

Dunchurch Infant School

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Friday, 18 March 2022

A message from Mr Andrews

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have experienced another packed week at the Infant School and Nursery. It has been a fantastic combination of academic and wider opportunities, with the children continuing to engage well with the curriculum topics being delivered in each year group. We've also had an exciting morning this morning with All Stars Cricket coming in to deliver sessions with each of the Year 1 and 2 classes.

Thank you also to those parents who were able to join the reading and phonics session led by Mrs Marson. It was great to finally be able to open up our doors again and deliver a parent session. The feedback we have received is invaluable and will help us make the transition from one reading/phonics scheme much more fluent. Please look out for further updates from Mrs Miller, Mrs Marson and me around further school developments.

Looking ahead, the weather at the weekend looks fantastic. I will be at Dunchurch Village hall supporting some of our children with tree planting for the Queen's jubilee. Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Andrews

The Dunchurch "OAK LINE"

The Trustees of the Dunchurch Sports field and Village Hall are delighted and honoured to host and sponsor a celebration of Her Majesty's Platinum Anniversary and, working in collaboration with the Friends of Dunchurch Society, we are supporting "The Queen's Green Canopy" project, in itself marking her amazing 70 year reign. **The Dunchurch Federation have sponsored a tree and this will be planted on Saturday 19th March at 2pm by 2 children from the Federation and a member of staff.**

The "Oak Line" will be planted against the back-drop of the magnificent, recently restored Victorian Walled Garden at Bilton Grange. Members of the community are invited to attend if they want to.



Assemblies and Collective Worship

On Monday, we introduced our new Behaviour ladder to the children and they have engaged with this really well in school this week.

We welcomed Steve from St. Peter's church on Wednesday to lead worship linked to our school value of Honesty.

Mrs Miller led an assembly about "The Last Supper" and we watched a video clip. We thought about how Jesus was betrayed.

All the "Ask, Seek, Knock" posters are now on display in school. Many thanks.



Easter Service at St. Peter's Church-Wednesday 6th April 9.30am—10.30am

We require a number of volunteers to help this event go ahead, please let the school office know if you are able to. You would need to be available from 9.00 until 10.30 please.

Stars of the Week

Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Mark B

Red Room

Lunchtime

Emilia J

Blue Room

Lunchtime

All Children

Elf Owls

Lunchtime

Leo P

Learning Behaviour of the week

Albie B

Little Owls

Lunchtime

Abira M

Learning Behaviour of the week

Mia MG

Barn Owls

Lunchtime

Florence P

Learning Behaviour of the week

Sky M

Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

Charlotte S

Learning Behaviour of the week

Harrison B

Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

Olivia W

Learning Behaviour of the week

Amrin T

Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

Jason O

Learning Behaviour of the week

Jocelyn M

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Nursery

The children in Nursery have loved the sun shining a little more this week! Long may it last.

In Blue Room, the children have been having fun representing numbers all around the classroom, using marks on paper, their fingers, and bricks in the construction area. They have also had lovely discussions about their differences and what makes them unique, they had lots of fantastic suggestions!

In Red Room, the children have learning about animals, looking at their similarities and differences, then going off into our continuous provision to try and create some animals. The children did this using creative materials, but also construction and imaginative skills. Also, in the creative area, they have been painting pictures of themselves, using the colours for appropriate features, and mixing the colours to make alternative ones if needed.

And in Rainbow Room, the children have baked some lovely biscuits today! They have also been developing their awareness of numbers and counting, through small group learning rolling a dice and counting actions, which they loved!

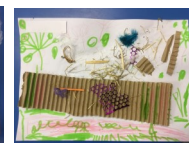


Reception

We have read the story of 'Lucy's Picture' about a girl who makes a collage picture for her blind Grandpa to feel. The children have enjoyed making their own collages using lots of different materials. We have listened to each other talk about their creations and explain what they have used.

The new beebots have been popular and the children have worked hard to program them to move forward – lots of excitement!

We are really getting into the swing of our Reading Practise sessions. In phonics we have learnt some difficult trigraphs – 'ear' and 'air'. It has been very pleasing to see the children working hard to read and spell the new words.

