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13th January 2017

| Reminder: Children's absences must be confirmed b | y a signed letter on the first day they return to school |
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| What's on Next Week | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm | | | | |
| KS2 Football Club 3-4pm | | NSPCC assembly | NSPCC Workshops Y5 & Y6 | Celebration Assembly 2.40 |
| Young Voices Choir | | | KS2 Multi Sports Club 3-4pm | |
| Rehearsal 3-4pm | | | | |

Our Values

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As adults it is easy to forget that our children are not unthinking immune beings, but actually pick up extraordinary levels of detail. Recent dreadful terrorist events throughout the world have no doubt shocked most of us and have certainly been talked about by our children. Events have inevitably raised contentious issues that places real pressures on us all, and no less in a primary school. We deal with these pressures in various ways and by teaching children to be respectful of each other and learn about the differences and beliefs of others, hoping they will develop a greater understanding and tolerance. Our one word schools rules for each of our primary schools match this aim.

The government set out its definition of 'British values' in its Prevent Strategy, and we reinforce these regularly and in the following ways:

- ✓ <u>Democracy</u>: Democracy is rife in our schools! Pupils have their voices heard through our School Council and Pupil questionnaires. We elect House Captains, our School Council, as well as vote on 'Charity for the Year'.
- ✓ <u>The Rule of Law:</u> The importance of Law are consistently reinforced, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that govern and protect us. Visits from the Police; Fire Service; Lifeguards etc are regular. Pupil are rewarded for great behaviour with stars, certificates 'postcards home' etc
- ✓ <u>Individual Liberty</u>: Children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. We provide the boundaries for children to make choices safely. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Pupils are given the freedom to make choices.
- ✓ <u>Mutual Respect</u>: Our school ethos and behaviour policy revolves around our core values through our 'one word school rule'. Assemblies relate to what this means. Posters around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules.
- Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs: This is achieved through enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society. We offer opportunities to experience diversity through visits to places of worship and year group links to other schools in areas which are different to our own. Assemblies about prejudices and prejudice-based bullying are followed.

Mr May Director of Education

Important: Make sure you have applied for your child's Reception place for September 2017

The deadline for applications for Primary School is the 15th January apply online at http://warwickshire.gov.uk/ admissions or telephone 01926 742037.



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

Spot Light on Excellence... A Supportive School

We pride ourselves on knowing each of the children at Dordon really well. All adults in school take time to find out about the pupils they work with and are interested in their unique personalities.

When children are identified as needing extra support, guidance and learning it is because the staff know them so well and are aiming for them to reach their full potential. This may be through additional lessons, support in class or through 1:1 work with adults in school.

Every child matters at Dordon and they are at the heart of everything we do in school.

Mrs Cross

Weekly Safety Ouestion

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:

'How do you cross a road like an expert?'

EARTH WONDERS BBC Earth Wonders by BBC Worldwide (£2.49 / £1.24 VPP)

Take a fingertip tour of some of the world's most intriguing creatures and incredible landscapes. This app showcases some of the most beautiful BBC natural history clips, edited with only the sounds of nature, from such as Planet Earth and Frozen Planet.





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

Parent Governor

An opportunity exists for one parent governor on the governing body.

Who can be a Parent Governor? All parents and carers of registered pupils are eligible to become parent governors.

How long do Parent Governors serve for? The usual term of office is for four years from the date of appointment.

How are Parent Governors nominated and elected? If you are interested in joining the Governing Body, nomination forms are available from the school office. If more than two nominations are received, an election will be held and ballot papers for this will be sent to all parents and carers.

The closing date and time is submission of nomination forms 4pm on Wednesday 25^{th} January 2017.

The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 requires all new Governors to undergo an enhanced DBS check on appointment and subsequent re-appointment, via completion of a standard DBS Disclosure Application Form.

Mrs Grinham - Chair of Governors

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes hear

'It's fine if I am late and not there at the end of the day they can just go with.....'

We absolutely do NOT allow this. It is vital the school knows exactly who children leave with 'ad-hoc arrangements' like this place ALL children in danger because we simply can't 'police' that the children are leaving the school with the right people. ALWAYS contact the school first if arrangements need to change.

Keeping our parents up to date with 'Social Networking'

General tips for parents

Take a look at or sign up for some of the social networking sites yourself to get a feel for what they're all about. It's important that parents don't feel left behind by new technologies, or intimidated by them because they think they're not aimed at an older user. You'll feel much more comfortable about your child using social networking sites if you understand some of the terminology and how they work.

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Dates for your Diary

| Academic Year 2016-2017 | <u>Last weeks</u> Postcards Home | | |
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| 18/01/17 - NSPCC assembly 19/01/17 - NSPCC Workshops 26/01/17 - Young Carers awareness day 30/01/17 - Young Voices Concert 20/02/17 - 24/02/17 - Half Term 15/03/17 - Parents Evening 16/03/17 - Parents Evening | <u>Postcaras Home</u> Peacock = Jessica Kingfisher = Aimee Swan = Hollie Owl = Lydia Swift = Clark | | |
| 07/04/17 - Spring Term ends | Hawk = Della | | |
| 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. | Falcon = Ellie-May Attendance Last Week Year Peacock 98.7% 97.1% Kingfisher 100% 96.4% Swan 95.6% 95.9% Owl 98.4% 97.4% | | |
| | * Swift 97.2% 95.8% * Hawk 95.7% 96.6% | | |
| The online supermarket www.ocado.com/careers | * Falcon 92.2% 96.7% | | |





"I really like our new theme 'Under African Skies' because learning about colonisation was really interesting." Jacob

"Year 5 is amazing. This term we are having two visitors in and trying African food! So far the best thing I've learnt about is colonisation in Africa. I can't wait to see what comes next." Neveah

"This term so far has been amazing, I'm really looking forward to the rest of it and Mrs Price is an amazing teacher." Ollie

"I really like our new theme because I don't know much about Africa and Mrs Price makes the learning fun. Already we have learnt about the apartheid and I can't wait to learn more." Ellie

"This term has been really interesting and fun and I can't wait to learn more. My favourite part of this term has been learning about colonisation and I 'm excited for what else we're going to learn!" Kacey



Sponsor our wonderful Kingfisher

Olivia in Kingfisher class is having her hair cut off to donate it to the Little Princess Trust, this charity supplies wigs for children who have lost their hair due to illness. She is also being sponsored to do so,

the money raised will go to the Little Princess Trust to help towards a wig for a child, when the charity doesn't have the right hair for the

child in question they buy a wig rather than making one from donated hair. If you would like to sponsor Olivia please use the link below.

http://www.justgiving.com/Olivia-Hendersonhair-donation



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Earrings

Please note: whilst children may wear earrings to school, we do not encourage this because of the potential for earrings being pulled and tearing ear lobes which is not uncommon.

ONLY gold or silver 'ball like' earrings may be worn in school. As with all issues over uniform, the school reserves the right to send home children not wearing the correct uniform.

<u>Craft Club</u> at Dordon Church Hall

The club takes place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6-8pm. All are welcome to come along to this free event. You can bring your own project or use club craft supplies. The next one is on the 18th January.

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.)