

DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 3

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Dear Parents

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you on Saturday as possible. I know it is not always easy to juggle Saturday morning logistics but if you are able to come I am sure you will enjoy it! Jacqui has sent out some details giving you a guideline for the morning and as you can see we really need those recycled items on her list, so please either bring them in tomorrow or bring them with you on Saturday. There will also be creative activities inside and out. The highlight of the morning will be the fashion show in the Library at 1.00pm where we will see the inspired creations of Dunannie parents and children!

The Outdoor classroom structure is now complete and we are just waiting for the interior to be cleared and some landscaping to be done outside. The plants have been bought for the gateway and I am hoping that a small group of parents will be able to help with the planting.

On a more serious note I am very concerned about the children's safety in the car park. Please make sure that your children do not run freely in the car park, that your cars are parked safely and that you keep to the speed limit. I would also ask that you are mindful of incoming traffic when you leave either the Dunannie or Dunhurst car parks.

Routines and activities are now becoming embedded and the children seem very settled and happy.

The Nursery are thoroughly enjoying growing, cooking and eating and Reception have produced a wonderful book about themselves, whilst next door the Year 1 surgery is very busy (nothing serious fortunately). Year 2 has listened to Jemima's grandfather's stories of Australia in the 1960's and Year 3 had a stunning start to their Viking project with a visit to Minstead Study Centre.

Best wishes

Jo



REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- 🌀 **Clothing Check:** There will be a clothing check next week. Reminder: white socks for PE.
- 🌀 **Badley Weekend:** Proceedings will start at 11.00am and finish at 1.30pm.
- 🌀 **Morning Drop-Off:** We are pleased to see so many children coming in to the classrooms independently; after half term children in Year 2 will go independently, except Fridays when parents may accompany their child.
- 🌀 **Fit it Right! Car Seat Check:** About 80% of car seats are fitted incorrectly... Hampshire County Council run a campaign every year and do a free child car seat check. This will be a drop-in on Wednesday 28th September at Tesco, The Causeway, Petersfield between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. Other dates and venues are available – please visit www.hants.gov.uk/roadsafety or call 01962 846100 for information. There is a notice on the parents' board in the entrance hall together with a resume of the law on this matter.
- 🌀 **Publicity:** The Petersfield Herald and the Petersfield Post will be taking photographs of Reception class “starting school” on Tuesday 27th September. Please let us know if you do not want your child included.
- 🌀 **Bedales Students Performance:** There will be a performance by Bedales students at St Peter's Church in Petersfield on Tuesday 18th October at 1.00pm. This is their annual concert of choral and instrumental music and local schools, current and prospective parents are invited to join us. The concert lasts for an hour and admission is free.



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YEAR 3 NEWS

Can you match the captions to the photos?



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1. I know Catherine likes a cup of tea, but really!
2. The best way to feel it is with the tip of your nose
3. Tree-people
4. How long is a carrier-bag?
5. Free-fall practice
6. A four-legged visitor came to see what we were doing!
7. Chalky fingers
8. Do we have to dress like this every day?
9. I've never played one of these before!
10. Apple, bowl, bag, world!
11. Advanced netball skills!
12. Snuggle up with a tea-bag
13. Cup of tea, Lady Mabel?
14. Year 3 is THIS BIG!

Welcome to a brand new Year Three. As you can see we have jumped right in and already had some interesting, unusual, indoor and outdoor activities! Following on from our 'Teapot Tuesday' newcomers' morning last term, we continued the topic of TEA and visited the wonderful Tea Tales exhibition at Winchester's Discovery Centre. Here we could explore the history of tea, find out about the route of the tea clippers, smell lots of different blends, dress up and take part in a Mad Hatter's Tea Party. We also tried a library quiz and chilled out in the Children's Library. Unfortunately there wasn't time for a cup of tea in the cafe...Oh well.

