

Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Families and Our Homes

Reminder: Please ensure your child brings a bottle of water to school every day.

What's on Next Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Peacock 'Muddy Monday' KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm		Y5 Indoor Athletics Christmas Family Bingo 5.15-7.15pm	KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm	Hands on Maths Celebration Assembly 2.40

Maintaining the very best standards.

Supporting our staff to achieve the very best for our pupils

In common with many business and organisations we regularly appraise the performance of our staff.

We believe that 'performance management' results in achieving a shared commitment to high performance throughout the school and helps focus attention on more effective teaching. Its purpose is to raise the quality of teaching and to benefit students, teachers and the school. It also ensures we provide appropriate and effective personal training and development to ensure job satisfaction, a high level of expertise and career progression routes.

Each year we set targets for our teachers and teaching assistants, administration, site management and midday supervisors teams. All of the targets have a central focus around 'improving standards for our children'. Over the course of the year we return to the targets to review progress and support colleagues with high quality professional development.

Maintaining our current 'high performance' is a really important aspect of the work of all leaders in school. On a weekly basis we have a 'monitoring focus' for the week. Successes (or otherwise!) are reported to all staff, the leadership teams and our Governors. When things go well we celebrate widely, where they don't, we return to them rapidly and improve them.

Mr May
 Director of Education



Dordon's Young Carers

All photographs can be purchased for £3 per A4 colour copy. Please see the school office for one.

Spot Light on Excellence...

Young Carers Bronze Award

Young Carers is a scheme operated by Warwickshire to support young people from the age of eight who are responsible for caring for parents or who live with siblings who need a high level of care.

Since September, Miss Lewis has been working with Young Carers to set up a group at Dordon. As a result of her hard work and the support of the children and families involved, our Young Carers programme achieved Bronze level on Wednesday. We are now aiming for Gold!

If you would like any further information, do not hesitate to speak to Miss Lewis or read more about it on their website <http://www.warwickshireyoungcarers.org.uk/>

Mrs Cross



Contact Information

Could you please ensure that you keep the school office informed of your contact details, especially mobile phone numbers as we often send out information and reminders via the text message service. Any changes of address also need to be reported to the school office as letters to parents and postcards home are sent via royal mail.

What is Cyber-bullying

Unfortunately social networking sites are sometimes used to carry out 'cyber-bullying' where malicious comments are posted online about an individual and/or that user receives abusive messages or other content. Some tech-savvy users may even be able to hack into another user's account to harass them so it's important your child is aware of these dangers and understands they must be reported as soon as possible. As social networking allows people to take on a different online persona, this can encourage individuals who wouldn't be a bully in the real world to take part in unpleasant activities because their real identity can be covered up.



IPad App of the week
Pettons Inventions by Filmundus AB (£1.49 / £0.74 VPP)



Help Petton and Findus build their inventions! In this tricky game you should help building these clever inventions. You need to figure out which ones of the objects should be included and where to put them in the machinery.

Charity Update
 We will be selecting a single charity for the school to sponsor again this year. If you have any suggestions or thoughts please let us know.

Please note that although we check the suitability of applications, they can be changed without notice.

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes hear

'It doesn't matter how my child writes, what is important is how well they do in tests!'

An increase in the use of technology has changed the way we communicate. Writing and presentation remains really important to us in school! Writing down a list for shopping, writing a card, taking down a telephone message, and everyday work in school....handwriting remains an important part of our lives. It is on show to others and another way in which we are judged by them.

Weekly Safety Question



Each week we ask the children a quick 'outside of school' safety question in assembly on Friday. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week:

'If you answer the phone at home and don't know the person who is on the other end how should you deal with it?'

