

# Dunchurch Infant School

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Friday, 01 April 2022

## A message from Mr Andrews

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter reaches you safe and well and everyone has overcome the shock of 18 degree weather one day and snow the next! Unsurprisingly, this caused much excitement for the pupils across both schools and much worry for the staff who had been planning events and activities which required being outside.

Fortunately, we have made it to the end of the week and are looking forward to a really positive final week across the Federation. Next week sees us returning to the church after over a two-year absence, to commemorate celebrate Lent and Easter with Reverend Pat. The infant school will be attending on Wednesday and Junior school on Thursday.

In addition to that, the Junior school PTA Egg-drop challenge will be landing (safely we hope) on Monday afternoon, Year 2's will be welcoming their family members in for afternoon tea (in the morning!) and hopefully joining us for the SATs preparation evening, Easter Day activities with the Infant PTA on Friday 8th, Junior school discos and Year 3 and 6 will be attending Tag Rugby tournaments.

There's nothing like cramming everything in to the last week to keep us going until the very last moment!

Whilst the term has been a challenging one from a staffing perspective, I have been so pleased that we have not had to close any areas of the nursery, infant or junior schools, unlike some of my colleagues who have had to make that difficult decision. This is something to be celebrated; knowing that education has continued during the toughest of terms. We would like to thank you all, once again, for your continued support and hope you enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Andrews

## Assemblies and Collective Worship

We have been busy preparing for our church service next Wednesday and have rehearsed 3 songs in hymn practise. Some of our Year 2 children will be reading in church and have their lines to rehearse.

We have found out about Thomas, one of the 12 disciples and how he did not believe that Jesus had risen.

## 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 able to. You would need to be available from 9.00 until 10.30 please.

**4 more volunteers for Nursery please**

**6 more volunteers for Reception and 5 more volunteers for Year 1 please**

Thank you

## Stars of the Week

### Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Maia T

### Red Room

Lunchtime

Madeline R

### Blue Room

Lunchtime

Rowan W

### Elf Owls

Lunchtime

Elijah M

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Marni-Love C

### Little Owls

Lunchtime

Delilah J

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Freddie C

### Barn Owls

Lunchtime

Sky M

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Olivia H

### Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

Chloe H

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Pihu D

### Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

Amelia B

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Jacob H

### Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

Olivia H

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Marci B

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## RECEPTION

The children have enjoyed listening to the story of 'Naughty Bus' this week. They have retold parts of the story in small world, driven different vehicles through play dough and compared the tracks, experienced driving vehicles in baked beans (it happened in the story!) and gone on a bus journey in role play (thanks to Mrs Taylor for the amazing bus). We were all excited when a wrapped present arrived on Thursday. It was a red bus, just like the one in the story, I hope it makes good choices!

The story has inspired the children with their writing. We are so pleased with the children's growing independence in writing a simple sentence.

We are practising our number bonds to 10 in maths. We have used numicon and tens frames. The children have worked hard with the online game Hit the Button. It is free, select play game + Number Bonds + Make 10 + Play. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>



## YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 the children have explored the different features of a Castle and created their own non-chronological report. We have been impressed with how they have presented their information by writing brilliant factual sentences.

Maths saw the children looking at one more/one less for numbers within 50, we have been so pleased with how confidently they have completed activities surrounding this, meaning we have more time to explore challenges relating to the learning intentions. Super Maths work this week Year 1!

The Year 1 garden has been looking rather sorry for itself following a fantastic summer in bloom (we won a Platinum Prize award in the Primary Schools category with it in last year's Rugby in Bloom!). A big thank you to Mrs Lewis who once again has come to the rescue. The Year 1 children enjoyed accessing the different potting/planting stations on Thursday morning. They were sowing seeds ready to plant in a few weeks' time, with the hope that the garden looks just as fantastic as it did last summer. They did a great job listening, labelling and using the gardening tools appropriately. This is all preparation for our 'I am alive' topic which starts after Easter!



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## DIARY DATES

Monday 4th	Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th
Dental examination for a select number of age 5 children	Change of Menu It will be a Beef not Chicken Pie	Whole school & nursery church visit 9.30am to 10.30am		Yr2 Parent and Carer in school for Light-house Keeper's picnic session 9am to 10am
		Yr2 SATs Parents and Carers meeting 5.30pm, please let the office know if you are attending		PTA Easter Egg Hunt on playground 3.20pm
<b>Martial Arts</b>	<b>Spanish Club</b>	<b>Performing Arts</b>	<b>Violin lessons</b>	<b>Performing Arts</b>
Collection from the back of the Hall	Collection from the back of the Hall	Collection from School office	9.25am - 11.25am	Collection from the back of the Hall
		<b>Football</b>	<b>Football</b>	
		Collection from the back of the Hall	Collection from the back of the Hall	

## FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4th April	Dental examination of age 5 children only
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—let the school office know if you are attending please
Friday 8th April	Yr2 Parents and Carers Lighthouse Keeper's Picnic session 9am
Friday 8th April	<b>Easter Egg Hunt activity organised by the PTA after school</b>
	<b>SCHOOL &amp; NURSERY</b> —close for Easter holidays
11th April to 22nd April	<b>SCHOOL &amp; NURSERY</b> —EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 25th April	<b>SCHOOL &amp; NURSERY</b> —reopen from holidays
9th May to 20th May	Yr2 SATs
30th May to 3rd June	<b>SCHOOL &amp; NURSERY</b> —MAY HALF TERM
Monday 27th June	<b>Teacher Training Day</b> —LAST ONE THIS YEAR
Wednesday 6th July	Warwickshire Induction Day
Monday 18th July	Open Evening for all parents and carers
Thursday 21st July	<b>SCHOOL &amp; NURSERY</b> —finish for Summer Holidays

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## School Information

**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL AND NURSERY AND THIS INCLUDES PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES! THANK YOU**

### **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.

### **'This is an update from the information sent by Mr Andrews yesterday'**

The local authority has updated its guidance sent yesterday to include the new national guidance of the reduction of isolation for people under 18 years of age.

Update as follows:

*"For children testing positive for COVID-19 (under 18 years old), they should stay at home for 3 days and avoid contact with others. They should then return to school and normal activities only if well enough and don't have a temperature."*

We are seeking clarification around whether a child who is still testing positive at day 3, or an adult at day 5, without a temperature, is able to return to school. The guidance seems to suggest this given that LFTs and PCRs are no longer an expected part of 'living with COVID' and used as an individual's or family's 'preference'. Once we have had further clarification, we will update everyone accordingly.

Mrs. Miller has now trained some year 2 children who want to be Librarians.

They are now on a rota to look after our Library and keep it tidy. We will change this rota after the holiday, so more children get an opportunity.

Thank you to all the Year 2 children who have volunteered for this role.



### **The Dunchurch "OAK LINE"**

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, children and families from the Dunchurch Federation took part in tree planting as part of **The Dunchurch "OAK LINE"** to commemorate 75 years' reign of Queen Elizabeth.

It was a special moment for the village to bring such a range of residents and representatives together in support of our Monarch, knowing that the Oak Line will live on for many years to come. A big thank you to those families who supported the planting and to the Trustees of the Village Hall and Sports Field for allowing us to be involved.

