled into life at their new school, with children from the Infants and Leamington Hastings mixing well and making friends. Lots of fun has been had in playing on the new play equipment and getting used to life at 'big school'.

The children have made a great start back and have enjoyed the outdoors and freedom to play with friends from both classes and from other year groups.

We have all enjoyed having collective worship in the hall and have thought about our school values of generosity and kindness, whilst learning about the Afghanistan crisis.

Our year 6 children picked apples from our orchard and have made apple crumble.

They will be eating that today and then learning how to write instructions.

Mrs Read and Mrs Miller have been particularly impressed with the children's memory of the school values and their respect for one another.



**Good luck** to all those Year 6 pupils who are undertaking their 11+ this weekend. Remember to remain positive and calm and do your best. We believe in you!



**Congratulations** to our pupil ambassador Adrija, seen here at the village fete with Rugby Mayor Deepa Roberts.

## Diary Dates

Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th
Dodgeball Year 3/4 3.30-4.30pm TJ Football Year 5/6 3.30-4.30pm  Class 5HB visit to Lunt Roman Fort  Guitar lessons Year 3/6	DM Football Year 3-6 3.30-4.45pm Arts & Craft Year 3-6 3.30-4.30pm	Dodgeball Year 5/6 3.30-4.30pm TJ Football Year 3/4 3.30-4.30pm	DM Football Year 3-6 3.30-4.45pm Musical Theatre Year 3-6 3.30-4.30pm Scootering Year 3-6 3.30-4.30pm	Cheerleading Year 3-6 3.30pm-4.30pm Multisports Year 3-6 3.30-4.30pm

## Additional Junior School information

**Term Dates**—Please see additional email attachment for all term dates (will also be available on our website)

**Water Bottles**—please ensure your children bring their water bottles daily.

**End of Day Collection**— Year 3 parents please wait on bottom playground. Year 4, 5 and 6 please wait on top playground. Teachers will bring children out to meet you.

**Baby News**— We are pleased to announce the safe arrival of baby Joshua.

Congratulations to Mrs Clusker and her partner. And welcome to the world, Joshua.

**IMS Music Lessons**—All IMS music lessons will start week beginning 20th September.



# Dunchurch Schools' Federation News Stars of the Week



A huge **congratulations** from the staff at the Infant and Juniors to everyone for their efforts and attitude during their first week. Below are those who have been awarded Stars of the Week for 6-10th September.

Reception	Elf Owls: <b>All Children</b>	Little Owls: <b>All Children</b>
Year 1	Barn Owls: <b>Daya R</b>	Snowy Owls: <b>Sofie D</b>
Year 2	Spectacled Owls: <b>Saanvi BR</b>	Tawny Owls: <b>Olivia H</b>
Year 3	Miss Roberts: <b>Frankie-Lee</b>	Mrs. McMahon & Mrs. Jenks: <b>Matilda</b>
Year 4	Mr. Beasley: <b>Sahib</b>	Mr. Cooper: <b>Layla</b>
Year 5	Mrs. Keffler: <b>Preeya</b>	Mrs. Broderick & Mrs. Hayward: <b>Emily</b>
Year 6	Mrs. Rattue: Whole Class	Mrs. Andrews: <b>Charlie</b>

