

NEWSLETTER 31/09/10 –2nd July 2010

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Dear Parents,

Monday	All week All day Afternoon		Y6 children residential visit to Castleton Some Y5 children – Writing Workshop 3S Swim – 3S
Tuesday	Lunch time Afternoon After School	3.30-4.30pm	Computer club – 5M 3HB Swim - £3 Coventry City Football Club Rock Solid – Years 4, 5 & 6 Gardening Club
Wednesday	All day Lunch time After School	3.40 – 4.25pm 4.35 – 5.20pm	Year 4 visiting Rugby Computer club – 6H Hot Shots Basketball Club -years 3 & 4 Hot Shots Basketball Club – years 5 & 6
Thursday	All day Lunch time		Year 5 ICSS Rural Cluster Multi Cultural Festival Cru Club Computer Club – 6L
Friday	Morning Lunch time After School	8.55 – 9.15am 9 – 11am 12.15-1.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm	Celebration Assembly Stay & Play session (0 – 5 years) Combined Y2 & Y3 Teddy Bear’s Picnic Spanish Club Cheerleading

LETTERS HOME Year 5 ICSS Rural Cluster Multi Cultural Festival. Year 3: Picnic letter

PLAY ON THEATRE CLUB A reminder to parents that there will be no Play On Theatre Club next week. The session on Thursday 14th July will be the last this academic year.

CHESS / HISTORY CLUB Please note that history and chess club have now finished.

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION The governing body of Dunchurch Junior School has published a formal response to the proposed amalgamation. If you would like a copy please contact the school office.

11+ AND SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS The closing date for secondary school applications for 2011 is 1st November 2010. Parents who wish to enter their child to sit the 11+ entrance tests for Warwickshire grammar schools must do so by 16th July 2010. Please also note that application forms will not be issued to parent/carers, instead applications should be submitted using the local authority’s on-line application facility at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

DUNCHURCH FETE/ CHOIR Mrs Blezard and her choir gave a wonderful performance at Dunchurch Fete last Saturday. The singing was enjoyed by the many present. Mrs Blezard would like to say a huge thank you to the choir for giving up their time and for singing so fantastically.

DUNCHURCH FESTIVAL FETE/SCHOOL FLOAT Thank you to everyone who represented our school during the parade last Saturday. The costumes were very colourful and creative. Thank you to the PTA for organizing our float.

WATERSTONES BIG BOOK BANK Your child should have brought home a letter with details of Waterstones Big Book Bank. The children can bring in a book, from Monday, 12th July 2010, they have enjoyed to share with others and receive vouchers for free books in return. Please bring books to Miss Cooke's classroom.

SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICE BOOKS Please could everyone check their homes for School Library Service books, they will have a sticker on the spine, and return them to school before Wednesday, 7th July 2010. They may be hiding under beds or behind wardrobes/cupboards. We will be fined for any books not returned.

EYE TEST FOR CHILDREN Following information received from the Optical Confederation Children's Campaign we have been asked to make parents aware of the following advice. Children may not always be aware of or may not be able to explain their vision difficulties. A parent or teacher may not notice any problems. Help towards the cost of glasses is available on the NHS for all children. Toddlers and young children do not need to be able to read. Optometrists (opticians) are able to carry out an eye test using pictures. The sooner that vision problems are detected, the better the outcome. Many childhood eye conditions such as lazy eye and squint can be treated if they are picked up early, as the eye and visual system are actively developing during the school years and if vision problems are identified and treated, it can make a difference that lasts a lifetime. Parents are encouraged to take their child/ren to see a local optician for a free NHS sight test. Tests are free for children under 16. A short video explaining the benefits of early sight testing for children is available to view at www.optometrytoday.tv/teachers

MID DAY SUPERVISOR Required from September 2010 to work on a supply basis for one hour a day from 12.30 – 1.30pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, additional hours by arrangement. £7.31 per hour. Post subject to an Enhanced CRB Disclosure. Please contact the school office for further information.

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery Play Supervisor - Permanent Position (Job Share Considered). Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery have a vacancy for an experienced and enthusiastic person to join our before and after school club. Hours of work are 20 hours per week - term time and training days. Some holiday cover will also be required. 5 mornings 8am - 9am, 5 afternoons 3pm - 6pm. Pay scale pt 10 - £6,316.85 per annum. NVQ2 or 3 or equivalent in childcare/play. The successful applicant will be required to undergo an

enhanced CRB check. Further information and an application form available from the infant school office.

THANK YOU The children in year 6 would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments for next week and for funding two visits for the children. One for the Castleton children and one for the children who are remaining at school.

YEAR 6 AUTOGRAPH BOOKS The PTA have purchased some autograph books, with the school crest on the front, to present to year 6 children on Monday, 19th July 2010. The children can then use their books to collect autographs from their friends, teachers, TA's etc.

PTA TUCK SHOP The PTA will be running a Tuck Shop on the last day of term, Friday, 23rd July 2010. Items on sale will be chocolates, sweets, crisps, drinks etc. Don't forget to bring some spending money.

LOST PROPERTY Jermaine Owusu, one of our Year 3 pupils, has lost two named school sweatshirts. Matty Carter, in Year 5, has also lost two named sweatshirts and a 'Joules' hat. Alice Thwaites, in Year 3, has lost a size 28" cardigan. Would parents please check their child's belongings and ensure that they have the correct items.

