

Dunchurch Infant School

1st October, 2021



A message from Mr Andrews

Dear families—well the weather finally changed and the rain came but it didn't dampen the spirit of the pupils and staff at the Infant School.

This week has been an extremely busy one, which has consisted of a Year 2 trip, Harvest festival and guests in assembly, the PTA AGM, curriculum evenings and an opportunity for Mrs Marson and I to get into different classes to see the children and staff 'in action'.

It felt like a real privilege being able to get into the different year groups, from nursery through to Year 2 and focus on the excellent support being provided for phonic and developing the children's vocabulary. Whether the children were 3 or 7, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to show their skills and be able to demonstrate what they have learnt.

A big thank you to the staff also for presenting at the New to Year curriculum evenings—we hope that families found them useful.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mr Andrews

A focus on....Maths

Children across the school have all been immersing themselves in their maths learning.

Year 1 have been looking at ordinal numbers as part of their Maths work this week. After practising and modelling within the classroom, we went into the hall (as it was too wet outside) to practise using ordinal numbers!



Reception have also had great fun learning to SUBATISE—please ask them what this means.

For more information around our curriculum, please visit our website and look at the [About our Learning](#) section for each year group.

Year 2's trip to Gaydon

Year 2 went to Gaydon Transport Museum on Tuesday as part of their History topic. After much excitement at finally being able to attend a trip (and go on a coach together), the children spent the day exploring, seeing a replica of the first car invention by Karl Benz and sitting on a 98-year-old bus!

A big thank you to all the parents who came to support us—we had a fantastic day :-)



Stars of the Week

Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Charlotte H

Red Room

Lunchtime

Hattie M

Blue Room

Lunchtime

Magus T

Elf Owls

Lunchtime

Sadie G

Meerkat

Luke H

Little Owls

Lunchtime

Ilaria L

Meerkat

Logan E

Barn Owl

Lunchtime

Edmund G

Meerkat

Joshua C

Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

Elizabeth R

Meerkat

Elizabeth R

Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

Joseph F

Meerkat

Molly B

Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

Jocelyn M

Meerkat

Alec A

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Woody's Blog

I really enjoyed meeting and greeting the children at my gate.

I joined the nursery children for circle time and showed them my special dance and 'High Five'.

Have a great weekend everyone! Woody



Harvest Festival

THANK YOU

On Thursday, we enjoyed a special assembly, celebrating Harvest Festival. Lots of items were brought into school and nursery to donate to the Rugby Foodbank. They will be collecting all our kind donations on Monday, so if you wish to donate anything, please bring to the school office first thing Monday or through the class.



Additional Information

Parents Evenings on 20th and 21st October—We can confirm that this term's parents evening will take place via a phone call, rather than face-to-face. With COVID cases in the community, this is felt to be the safest current option.

Links to booking times will be sent out over the next week in preparation.

Free Fruit/Vegetable Snack—all children in school and nursery are given a piece at break time. This is a positive way for your child to try new food. If you need to send in an alternative item, it should still only be a piece of fruit/vegetable, thank you.

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

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

Packed Lunches—We are a **Nut Free school and nursery**. Please do not send your child in with anything that may contain nuts like Nutella spread etc. Also, refrain from sending in Frube type yoghurts as the wrappers can be a choking hazard.

Road Safety Education team

To help us to better understand why children are travelling the way they do to and from school each day, we are asking that parents/carers complete this survey week commencing 4th October <https://forms.office.com/r/0WeztKeT2j> This survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Results will come straight to us and we will use them to help us plan interventions and activities for your school to help increase walking, cycling, scooting and other sustainable modes of transport.

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DIARY DATES

Monday 4th	Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th
Martial Arts Collection from the back of the Hall	Violin lessons 9.25am - 11.25am	Performing Arts Collection from the back of the Hall Football Collection from the back of the Hall	Football Collection from the back of the Hall	

Dunchurch Infant School and nursery Health and Wellbeing Partnership activities

At Dunchurch Infants we have decided to take part in a scheme introduced by 'Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service'. This Public Health scheme will see the children get involved with various health promotions throughout the academic year. These may be based on physical activity, nutrition, hydration, emotions, feelings and internet safety. These topics aim to be engaging and help to raise awareness of important health and wellbeing messages that are relevant to children. Different activities relating to these topics will happen in either classes, year groups or as a whole school. We hope to promote these messages in a fun and exciting way so that the children develop a good understanding of the key points. We will share what we have been up to, as and when we deliver them.

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