Back at school we investigated tea and coffee preferences of the staff and made different charts and graphs to show the results. Theo even conducted a survey at Bedales too! The children produced fabulous Tea Posters for their first ever Year 3 homework task, which are still up in and around the classroom.

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We also found the time to fit in a High Five netball skills session with Group 1 and Steep school. The boys have had their first Friday football lessons at Dunhurst too.

Another trip this week - this time to Minstead, our destination for the 'Great Spring Sleepover', our Year Three residential trip next term. Here we heard stories, explored the fields, woods and winding paths that make up this wonderful place. We set out into the forest and received special name badges. Some of the names were Thor, Yggdrasil, Sleipnyr, Balder and Freya. Can you guess what our next project is? Come down to Year Three and see if you are right! We finished our day in the Roundhouse, with the fire softening the beaten copper panels we had made.

Getting used to new routines, members of staff and new lessons is a challenge, but the children have been very keen to show us already how they can become - "The best you can be, in Year Three!" Well done to you all.

Enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes from
Catherine, Ros and Gemma



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FRENCH

How lovely to be back with all the enthusiastic French speakers of Dunannie!

Nursery have figured out that when I come to visit them, we all speak French and that French is different from English, but sometimes sounds very similar!

Reception have been working on their numbers and to a story in French about "Trottinette", a scooter who doesn't think its new owner, Aline, is taking good enough

Year 1 have started the first in a series of books called about Jules who is sometimes good and sometimes not so is about not wanting to get washed!

Year 2 are learning to say words about how they look and body parts. We use a website called "languagenut" (username dunannie, password fantasticfrench). Any year group is invited to log on whenever they like and play any of the games. It is really good fun!

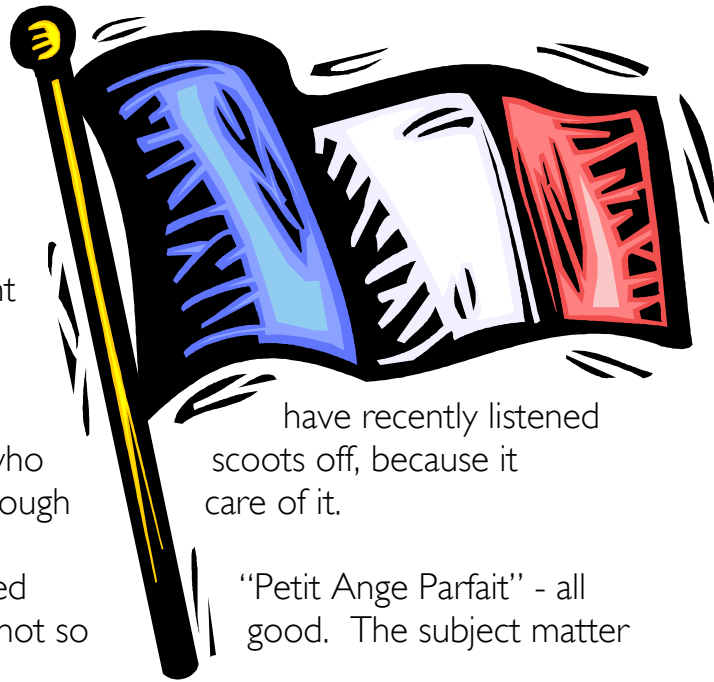
Year 3 have just finished watching the first of the animated fairy stories in French "Les Trois Petits Cochons" with hilarious actions by le Grand Méchant Loup. We will now play all sorts of games using the vocabulary.

New this year is a French corner, with a Mur des Mots. This is a wall where we will gradually add new, remembered or interesting French words, so that we can see how they are spelt. We are still going to leave written French to when the children go to Dunhurst. I want them first to love the sound of the language and feel proud of their beautiful accents.

So all very exciting; in only 3 weeks they have made such strides. I am extremely proud of them all!

Bravo les enfants!

Ellie



have recently listened
scoots off, because it
care of it.

"Petit Ange Parfait" - all
good. The subject matter