CRAZER This evenings session is a photo treasure hunt, on school premises. Time 6.50 – 8pm, cost 80p plus tuck.

EXTENDED SERVICES

SCIENCE AND CAREERS FAIR - Saturday 10th July 2010 / 10am - 2pm This summer - Ashlawn School & Science College & Rugby High School for Girls are working together on an exciting free community event, to be held on Saturday 10th July 2010. It promises to be a very exciting, informational not to mention fun filled day. Their mission is to raise the aspirations & achievements of young people in Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) through education and business links in our town & the surrounding area. The event is aimed at KS2, KS3 & KS4 students (and their families) from Warwickshire Schools and the wider community. Local companies will be bringing information and advice on their particular Industry, also fun workshops, demonstrations & presentations will be a highlight for the whole family. "Life as a cell" CSI Forensics, Interactive displays (robots, rockets & animals). University & Further Education advice will be available for those wishing to pursue a career in the sciences. Furthermore Rugby FM Roadshow will be broadcasting live from the event all day to keep the party atmosphere going. They are hoping the event will be of mutual benefit to all our students, their families, local businesses and educational bodies.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE Join the "Space Hop" Summer Reading Challenge at your local Warwickshire library to collect stickers and prizes! We challenge you to read 6 books over your summer holidays to earn a certificate and medal. For children aged 4-12. Starts Monday 19th July.

STARTRACK / SPECIALISING IN SPORT Fun athletics week run by qualified, CRB checked coaches. Ken Marriott Athletics Track, Rugby. Monday, 26th - Friday, 30th July 2010. 10am - 3pm. For children aged 8 - 15 years. £52.50 per week to include t-shirt and goody bag. Contact Specialising in Sport for an application form 01827 711154 or visit www.specialisinginsport.co.uk

BOYS 14 - 16 yrs SUMMER RESIDENTIAL A small fee of £50 will secure a place on a fun week of outdoor activities. Kayaking, Canoeing, rock climbing and various other outdoor activities. Working in teams and pushing back personal boundaries. Above all having fun! Venue: Warwickshire County Council's Marle Hall Outdoor education centre situated near Llandudno on the North Wales coast, on the edge of the Snowdonia National Park. For more information contact Simon Braisher, Area Youth Worker (rural) on 01926 736500 or 07810 538836 or email simonbraisher@warwickshire.gov.uk

RUGBY LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP EVENT - 8th July 2010 This will give local groups and individuals an opportunity to hear what the LSP has been up to and to raise issues with the board. Venue: Benn Hall, Thursday, 8th July 5pm.

SCARECROW TRAIL STOCKTON 10th & 11th July Follow the Scarecrow Trail, see if your favourite is the winner! Trail sheets £1 can be collected from outside the Church between 10am - 5pm both days. Barbeque on the village green 12 - 2pm. Refreshments and a tombola available in Church.

DUNCHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB This year's Holiday Club, 'Rocky's Plaice', will take place at Dunchurch Baptist Church on the mornings of Tuesday 31 August - Friday 3 September and Sunday 5 September. All children who are currently in years 1-6 are welcome. Cost is £5 per week. Contact Dave Woods on 01788 810132 for further details.

RUGBY SCHOOL ENTERPRISES are running their Summer Holiday activities programme at Rugby School Sports Centre. Fun Zone ages 5 - 7yrs and Action Arena ages 8 - 13yrs. For further information contact 01788 556281 or visit www.rugbyschool.net/commercial

DUNCHURCH YOUTH CLUB Children from year 6 are invited to visit Dunchurch Youth Club on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm. The club is held in the sports annex of Dunchurch Village Hall. There are lots of activities to get involved with i.e. art, sports, cooking, play station, inter-club activities etc. or you can suggest ideas of your own! The first visit is free, 50p thereafter. The club will also be open for some of the summer holidays.

EXTENDED SERVICES SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2010 Rugby Rural Cluster have organised two weeks of activities which will be held at Lawrence Sheriff School from Monday, 26th July - Friday, 6th August. Activities include Arts day, Cooking for Health, Mad Science, Circus Skills, Maths for Fun, Live Music and a Martial Arts & Table Tennis & Irish Dancing day. Further information and booking forms available from the school office.

STAY AND PLAY Dunchurch Stay and Play session for 0-5 year olds, run by WCC staff, continues in the Woosh room. The session times are from 9.00am-11.00am and run every Friday except school holidays. The session allows children and their carers to meet with other families and will provide some fantastic activities for children to take part in, like messy play, a home corner, construction toys and even a little area for the younger ones. If you are interested in coming along with your child and meeting new people, please come to Reception on your first visit and you will be shown where to go.

PARENTING COURSES For details of further parenting courses visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentingtraining and click on 'Programmes to be delivered to parents in Warwickshire 2009/10'. For further enquiries contact 01926 743062 or email familyandparenting@warwickshire.gov.uk

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS go to Charlie Fuller, Ben Clayton, James Ward, Zoe Platt-Andrew, Charlotte Norman, Alisdair Hutton, Sundeep Viridi, Gareth Lloyd, Shanil Patel, Sundeep Patel, Cameron Moore and Kaya Page.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Wardle
Head Teacher