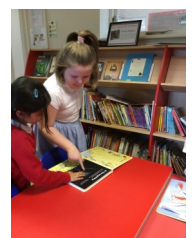


Year 1

We are **SO** impressed with how independent the children are becoming in Computing lessons, they listen carefully during inputs and are able to log on by entering the Year 1 username and password, open up the Purple Mash Dunchurch homepage and then log-in to their personal Purple Mash page before finding the appropriate program!! This is allowing the children to have maximum time exploring the program and putting their skills to practise! They are thoroughly enjoying the lessons on a Monday afternoon.

We are now on our second cycle of visiting the school Library in order for the children to choose a book that they would like to take home to read/share - they are quickly understanding the expectations when being in the Library and it is fantastic to see the children become excited and talk about various books with their peers.

We are sure you have all heard about the egg! It was incredibly exciting when we found out that it had hatched this week and left us a note! The children are focusing on writing instructions on how we can take care of the egg. Who knows what it will hatch into!



Year 2

This week we have been writing a retell of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and we have been so impressed with the progress that the children have made in their writing. We have been learning about fractions this week. We have been finding halves, quarters and thirds of shapes and amounts and some of the questions have been quite challenging.

In topic we have been creating some exciting mother's day surprises so watch out for these coming home at the end of next week...!

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DIARY DATES

Monday 21st

Tuesday 22nd

Wednesday 23rd

Thursday 24th

Friday 25th

Yr2 Scooter assembly

PTA Mother's Day Gift shop in school & Nursery

Martial Arts

Spanish Club

Performing Arts

Violin lessons

Performing Arts

Collection from the back of the Hall

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Collection from School office

9.25am - 11.25am

Collection from the back of the Hall

Football

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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 22nd March

Yr2 Scooter Assembly by Road Safety Education team

Friday 25th March

PTA Mother's Day gift shop - email sent home last week

Friday 1st April

PTA Let's Be Silly day - Non uniform day for £1 donation

Monday 4th April

Dental examination of age 5 children only - invite letters sent home

Wednesday 6th April

St. Peter's church Infant visit for Easter Service 9.30am start

Wednesday 6th April

Yr2 Parents' Evening regarding SATs 5.30pm - email letter sent home today

Friday 8th April

Easter Day with activities organised by the PTA in school

SCHOOL & NURSERY—close for Easter holidays

11th April to 22nd April

SCHOOL & NURSERY—EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 25th April

SCHOOL & NURSERY—reopen from holidays

9th May to 20th May

Yr2 SATs

30th May to 3rd June

SCHOOL & NURSERY—MAY HALF TERM

Monday 27th June

TEACHER TRAINING DAY - last one this year

Wednesday 6th July

Warwickshire Induction Day

Monday 18th July

Open Evening for all parents

Thursday 21st July

SCHOOL & NURSERY—finish for summer holidays

Saturday 2nd April the PTA have a stall at the Dunchurch village Table Top sale and watch out for more details on a Family Fun Run too.

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School Information

SCHOOL BOOK BAGS - Library and Reading books

Please note below the days we expect the book bags in school for each year group:-

Reception - bring in on a Monday and returned home on Wednesday with new Library and Reading book.

Year 1 - bring in everyday with reading books. Library book changed on a Tuesday and Reading book on a Wednesday.

Year 2 - bring in from a Wednesday and returned home on Friday. Library and Reading books changed on a Friday.

ALL STARS CRICKET

Today year 1 and 2 received a visit from Edgbaston Cricket club, with a 30 minute taster session per class, to learn and practice the skills associated with cricket. Click on the link if you are interested in your child joining a club this summer - <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>



VACANCY

DUNCHURCH NURSERY - MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

We are looking for a Midday Supervisor to join our hard working lunchtime team in the Nursery.

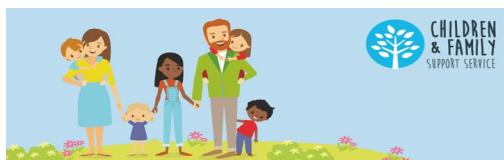
Hours 11.30am - 12.30pm Monday to Friday, term time only.

Hourly rate £9.59 - £9.79

Start date - as soon as possible

If you are interested, please email lindabeech@dunchurchfederation.co.uk or pop into the school office for an application pack.

[Click here for Children and Family Newsletter](#)



Connect for Health March newsletter - <https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Newsletter-March-2022.pdf>

<https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Stop-CE-Awareness-Pack-for-Schools.pdf>

<https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/STOP-CE-SEND-lesson-materials.pdf>