

Dunchurch Infant School

Friday, October 8, 2021



A message from Mr Andrews

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we start to embrace the month of October, I wish to take a moment to reflect on my first five weeks at Dunchurch. Starting somewhere new, as the children will also know very well, can bring about great excitement about the opportunities ahead and also apprehension of the unknown. As time goes by the hope is that the excitement remains and the apprehension wanes. I feel very fortunate that I am now very much in that position and continue to look forward to the opportunities ahead and am feeling much more at home in my new surroundings. A great deal of thanks must go to yourselves as a community, as you have taken the time to welcome me, to speak with me and to share some of the aspects that have made Dunchurch a great place to be part of. The same must also be said of your children. Whichever school I am in, whatever the age of the children I am speaking with/leading assembly for/learning from, they have made the start to term a very special one.

However, it must be said that this is just the beginning of the year and there is still a great deal to experience and to achieve. With the pandemic continuing to prove a challenge to all, we still have a little way to go before we can ALL truly embrace the schools as they should be; full of community members celebrating the successes of our young ones. But that will come, I am sure of it!

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Andrews

A focus on....Assemblies

The children have really enjoyed learning to sing hymns in assembly and joining in with the actions is also very popular. Perhaps the children could teach parents some of these. Some of our favourites are: "Our God is a Great Big God, and Sunshine in my Heart"

We have thought about our School Promises this week and what behaviours we show that match these. We have thought about the value of Peace and the Bible text Matthew 6.25-28. Children were encouraged not to worry about clothes etc and how the wild flowers grow: They do not make clothes for themselves.

Mrs Miller and Mrs Marson are happy to say that reception are now in the routine of coming in and out of the hall and sitting in rows. They are showing great listening skills and are concentrating hard.

Stars of the Week

Rainbow Room

Lunchtime
Clementine P

Red Room

Lunchtime
Lawrence H

Blue Room

Lunchtime
Emily M

Elf Owls

Lunchtime
Zac P

Meerkat

Sadie G

Little Owls

Lunchtime
Alfie B

Meerkat

Ethan C

Barn Owl

Lunchtime
Hugo Z

Meerkat

Giovanna S

Snowy Owls

Lunchtime
Amelia H

Meerkat

Sophia B

Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime
Alisa G

Meerkat

Drew W

Tawny Owls

Lunchtime
Cole M

Meerkat

Felicia P

PARENTS EVENING CONSULTATIONS

This term the appointments are going to be evening telephone consultations on the following days:-

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st October - SCHOOL ONLY

Appointments can be booked online through our Parents Evening system and go live on Monday 11th October at 8pm until Monday 18th October at 8pm.

To log in you will need your first name and surname, plus your child's date of birth.

Please add your preferred contact telephone number for the appointment in the 'Appointment Messages' option on the booking screen. The on-line booking system is available here:

<https://dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Each appointment is 10 minutes long and will be a telephone consultation between parents and teachers and no meetings will be face to face.

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Woody's Blog



VACANCY

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

We are looking for a Midday Supervisor to join our hard working lunchtime team.
Hours 11.50am - 1.10pm Monday to Friday, term time only.

Hourly rate £9.25 - £9.43
Start date 2nd November 2021

If you are interested, please email lindabeech@dunchurfederation.co.uk or
pop into the school office for an application pack.
Closing date for applications 21st October 2021

Year 2 have been practising retelling the story of 'Tom's Magnificent Machines' using puppets. They loved this and the drama has supported their understanding of the story.

Please could you bring any cardboard boxes (like cereal boxes) that you have in to Year 2 by the 18th October, thank you.



This week Year 1 went into the ICT suite for their computing lessons, they were so excited to hear that this will be happening weekly! They started by familiarising themselves with the equipment, in specific a mouse - moving and left clicking. They then had some time to practise their skills creating pictures on Splosh!



Additional Information

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.

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.

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DIARY DATES

Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th
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 Boughton Junior School Open Evening - 13th October 2021

*Dear families - Due to the continued restrictions placed in school, we are unfortunately having to postpone the planned Open Evening for prospective Year 3 pupils, due to be held on **Wednesday 13th October**.*

*The new face-to-face event will instead take place on **Wednesday 24th November**.*

Our intention is to always attempt to provide families with the best opportunity to experience school life and 'get a feel' for the school and we hope postponing allows for a greater chance in achieving this.

If this particular event also has to be cancelled, we will replace it on the same day with a virtual event and some pre-recorded videos around curriculum content.

Further information about the event and how to book a slot for the evening, will be shared after half term.

Click here for Children and Family Newsletter



5-7 years
(from 4 Northern Ireland)

Dunchurch rainbows who meet Wednesday at 3.45pm and Dunchurch brownies who meet Wednesday at 5pm, have spaces available for girls to start immediately.



7-10 years