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

- 23/11/16 - Christmas Family Bingo 5.15-7.15pm
- 25/11/16 - Hands on Maths
- 28/11/16 - Enterprise Week
- 28/11/16 - Whole School to see 'Wind in the Willows'
- 28/11/16 - Book Fair all week
- 01/12/16 - Non Uniform Day - Bring tombola prize as payment
- 02/12/16 - Christmas Fayre 4-6pm
- 06/12/16 - Parents Online Safety Workshop 9am
- 07/12/16 - Swan class Baby Jesus
- 08/12/16 - Open Morning
- 12/12/16 - School Disco
Infants 4.00-5.00pm
Juniors 5.15-6.15pm
- 14/12/16 - Christmas Performance Day
- 15/12/16 - Whole School to Church
- 16/12/16 - Christmas Dinner
- 16/12/16 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm
- 03/01/17 - Staff Development Day
- 04/01/17 - Spring Term Starts
- 30/01/17 - Young Voices Concert
- 20/02/17 - 24/02/17 - Half Term
- 15/03/17 - Parents Evening
- 16/03/17 - Parents Evening
- 07/04/17 - Spring Term ends
- 24/04/17 - Staff Development Day
- 25/04/17 - Summer Term starts
- 08/05/17 - SAT's Week
- 29/05/17 - 02/06/17 - Half Term
- 09/06/17 - 12/06/17 - Manor Adventure
- 21/07/17 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.



Dordon Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in School? Go to

www.dordonprimaryschool.co.uk, there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, curriculum pages, events calendar, class pages, lunch menu, sporting events and much more.

Check out the News section to see Hawk's visit to the War Memorial and Peacock's Diwali celebrations.

P E Kits and Swimming Kits

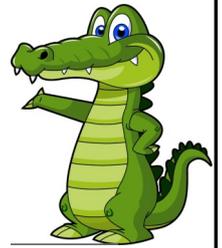
It is essential that children bring their PE Kits and Swimming Kits into school on the morning they are needed. This will save the office time from calling home for kits to be brought in and parents time from having to return to school. If children do not have the correct clothing then they will not be able to participate as we no longer have supplies of spare kit. If you are unsure when your child has P E or swimming please check on their; class timetable, home learning sheet, or ask the class teacher when collecting children at the end of the day.

Our vision is to provide children with Rich Opportunities, Memorable Experiences'

Dogs

Reminder: Dogs should not be brought into school at any time, even if carried. We also DO NOT permit dogs to be tied to the school gates outside school. Please leave your dog at home.

Swift



This half term Swift class are taking a 'Journey into the Unknown'

"It was really exciting when Charlie wrestled a crocodile." Kyle

"I enjoyed making a crocodile rap." Dylan

"I loved making the raft." Harvey

"I've enjoyed reading poetry in Guided Reading." Reuben

Apparently.....

'taking a week off for a holiday wont make any difference'

It certainly will. Ask the experts! As an example our Reception children following a very precise programme of phonics (teaching them to read) with individual sounds and work to reinforce them. Children then complete activities throughout the day to practise these. Missing even 5 days results in hours and hours of precise teaching lost.

Changes to procedure in poor weather conditions

In poor weather, such as snow, it is almost impossible to clear all of the paved areas and playgrounds to make sure they are safe. We therefore close all the pedestrian gates and playgrounds and make sure we properly clear and salt the driveway, pedestrian path along the driveway and access to the Pre-School.

When the above occurs all children should enter school by the front door.

We are always very grateful to any parents who are able to turn out in the snow and help our Site Manager clear paths from 7.00 am in the morning. Any help is wonderful!

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	91.5%	96.8%
Kingfisher	95.3%	98.3%
Swan	95.3%	95.8%
Owl	96.1%	97.9%
Swift	95.3%	95.7%
Hawk	95.2%	96.2%
Falcon	92.8%	96.6%

Last weeks Postcards Home

- Peacock = Millie-May
- Kingfisher = Tyler
- Swan = Daniella
- Owl = Gracie
- Swift = Dylan
- Hawk = Alex
- Falcon = Annie



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Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club

**Breakfast Club 7.45-8.35am.
After School Club 3.00-5.30pm.
Monday - Friday, term time only.**

For more information please contact Jack & Jill Preschool on 01827 899551

(Please note that once a session has been booked you will be charged even if your child does not arrive.)



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