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20th July 2018

Week beginning 3rd September Assembly Theme: TBC

Reminder: Have a lovely Summer and we will see you see you back in school on 4th September.

What's on Week beginning 3rd September					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Inset Day School closed to pupils	Autumn Term begins			Celebration Assembly 2.40pm	

#### End of the Year

This week has seen a flurry of end of year activities. The children have been kept busy by the staff - the days of watching videos and colouring in are long gone. In fact, our school has been on timetable right up until Thursday. There have been no complaints however as the children are eager to complete their theme work.

This year seems to have flown by with so much happening. There were huge staff changes at the start of the year and everyone had to settle in but now they all feel like part of the furniture. We have overhauled the way we teach English and maths and we are now waiting to see the real impact of this as it all embeds next year. We have started the Hive, additional provision for some pupils to ensure their individual needs are met - we are incredibly lucky to be able to do so.

You would think with all that change we would sit back and relax next year but that simply isn't the case. In September, we have plans to install a new library - a more inviting space for children to come and read, we are having elements of the outdoor area for Reception transformed as part of our ongoing improvements and we finally have plans in place for the swimming pool - a new sports hall will be created to provide us with purpose made space for PE with changing facilities and additional space for school. It is a very exciting time for Dordon as we continue on our journey.

As always at this time of the year, there are goodbyes to be said. Miss Rutter leaves us to pursue her career closer to home. We wish her all the very best for the future. We also say goodbye to Mrs Stokes who has been a support to Year 6 for the past 5 years. Mrs Stokes works at Polesworth but she has provided maths intervention for Year 6 in preparation for their SATS and for High School. She will be sadly missed at Dordon. And of course, we bid farewell to Year 6 who have worked really hard this year and provided an excellent example for all children in school. Good luck as you take the next step.

I hope you all take time to enjoy the summer. Recharge your batteries and be back ready for a new adventure in September.

Mrs Cross **Executive Headteacher** 

#### **Increase to School Meal Price**

When we return in September there will be a slight increase to the cost of school meals, it will now be £2.20 per day and £11.00 per week

Just to remind you that if your child is having school dinners payment should be received in advance via ParentPay or Pay Point. Please make sure that your child's account is in credit before booking them in for a school lunch.



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

## Spot Light on Excellence...

#### The Last Week!

This week has been busy but absolutely worth it. There has been a purposeful buzz around school for a variety of reasons.

On Wednesday, Mr Gillgan - our music teacher, treated the whole school to a music assembly. He included all of the children who attended his music lessons throughout the year and they performed superbly on their chosen instruments - in this case drums and guitars. The children played with enthusiasm and did not let their nerves get the better of them.

On Thursday, we were visited by Wood End and Birchwood for the CAT Dance Showcase. Classes from all three schools performed their dance routines and left a lasting impression on all the staff who were present. Although Wood End won the competition, Year 4 and 5 from Dordon performed their routine with confidence.

Finally, we watched Falcon class say their final goodbye in their end of year production, Hansel & Gretel. Children, staff and parents filled the hall to watch the performance of the year (I'm slightly biased of course) and were not let down. We had goblins, robbers, crazy birds and of course Dordon's very own Hansel and Gretel - Nevaeh and Ellis. It was an emotional performance and it is never easy to say goodbye to our children, but we have sent them off with a toolkit of skills under their belts, which hopefully they will use as they transition to The Polesworth School. Good luck Year 6.

I wish all of our parents and children a wonderful summer holiday and want to thank you for your ongoing support. I cannot wait to see you all in September (I just need a little sleep first). Miss McGroarty



### IPad App of the week Motion Math: Wings Pro (£4.99 / £2.49 VPP)

Practice mental multiplying and estimation with

Motion Math: Wings! This fun math game helps children ages 4 and up develop a conceptual understanding. It's simple to play – you just tilt your bird to the bigger number.

Charity Update Charity Update Money raised so far for

£598.55

buddy bag foundation

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

#### **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.

#### Summer Reading Challenge at Dordon Library

Don't forget to sign up for the Reading Challenge, it is free to take part and all the children have to do is read six books over the Summer Holidays. Every time they visit the library they will receive fun items and complete their collectors card. Also Mrs Cross will award every child that completes the Reading Challenge with 20 GEMS when they come back to school in September!! So come along and get reading!

# This Term's 100% Attendance Stars

Peacock - Alexia, Amelia, Ellie-Mai, Chyna, Jackson-John, Finley, Judd and Ruby.

