

Reminder: Do not leave valuables on show in your car whilst dropping off and collecting children from school.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	3.00 - 4.00 KS2 Multi Sports 3.15 KS2 SATs Meeting in Falcon class		3.00-4.00 Y5/6 Rounders club 3.15 KS1 SATs Meeting in Swan class	Celebration Assembly 2.40pm 3.00 - 4.00pm Y2-6 Embody Dance Club

Free School Meals

Over the past few years there has been significant change to arrangements for school meals, which entitles all 'Key Stage 1 children' to have a cooked school meal for no charge. There are many advantages of this scheme and we very much support the principle of encouraging our youngest children to all have a nutritious cooked meal. We have noticed one aspect of the new scheme which is presenting a problem for us and could potentially become a real crisis. Funding - an issue which is being reported on a regular basis in the press. The financial management of our school is very strong and we are not in the dire position faced by many schools across the country with job cuts and larger classes. However, with funding cuts, budgets are getting tighter. This will impact on the provision for pupils in schools as we cannot stop paying for lighting, gas, water, etc.

One funding stream that has been protected from cuts, for now, is the Pupil Premium. This is £1320 per pupil who is in receipt of Free School Meals or who has claimed within their time in primary school. Here is where the issue lies:

Previously parent on low incomes or certain benefits claimed 'a free school meal'

- *Claiming a 'free school meal' triggers £1320 per year for each child.*
- *This money goes straight into the school budget to be used to support ALL of the children*

The problem....

- *If a parent no longer NEEDS to CLAIM to get a free school meal (because meals are now provided without a charge) why bother registering for 'Free School Meals'?*
- *If parents then DON'T claim, school budgets suffer very significantly.*
- *Ultimately we have a lot less to spend on ALL of our children*

ALL of OUR CHILDREN benefit from parents claiming 'free school meals' if they are eligible. It is absolutely vital to all of our children that if you can claim for a 'Free School Meal' PLEASE do so!

Please check your eligibility at
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Mrs Cross
Executive Headteacher



Outside Learning in Kingfisher class

All photographs can be purchased via ParentPay for £3 per A4 colour copy.

Spot Light on Excellence...

Extreme Reading

This week I would like to thank all the parents and children who participated in the 'Extreme Reading' competition over the holiday. Mrs Cross and Mrs Price had great fun deciding on the winners (which will be announced in assembly today - so be sure to ask your children all about it).

Mrs Price has put up a display in the hall for all the wonderful photographs you sent in - we have very imaginative and adventurous children here at Dordon.

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who do not, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. With these factors in mind, we strive to promote a love of reading at Dordon and hope to develop competitions such as 'Extreme Reading' throughout the year in the future.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Price who organised the competition and does a superb job of running the school library too.

Miss McGroarty



IPad App of the week

Fraction Fiddle: Reach the Target by Education Services

Australia Ltd (£0.69 / £0.34 VPP)

Help a boy to hit a bullseye with his paper plane.
Build two fractions that add up to a target number up to two. Look at fraction bars and a number line to compare the two fractions and their total.



Charity Update

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Money raised so far for

buddy bag
foundation
making a difference to children in emergency cases

£296.72

Online Safety

The use of online communication within school is monitored extensively, both internally and externally, to help safeguard pupils from potential dangers or unsuitable content. Online safety incidents which are reported by staff or children are recorded and managed in accordance with the Online Safety Policy. All children are taught about how to be responsible, safe internet users and are taught the skills which are needed in order for them to protect themselves against online dangers both inside and outside of school.

We would ask that parents continue these messages at home by monitoring children's posts on social media and reminding them of the SMART rules;

S - safe. Keep safe by not sharing personal information about yourself with people online. This includes your name, school, age, address, etc.

M - meet. Do not arrange to meet people you have talked to online.

A - accept. Do not accept files, texts, emails from unknown sources.

R - rely. Not everything you read online is true! Check with other information sources.

T - tell. Make sure you tell an adult if you get your early warning signs and feel unsafe.

