

Dunchurch Infant School

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Friday, 10 June 2022

A message from Mr Andrews

Dear Families,

A shorter update from me this week as I am hoping to share more extensive news next week around areas of school development, staffing changes and recruitment for 2022-23.

It has been delightful to hear the children's experiences over the Jubilee break, and the amount of picnics and family celebrations that took place (despite the weather of course!). It certainly seemed that many families were able to celebrate the best of British Values throughout the break.

Having had the opportunity to spend more time outside at break and lunch with the children on both sites, it has been great to see the development of their play and interactions between pupils from different year groups. The work of the young leaders at the Junior school is particularly impressive and we are looking for more ways for them to support our younger pupils – watch this space.

We are also busily preparing for transition, from Nursery to Reception, Year 2 to Year 3, Year 6 to Secondary and of course, every year group in between. For those changing Key Stage, you will be receiving information in due course. We also look forward to seeing you at one of the future transition information events being planned over the next few weeks. For all children and families who require it, there will be an opportunity to discuss specific needs and concerns. All of which will be detailed in the shared information making its way to you.

Wishing everyone a very sunny weekend. And to all those rugby fans (like me), here's to a Saints win over Tigers tomorrow!

**Best wishes,
Mr Andrews**

Assemblies and Worship

Assemblies and Collective Worship

This half term we are learning about The Miracles of Jesus. These include:

- Jesus meets a Roman Soldier
- Jesus calms the Storm
- Jesus feeds 5000 people
- Jesus walks on water
- Jesus and the enormous catch of fish

We will be welcoming Reverend Pat, Steve (St. Peter's Church) and Chris (School Governor) in to help lead worship this half term linked to our school values.

School Values Badge Design Competition

We would like to have school badges made with our School Values on. (Kindness, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect and patience). Please could your child design a badge for us using one of the themes. It must have the Value word on it and a picture and their name on the back. The circular piece of paper or card should have a diameter of about 5cm. Your child can design as many as they like. Please use felt tip pens, so they are bold and bright.

The School Council will judge these this next week and will pick the winning designs to be made professionally. We will then use these to give out to children who are demonstrating the values.

Stars of the Week

Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Samuel B

Red Room

Lunchtime

Harriet M

Blue Room

Lunchtime

Wilf K

Elf Owls

Lunchtime

George K

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Thea KS

Little Owls

Lunchtime

Seb J

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Seb J

Barn Owls

Lunchtime

Bradley L

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Giovanna S

Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

Abhinand L

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Dmitry KS

Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

Joseph F

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Emily C

Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

William P

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Kiara S

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NURSERY

In Pre-School, the children have all returned excited, and have shared some wonderful stories about their experiences over the half-term break. They loved taking their turn to tell the group what they had been up to. Thank you to all the parents that provided photographs for us to share.

Pre-School children have also engaged in learning around map-making and designing their own medals, as well as searching for treasure in the garden!

In Rainbow Room, the children have been exploring colours through painting. The children enjoyed identifying all the colours, then mixing them to make new colours. They then used these for their creations!

All the children have been helping with our gardening, using their physical skills to pull up the weeds and water the plants. We have started to re-plant some of your lovely sunflowers in the garden and will be continuing with this next week, comparing as we go. Have a great weekend!



RECEPTION

We have started looking at Traditional Tales. This week we have read The Gingerbread Man. The children have enjoyed retelling the story and joining with the repeated language. In Construction the children have made bridges for the gingerbread man to cross the river.

As part of our Understanding the World we have been learning about floating and sinking. This week the children were all given a ball of plasticine and challenged to make it float. The children tried lots of different shapes before working out that a boat shape was needed. We have been very impressed with the effort, perseverance and determination shown.

In maths we have been looking at adding by combining 2 groups using concrete, abstract and pictorial methods. In phonics we are working on reading words containing adjacent consonants.

There has been great excitement when the gingerbread man and friends visited Reception after school one evening, luckily, we had video evidence to show the children! (we used an app called FXGuru, please see email).



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YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 we have started our Topic on the Great Fire of London, the children have absolutely LOVED it so far. We've found out when it was, how it started, what the impact was and how the people tried to manage it. The questions the children are asking have been fantastic, they are so eager to learn more about it already!

In Maths, we started our unit on Place Value within 100 - the children did a great job of counting backwards and forwards within 100 - with the help of a 100 square. We moved on to recognising how many tens and ones are in numbers to 100 by using the Base 10 resources, both practically and pictorially. Topic saw us identify various materials and recognise the different properties. We made predictions and completed a table of results after completing an 'is it waterproof?' investigation.