Kingfisher - Elliott A, Layla, Amelia, Millie-May, Mollie, Michael, Rosie, Elliot L, Maximillian, Hollie, Amanda and Charlie.

Swan - Alfie, Dominic, Maisy, Mollyanne, Lucy-Mae, Holly, Mason, Alex, Tallulah-Boo and Nevaeh.

Owl - Charlie, Luis, Freya, May, Sophie F, Sophie H, Minnie, Olivia ☆ 🖈 and Kenzie.

Swift - Victoria, Stephanie, Finley, Caitlin, Gemma, Kai, Maisie, Joshua and Ethan.

Hawk - Harvey, Ruby, Natalia, Oliver and Emily.

Falcon - Tristan, Alex, Shyron, Ellie, Callum and Josh W.



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# Last weeks Postcards Home Peacock = Chyna Kingfisher = Michael Swan = Millie Owl = LukeSwift = EthanHawk = ChelseyFalcon = Alex

Attendance  Last Week Year  Peacock 95.7% 94.8%					
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Peacock	95.7%	94.8%			
Kingtisher	98.9%	95.3%			
Swan	<u>100</u> %	97.1%			
Owl	94.1%	96.3%			
Swift	95.5%	96.1%			
Hawk	93.7%	95.5%			
(	94.8%	96.6%			

<u>Jack & Jill Preschool Before</u> 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.)



# **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.



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Here are Year 6's memories of their time at Dordon:

"I will never forget Millie and Luci because they make me laugh and they are my best friends. They always find a way to cheer me up and they are two of the best girls I have ever met. Thank you for a great time at Dordon." Della

"My favourite memory is when Louis pulled my chair out as I sat down, the whole class laughed when I fell." Madison

"My favourite memory is when we were on the obstacle course at Manor Adventure and Mrs Cross poured a whole bucket of water over me."

"My favourite memory is when I was at Area Athletics and I fell over and got really muddy." Callum

"My favourite memory is when I found James' fitbit floating in the toilet at Manor Adventure." Josh G

"My best memory is holding the birds when 'Skellig' was our theme, it was awesome when they flew fast right next to your head ." Matthew

"My favourite memory is when Oliver got his finger stuck in a protractor."

"My best memory is a teacher; that teacher is Miss Noakes, for being an amazing teacher." Louis

"I will always remember when James said to Mrs Potter on Induction day for Year 4 that he was dating Emily." Ellie

"My favourite memory is me and Emily sat together on the lpads on a hair salon app making rappers hair styles." James

"I will never forget when Ellis left a toy car on the floor in Reception and I tripped over it and couldn't walk for the rest of the day." Dylan

"I will never forget the day when me and Dylan were playing with cars in reception and we made a car crash and then Ellis came in and said Ello, Ello, what's happening here then?" Kiera

"I will never forget Luci and Della they have always been there since day 1, and they have always helped me when I'm upset so that's why I wont forget them. I can't wait to see them in High School because they are the most amazing friends ever." Millie

"I will never forget a trip in Reception were we went to a zoo and a farm and I went into an ostrich cage and got pecked!" Nevaeh

"I will always remember this years sports day, me and Josh put the strap half way up my knee in the three legged race." Jake

"My funniest moment was when I splashed Mrs Price." Shyron

"My best memory is when I was a Peacock and we had a school sleepover in the hall and I woke up to find a very long queue for breakfast - I was so confused. The best part of that was that it felt like we were all one big family." Isabel

"I remember when Shyron ran at Oliver and pushed him in to Louis' suitcase." Ellis.

"My favourite memory was when me and James were playing football and I was tackling him but I tripped over and bit his hip (it was all bruised) and put a hole in my lip." Emily

"My best memory was when me, Matthew and Alex tipped the boat over on purpose. I almost drowned!" Tristan

"My best memory is from Manor Adventure when me and Millie got pushed through a tunnel full of mud." Luci

"My funniest memory was at Manor Adventure when Shyron chased Ollie around the room with no clothes on." Keelan

"I will never forget in Reception I was playing in the water box and someone poured water on me but said I'm getting a drink!" Molly

"I will never forget Manor Adventure, especially being on the low ropes with Tristan and Matthew." Alex

"My best memory was when we were at Manor Adventure and I was playing tennis, I threw the racket up and it hit me and Emily and I thought I was dead." Finley

"I will never forget when I got my finger stuck in a protractor and I had to use soap and water, which didn't work and three layers of skin came of. Have fun at Dordon and enjoy it!" Ollie

"I will always remember having a sleeping bag race at Manor Adventure." Josh W