Lunch Menu

From the 14th May the school lunch menu will be changing we will be reintroducing sandwiches and children will have four options to choose from for their lunch. The full menu is available on the school website in the Parent section.



Reporting absences

PLEASE report absences from school by 8.30am on the day of absence by telephoning the school and leaving a message on the answer phone. If we do not hear from you we need to PROTECT CHILDREN by calling parents to make sure that a child has not left home and then not appeared in school. Not adhering to this policy wastes valuable office time phoning up parents to find out why a child is missing from school. Could you please also send a letter to explain the reason for your child's absence on their first day back. If we do not receive a signed letter stating the reason for your child's absence we will have no choice but to mark the absence as unauthorised.

Dates for your Diary

07/05/18 - Bank Holiday
14/05/18 - KS2 SATS week
21/05/18 - KS1 SATs week
22/05/18 - Class Photographs
24/05/18 - Vision screening in Reception
28/05/18 - 01/06/18 Half term
05/06/18 - Y6 Healthy Eating
08/06/18 - 11/06/18 Manor Adventure
11/06/18 - KS1 Phonics Week
22/06/18 - Staff Inset Day
27/06/18 - Grandparents Lunch
05/07/18 - Moving Up Day
09/07/18 - Sports Day
10/07/18 - Show and Share Evening
12/07/18 - Reserve Sports Day
18/07/18 - Y6 Leavers Disco
20/07/18 - End of term school closes at 1pm

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

Earrings Reminder

We prefer children not to wear earrings in school because of the potential for injury and the significant problems they cause when needing to take them out for PE and Games etc. If earrings need to be worn in school they may ONLY be small plain 'ball like studs' in either silver or gold. No other shapes or designs, inset stones etc are permitted.

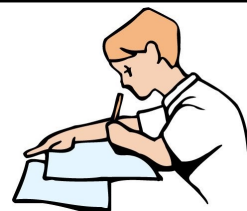
Asthma Inhalers

Asthma is a common ailment BUT it is a killer if not handled correctly. Children with a diagnosis of Asthma from their Doctor are allowed to carry their inhaler in school and/or keep it in their school tray. Children with a diagnosis of Asthma MUST NOT be in school at ANY time without their inhaler.



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Falcon



Falcon class are getting ready to shine and show all that they have learnt in their SATs test;

"In the last couple of weeks before SATs we have been getting ourselves ready. It may seem scary but actually it is not as scary as you think." Joshua G

"In Year 6 we have been doing a helpful club, called Breakfast Brainiacs, which is run by Mrs Price and Mrs Dean. It helps us a lot because it gives us a better understanding of things that might come up in the SATs, which are only four school days away. We're all going to try our best in the SATs!" Ollie M

"Yesterday we started to look at WW2, we used Ipads and computers to research how WW2 started. We all enjoyed it and I am looking forward to finding out more." Callum

"Going to Mrs Price's lunchtime Reading Club is so exciting. It has helped me a lot for my SATs which are coming up. My reading has got a lot better since I joined." Madison

The SATs are just around the corner and we have prepared for this and I'm feeling confident and that's all that matters." Ellis

ParentPay

Could we ask all parents to make sure that there are no outstanding debts on their children's ParentPay accounts. All meals taken, swimming lessons, activities and trips need to be paid for before the end of term. If you need a Paypoint card to pay for school dinners or a barcoded letter for other activities please contact the school office who will be pleased to help.

Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Ellie-Mai
Kingfisher = Lacey
Swan = Ryan
Owl = Jack
Swift = Kai
Hawk = Kacper
Falcon = Della

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	96.7%	95%
Kingfisher	96.3%	95.1%
Swan	97%	97.1%
Owl	94.1%	96.2%
Swift	96.9%	96.3%
Hawk	95.8%	95.6%
Falcon	94.4%	96.5%



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, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, events calendar, class pages, lunch menu, sporting events and much more.

Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club

Breakfast Club 7.30-8.35am.
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.)