The whole Year 1 team want to say a huge 'well done' to all of the year group on completing their Phonics Screen this week - you all really tried your best.

YEAR 2

We hope you had a lovely half term and were able to enjoy the sunshine and Jubilee celebrations.

The children have come back in with a great amount of enthusiasm for learning. This week in Literacy, the children are enjoying the beginning of their new chapter book and have made excellent inferences and predictions. During Maths lessons, the children have been busy measuring volume and capacity of different containers and measuring in millilitres and litres. In Topic, the children have remembered and understood what carnivores, herbivores and omnivores are and have been able to identify the diet of certain animals. Also, they have been able to create their own food chains, using scientific vocabulary including producer, consumer, prey and predator. The children have been busy in Computing learning about what an algorithm is and being able to create a computer program using algorithms.

Next week we are going to Coombe Abbey as part of our Science topic and cannot wait!

Curriculum Summaries

Please find attached to the newsletter our Curriculum Summaries for this half term for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. These explain what your child will be learning this half term.

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School Information

Please remember we are a 'NUT FREE' school and nursery and includes food that may contain nuts or nut seeds like chocolate spread, pesto and other items, thank you.

SCHOOL BOOK BAGS - Please can your child's book bag be brought into school everyday containing their library and reading books, thank you.

DIARY DATES

Monday 13th

Tuesday 14th

Wednesday 15th

Thursday 16th

Friday 17th

Yr2 Coombe Abbey trip

Non Uniform day for a donation of sweets as per Diary Dates.

Father's Day sock shop—PTA

Martial Arts

Spanish Club

Performing Arts

Violin lessons

Performing Arts

Collection from the back of the Hall

Collection from the back of the Hall

Collection from School office

12.50pm - 2.50pm

Collection from the back of the Hall

Football

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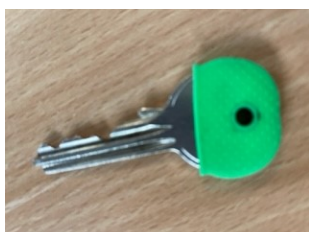
OWLS club and Nursery

Please **DO NOT** allow your children to play / use the outside equipment when you are dropping off or collecting from Owls and/or Nursery.

The play equipment is for nursery children only and has been set up ready for the day and also at times the equipment may be roped off due to broken items.

LOST AND FOUND

We have a number of items that have been handed in to the school office.



Lost Toy

One of our Junior school children lost a very small teddy during the week before the half term holidays near school. It fell out of their pocket by the zebra crossing near the garage on the Coventry Road. It was spotted on the floor by a passer-by later that morning. When the owner of the toy went back to look for it later that day, it had gone. With this road being the main route into school, it is very likely it could have been picked up by a child at one of the schools.

The toy is of huge sentimental value to the toy's owner and the family would be very grateful to learn if anyone has seen it. If found, then please bring the toy to the school office.



Here is a picture of the toy.

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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 14th June	Year 2 Coombe Abbey Science trip
Friday 17th June	Non-uniform day for Dunchurch Festival Tombola (sweets as a donation)
Wednesday 22nd June	Class Photographs
Sunday 26th June	11.30am Walking Float, Dunchurch Festival
Monday 27th June	Teacher Training Day—LAST ONE THIS YEAR
Tuesday 28th June	Tawny Owls visit Junior school - 1.30pm to 3pm (children only)
Tuesday 28th June	New to Reception evening in School Hall - 5.30pm to 6.30pm—letters to follow
Wednesday 29th June	Spectacled Owls visit Junior school - 1.30pm to 3pm (children only)
Friday 1st July	Year 2&3 Teddy Bears Picnic and Sports afternoon at Juniors - more details to follow
Tuesday 5th July	Celebration of Church School Status with visit from Bishop Christopher - more details to follow
Wednesday 6th July	Warwickshire Induction Day
Tuesday 12th July	Sports Day for school children - 9.30am to 11.30am - Junior school field. Parents invited to watch. Letter to follow with colour t-shirt for each child.
Monday 18th July	Nursery Leavers assembly - Preschool children Parents invited AM - more details to follow
Monday 18th July	Year 2 Maypole dancing for Rugby in Bloom - details to follow
Monday 18th July	Open Evening for all parents and carers from 5.30pm
Tuesday 19th July	Year 2 performance - 9.30am and 2pm - 2 adults per child - letter to follow
Wednesday 20th July	Year 2 Maypole Dance and food - 5pm to 6.30pm. 2 adults per child - more details to follow.
Thursday 21st July	SCHOOL & NURSERY—finish for Summer Holidays at normal school time