



DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 7

20th October 2011

Dear Parents

The week started with the first 'Performer's Platform' of the year. It was an opportunity for children learning an instrument to perform to their parents and friends. What accomplished musicians we have! In front of a packed audience the children played a range of instruments... flute, violin, piano, cello and harp to a very appreciative audience. It takes a great deal of confidence and courage to perform entirely on your own and the children did it brilliantly. Well done to all of you!

On Wednesday Reception parents were totally enthralled by their children's first assembly. It was absolutely charming. The children told the story of "Winnie and her Enormous Pumpkin". The acting and singing was most impressive and the demonstration of their dance left us feeling quite exhausted! I was very proud of all of you!

Please don't forget that Parent Evenings are straight after half term (Tuesday 1st November 4.00 – 6.00pm and Wednesday 2nd November 6.00 – 8.00pm) and we look forward to seeing you there. If you are unable to come please let the school know.

The recipients of our Harvest produce were very grateful to the children and parents of Dunannie for their generous contributions. The residents at Ramscote are now eagerly awaiting a Christmas visit from the children.

Temperatures have now dropped significantly and it is time to find those hats, coats and gloves. Please send your child to school with each of these and check that they are all clearly named. Thank you.

Yesterday we had a 'summit' meeting about our Christmas production. This year it is going to be in the Hall and we need your help please. If you would be interested in helping with costumes, scenery or props please let us know and then we can organise some dates for a workshop.

At this point in the term everyone is extremely tired and ready for a well-earned week of relaxation and I hope that you all have a lovely time wherever you go and whatever you do – it is time to re-charge our batteries before those hectic Christmas weeks are upon us!

Best wishes



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REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- 🏠 **Friday 21st October:** This is a normal school day: finishing at the usual time of 3.30pm with Swallow and Tennis clubs running as usual.
- 🏠 **Sponsorship Please!** Theo is running the Mini Great South Run and hoping to raise some money for Cricket for Change, <http://cricketforchange.org.uk/>. They support children and young people in deprived inner cities and also work with people in refugee camps. If anyone would like to sponsor Theo, he has a just giving page at <http://www.justgiving.com/Theo-Truss>
- 🏠 **Swallow Club:** Please remember that pick up time is 5.25 pm. Please can you make a note of the new Swallow Club Mobile: **07826 870663** and use this to contact school if you need to.
- 🏠 **Clothing Needs:** After half term children will need coats, hats and gloves – all named - in school.
- 🏠 **Half-Term Football:** There is a 2-day football course at Bedales for 6-12 year olds. Please pick up a leaflet in the entrance hall.
- 🏠 **Winter Multi-Activity Sports Course 2011:** at Bedales on 14th and 15th December. Please see notice and leaflets in the entrance hall for further details.



The Best Bonfire Night in Hampshire?
Quite Possibly..

Friday 4th November

6pm Cobbs Field

Tickets: £7.50 adults, children free

Ticket includes fireworks and food
Hot Chocolate and Soft Drinks available to purchase



Purchase Tickets from:

- Reception at Dunhurst or Dunannie
- Bottom of the steps w/c 31st October or
 - On the night



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Congratulations to:-
James Medley (Bronze)

The Save the Children Gift Fair is on
Nov 3rd.

Open until 7.30 p.m.

Please come after work for unusual gifts and treats.

Champney's Health Spa will provide mini pampering sessions.
There will be a dedicated clothing and fashion section + changing area.

There's a bookable 'Colour Me Beautiful' consultant.

There are 40+ professional stalls and a restaurant to relax in.

Easy car parking – especially after lunch..

Great vibe!

Shopping sorted....

All stalls carry full stock until the end

(Please let Moony Budge know if you wish to pre book any Champney's hand massage or a session with our clothing specialist advisor... and let your friends know! Thank you so much. Hope to see you there!)

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DANCE/DRAMA NEWS



It has been fantastic for me to be teaching Dance/ Drama again on a Monday afternoon! I had missed it and am really enjoying the opportunity to see all the children in the older year groups, as well as the Nursery children.

The children have loved learning class warm up dances, which the Reception children demonstrated superbly in their class assembly yesterday. I was very proud of them all!

We have been focusing on using the space energetically and with control. In recent weeks we have begun to think about preparing a performance piece with each class for our end of term Nativity play. The children have loved contributing their own ideas for this and we have had a lot of fun!

This year will be a Nativity play.....other years may see something completely different, but this year we are going to be traditional! We would love some help from parents with costumes and props. Look out for information on this coming soon!

Sharon



FRENCH



Last *mardi* was French day at Dunhurst, so year 3 joined the rest of the groups in the hall to watch a theatre production of “Boucle d’Or” and “Les Trois Petits Cochons”. Very luckily, this half-term, we have been studying the 3 little pigs in French, so Dunannie knew many of the words used!

It was entertaining... and the main character played the accordion to repeat many of the words in song form. Some of the children from Dunhurst were chosen to play the parts of the characters in the story and our very own Mabel was the second little pig with her *maison en paille*.

What a treat! Ellie

